



Corral Your Kayak, Save Your Beaches

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore has begun placing kayak corrals on sand spits to better secure your kayaks and protect native vegetation. By using this new tool, you can help preserve the beaches of the Apostle Islands into the future.

Why should I use the kayak corral?

Dragging a kayak and walking through plants damages their roots and kills wide areas of vegetation. Each year, more of the beach is bare. This exposed sand is more easily eroded away.

By utilizing the kayak corrals to secure your boat in the designated area, you are improving the security of your kayak overnight, maintaining healthy vegetation, and preserving the unique sandscapes found through out the Apostle Islands.

Kayak corrals can currently be found at the sand spit of Oak Island.



Wildlife also utilize sandscapes, like this juvenile bald eagle on the Cat Island sand spit.

How do I use the kayak corral?

Instead of dragging your boat high on the beach and into the vegetation, place it in the designated area containing the kayak corral.

You can then tie your kayak to the corral at any of the metal rings found along the length of the secure log.

Use the boardwalks and established trails to travel between your kayak, campsites, and other facilities.

This is a new program and we would appreciate feedback. To submit thoughts, email Julie_Van_Stappen@nps.gov.



The kayak corral consist of logs secured in place and metal rings to tie your kayak to.