

## Sylvania Recreation Area Construction Projects, Summer 2015

### Status for 2015 summer season, see details below:

Sylvania (Clark Lake) Campground- OPEN

Clark Lake Boat Landing- OPEN

Clark Lake Day-Use building- OPEN

Sylvania Wilderness backcountry campsites- OPEN

Crooked Lake Road and Boat Landing- UNDER CONSTRUCTION, closures and delays expected

The Ottawa National Forest will be completing a major road and facility construction project this summer, which started during summer 2014. Please be aware of the following activities and plan accordingly:

- Road work is scheduled to begin on Crooked Lake road on July 7. Construction will start at the Crooked Lake landing and parking area. While construction takes place at the parking area and landing visitors will be able to drop off gear, however no parking will be available.
- The road to the Crooked Lake boat landing will be closed for at least 30 days to complete a water crossing, with the exact dates to be determined based on conditions. Once the water crossing is complete, the road and parking lot at the Crooked Lake boat launch will be open for the remainder of the season, with minimal closures (several days in duration) to occur periodically throughout the season to complete paving operations. Delays of 30 minutes or less may be expected throughout the season as heavy equipment operates on the Crooked Lake Road.
- Alternate Access to Crooked Lake is available by parking at the Clark Lake Boat landing, paddling to the southern end of Clark Lake, and taking the portage to Crooked Lake. The portage from Clark Lake to Crooked Lake is 112 rods.

Improvements completed this year include the renovation of the Clark Lake Day Use building. A completely new water and septic system have been installed, which include modern bathroom and shower facilities. Each bathroom has multiple, private showers and change areas, including an accessible shower in each bathroom. Also updated are the electric hand dryers, baby changing stations and new sinks and toilets. The exterior of the building had some siding replaced and repaired, a new asphalt shingle roof, and a new color scheme.

Please visit the Ottawa website, or call our Visitor Center at (906) 358-4724 or Sylvania Entrance Station at (906) 358-4404 for current road conditions and Sylvania Wilderness access.