

A Visit to Bayfield

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Our first trip to Bayfield, Wisconsin in June was amazing! The views were breathtaking! Fields of pink and purple lupines blowing in the breeze from Lake Superior in the background greeted us. We are from Wisconsin, but it took our daughter to invite us on a vacation to kayak the sea caves that finally got us there!

The first day we hiked and biked Madeline Island. Walking along the shores of Lake Superior was intimidating. It is a huge, open sea! The wind was cold and whipping waves against the shore. We started singing the song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald." In contrast to the dangerous sea, the stark beauty of the sandstone cliffs and lady slippers made us appreciate everything in nature.

What a surprise the next day when we arrived at Myers beach with the kayak tour group. Lake Superior was calm! Once we were in the water all fear was gone as the sea caves were spectacular! We went inside the caves as the light filtered through shimmering on the sandstone. We saw majestic bald eagles soaring overhead. I'll treasure the beauty of this trip forever, getting over my fears and trying something new!