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2018 Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Quarter - Wisconsin

Forty-Second in the America the Beautiful Quarters Collection

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin is featured on the second of five America the Beautiful Quarters issued in 2018. The coin is also the forty-second in the overall collection. It was preceded in 2018 with the coin for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan and will be followed by the coin for Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota.

Quarters are issued at the rate of five per year, and eventually the series will include coins for each of the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the five overseas U.S. territories. Each coin highlights a National Park or other national site within the featured jurisdiction, and the coins are released in the order in which the sites were set aside by the federal government. Production is restricted to only about 10 weeks before the U.S. Mint starts striking the next coin.

America the Beautiful Quarters are made for circulation at both the Philadelphia and Denver Mints; they are identified by a small "P" (Philadelphia) or "D" (Denver) mint mark under "In God We Trust."

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore – known as the "Jewels of Lake Superior" – contains 21 islands and 12 miles of shoreline at the tip of the Bayfield Peninsula in northern Wisconsin. It was established in 1970 to protect "certain significant islands, shoreline, and light stations." Since the islands are somewhat remote, the only way to travel through the park and to visit different islands is by kayak or other boat.

Several of the islands, such as Sand Island, Devils Island, and Raspberry Island, feature lighthouses, and together the eight lighthouses are the most in any single National Park Service property. The lighthouses were once key to guiding ships through Lake Superior's rough and unpredictable waters.



In addition to lighthouses, the islands are renowned for long stretches of sand beaches, isolated coves, and spectacular sea caves. Recreational activities include fishing for trout and salmon; hunting for white-tail deer, grouse, and small game; scuba diving in the clear waters to explore fascinating rock formations and numerous shipwrecks; and camping and hiking. The islands are also part of the Great Lakes flyway for migratory birds, so they attract bird-watchers throughout the year to view birds ranging from bald eagles to falcons and herons.

The design of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Quarter depicts three of the park's most famous sights and activities. A kayaker in the foreground indicates the most popular way to travel around the park, while the background shows sea caves at Devils Island and the Devils Island lighthouse.

The coin design was one of nine that was originally suggested by U.S. Mint artists after consultation with representatives of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. All of the designs included sea caves or other rock formations, with many designs focusing on Devils Island. Some of the suggested designs were pairs with identical backgrounds but with kayakers in one design and not in the other.

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Quarter was released by the U.S. Mint in April, 2018.

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