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Explore the new Lake Superior Estuarium

A giant floor map of the St. Louis River Estuary, stunning photographic murals, hands-on interpretive exhibits and child-friendly spaces welcome visitors to the Lake Superior Estuarium on Barker's Island in Superior.

The Estuarium opened Sept. 30 and is operated by the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve. It is billed as a new destination for family fun, where people can learn about the St. Louis River Estuary and Lake Superior as they explore the region's natural and human history through interactive exhibits, short movies and games.

"The Reserve has worked for nearly two years to develop and produce exhibits that help people connect to the remarkable place where we live," said Deanna Erickson, education coordinator for the Reserve. "We want to tell a hopeful story about the St. Louis River and make a space that is accessible to everyone, including young children."

In addition to the exhibit hall, the Estuarium houses community meeting space and offices for the Friends of Lake Superior Reserve. It was funded by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with matching funds provided by University of Wisconsin-Extension and additional support from UW-Superior.

www.lakesuperiorreserve.org



Grand opening of the Lake Superior Estuarium

Photos courtesy Lake Superior Reserve



"The River Talks" at the Estuarium

If you are looking for an excuse to visit the Lake Superior Estuarium, mark your calendar for upcoming science café-type evening talks. This is the fifth year the Lake Superior Reserve and the Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grant programs are hosting "The River Talks" series of free, informal gatherings. All remaining talks will be held at the Estuarium (3 Marina Dr., Superior, Wis.) beginning at 7 p.m.

Jan. 10, 2018

Terns on Interstate Island

Feb. 14, 2018

Muskie Research and Tracking in the Estuary

March 13, 2018

Spiders in the Estuary

April 11, 2018

Barker's Island History

May 9, 2018

The Making of the Estuarium

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The CSL *Laurentian* at anchor Sept. 6 provided the perfect backdrop to Wednesday night sailboat races in the Twin Ports.