

Slate Islands Field Trip

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The Slate Islands lie approximately 12 km off the northern shore of Lake Superior near Terrace Bay. They comprise a variety of Archean and Proterozoic rocks. In addition to the complex bedrock geology, the islands have also been the focus of interest and debate because they are considered by some to represent the “best-preserved, medium-sized, meteor impact structure on Earth”.

This one-day field trip will involve travel in small boats and disembarking and traverses on rocky (but not overly rugged) shorelines and shallow water. If weather precludes travel on August 2nd, the trip will be postponed until August 3rd. Participants are responsible for travel to and accommodations in Terrace Bay. A list of motels and campgrounds is available at <http://www.terrace-bay.com>. The trip will depart from the Aguasabon Beach and Boat Launch (see attached map) at 7:30 a.m. and return there in late afternoon.

Participants are advised to bring sturdy boots, warm clothing/rainwear, sunscreen and floater coats if possible. Lunches will be provided. The Slate Islands are a Provincial Park and as such are a “No-Hammer” zone. Due to the nature of travel, there are a limited number of spaces available. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the organizers’ receipt of a cheque for Can \$175 or US\$160 made payable to P. Hollings (Department of Geology, Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7C 2E5, Canada).

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