



Nature's Kennel Sled Dog Adventures
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2011-2012 Extreme Mushing Adventure

This is the only dog sledding trip the lower 48 states where you get to run a team of Iditarod sled dogs with a six-time Iditarod finisher! Why fly to Alaska??!



The Extreme 3 day/2 night Adventure is guided by Iditarod Musher Ed Stielstra, the top distance racing musher outside of Alaska and Canada.



Please Note: For the extreme adventure, you must have previous dog sledding experience and be capable of driving a 6-8 dog team. This is a guided trip, but it is much more remote than our beginner adventures. Your trip will take you over some of the most remote areas of the Eastern Upper Peninsula. You will learn the basics of winter camping, dog care, and winter survival.

Day 1: Nature's Kennel

Please arrive at Nature's Kennel at 9 am. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat as we talk about the upcoming adventure, our plans for the packing the sleds, and trail information. You'll get to meet the dogs and receive a refresher

on driving the sled and hooking up the dogs. After packing the gear and drop bags, you'll enjoy a hearty lunch and gear up for the afternoon's adventure into the wilderness. You'll leave the kennel around 1 pm, travel by dog team approximately 20-40 miles, and arrive at a remote winter camp. The weather can dictate portions of this adventure, so lodging will range from sleeping under the stars on straw with the dogs or in an Arctic Oven winter tent. Upon arrival at camp, you will help get the dogs settled and bedded with fresh straw. You'll be part of the "checkpoint routine" as you also help prepare both the food for the dogs and your own food. You'll enjoy a great dinner around the blazing fire, share your "tales of the trail", and get ready to snuggle into winter camp for the night.



Days 2 & 3: Wake up in the U.P.!

Good morning! You'll be part of the morning routine as you help feed the dogs, prepare your breakfast, and make your plans for a full day of dog sledding on Day 2. Your route will take you along some of the most gorgeous trails in the Upper Peninsula. As a group, you can help determine if you will return to the same camp location or move camp for night #2. You'll return to Nature's Kennel at approximately noon on Day 3.



2011-2012 RATES:

Cost: \$975 per person. The Extreme Mushing Adventure is limited to THREE participants. This If you have a specific date in mind, please inquire for availability. Adults only.

Cost includes lunch and dinner on Day 1, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on day 2, breakfast and lunch on day 3, 2 nights of winter camping, and all instruction. Also included is a complimentary photo CD of your tour.

What to bring?

1. A sense of adventure and a positive attitude.
2. Winter Camping Gear:
 - sleeping bag rated for 0 degrees or less (a warm sleeping bag)
 - heavy winter jacket and snow pants
 - warm boots, rated to -40 with removable liners
 - 3-4 pairs wool or synthetic socks
 - warm mittens or gloves
 - glove liners or thin fleece gloves (2 or 3 pairs)
 - long underwear (tops and bottoms)
 - warm fleece hat and neck warmer
 - 8-12 pair of hand warmers

Optional Items: water bottle, headlamp, goggles, sunglasses, slippers or shoes to wear around camp.

*****Plan to dress much warmer than you usually do for winter activities. It is very chilly on the sled since you constantly feel an 8-10 mile an hour breeze. If you have any questions about gear, just ask. We do have extra warm parkas, snow pants, boots, and sleeping bags that are available for use. Alcohol is not provided but is allowed at winter camp. We can take gear to camp via snowmobile if needed.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations are required. Half of the total trip must be paid to hold the reservation(s)--this may be by check made to Nature's Kennel or paid online via PayPal. The remainder of the balance must be paid at the end of the trip (Cash or check is accepted at kennel, sorry no credit cards). If trip is canceled due to weather conditions, a full refund will be issued. If trip is canceled less than three weeks prior to trip date due to guest request, the down payment will not be refunded.



Directions: From **the Mackinac Bridge:** take Hwy. 2 West to Hwy. 117 (coming off the bridge, it is the exit that for Manistique/Esanaba). Go north (right) on 117 to Hwy. 28, turn West (left) at Hwy. 28. McMillan is about 7 miles west that intersection. At McMillan, there is a flashing yellow light, at the light, turn North (right) onto CR 415. Go north about 8 miles until you come to a stop sign. Go through the stop and Nature's Kennel is the second driveway on the left.

Directions: From **Esanaba, MI:** take Hwy. 2 East to Hwy. 77. There is a blinker light at M77 and a BP gas station, the road signs may say to Seney or Blaney Park. Go north (left) on M77 to Hwy. 28 at the town of Seney. Turn east (right) at Hwy. 28, go about 12 miles to McMillan. At McMillan, there is a flashing yellow light, at the light, turn north (left) onto CR 415. Go north about 8 miles until you come to a stop sign. Go through the stop and Nature's Kennel is the second driveway on the left, #14785.

We are about two hours from any of the following airports:

Pellston Regional Airport, Pellston Michigan www.pellstonairport.com

Sawyer International Airport, Marquette, Michigan www.sawyerairport.com

Delta County Airport, Esanaba, Michigan www.deltacountymi.org/airport.php