

Tim Gallaway

Michigan's Superior Shore Kayak Expedition



With plans for an international expedition scuttled due to rolling waves of lock-downs, Tim was in a conundrum. Where was a place that was logistically easy to reach, challenging to paddle, and fulfilling to explore for a month long solo kayak expedition. He ended up going to a place that has always kept calling him back, Lake Superior. Starting at the WI/MI border at Saxon Harbor, Tim paddled east.

Paddling the Copper Country and the Keweenaw first solo then as a duo as a friend invited herself along, then solo again along the ever changing shores past Marquette, Pictured Rocks, and Whitefish Point. Only to find himself in his old stomping grounds of the St. Mary's River system and Les Cheneaux Islands of the eastern Upper Peninsula. Come along as Tim recounts his adventures on 'The Big Lake' where he met fishermen and artists, fellow expeditionaries and paddlers, and enjoyed an adventure that was isolating and challenging but also filled with friends, old and new, as he experienced Lake Superior in all of her Summer Moods.

Tim began his kayaking career as a guide and ACA instructor at Woods & Water Ecotours in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan when he was in college. He cut his rough water teeth on the rocky shores of Lake Superior and Lake Huron and quickly took to Greenland style paddling. In the summer of 2018 Tim traveled to Greenland to compete as one of the few international competitors in the National Qajaq Championships. In 2021 he completed a solo expedition of paddling the entire Lake Superior and Lake Huron shores in Michigan. He has a complete vlog series on his travels in Greenland and Lake Superior adventure on youtube. Tim teaches traditional and modern kayaking skills at events around the country and has his sights on bigger expeditions in the next few years.

