

Welcome to Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes¹

Minnesota's largest lakes: Our sponsorship levels are Minnesota's largest lakes!²

1. Lake Superior/*Gichigami (great sea)*³ at 20,364,800 acres, of which 962,700 acres are located in Minnesota
2. Lake of the Woods/*Pikwedina Sagainan (inland lake of the sand hills)*⁴ at 950,400 acres, of which 307,010 acres are located in Minnesota
3. Red Lake/*Miskwaagamiwi-zaaga'igan (lake with its liquid [water] be colored red)*⁵ at 288,800 acres
4. Mille Lacs Lake/*Misi-zaaga'igan (grand lake)*⁶ at 132,516 acres
5. Leech Lake/*Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag (lake abundant with bloodsuckers)*⁷ at 111,527 acres
6. Lake Winnibigoshish/*Wiinibiigoonzhish (filthy water)*⁸ at 58,544 acres

Minnesota Trivia

- **Minnesota's state gemstone:** Lake Superior Agate⁹
- **Minnesota's state fossil:** Giant Beaver¹⁰
- Minnesota's state constellation: Ursa Minor¹¹ and there is a Duluth brewery by the same name¹²
- Minnesota was the 32nd state to join the union
- Our capital is St. Paul
- Our population is about 5.5 million
- The Twin Cities refers to the St. Paul and Minneapolis metropolitan area, the 16th largest metro area in the USA
- Duluth has a population of about 86,597
- Lake Superior is the 5th largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area
- Major industries: tourism, healthcare and medical equipment, high technology, finance and insurance, forest products, printing and publishing, food products, iron ore mining
- Major businesses: Target, Best Buy, 3M, General Mills, Medtronic, Hormel Foods, Ameriprise Financial, Ecolab and St. Jude Medical
- Major crops: corn, soybeans, sugar beets, wheat
- Major livestock: hogs, dairy cows, beef cattle, turkeys
- Largest port: Duluth, run by the Duluth Seaway Port Authority¹³

¹ Well, it's more like 11,842 lakes that are 10 acres or larger! <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/faq/mnfacts/water.html>

² <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/faq/mnfacts/water.html>

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Superior

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_of_the_Woods

⁵ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Lake_\(Minnesota\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Lake_(Minnesota))

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mille_Lacs_Lake

⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leech_Lake

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Winnibigoshish

⁹ <https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-minnesota/state-symbols/state-gemstone-agate/>

¹⁰ <https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-minnesota/state-symbols/state-fossil-giant-beaver/>

¹¹ <https://www.sos.mn.gov/about-minnesota/state-symbols/state-constellation-ursa-minor/>

¹² <https://www.ursaminorbrewing.com/>

¹³ <https://duluthport.com/about-us/port-statistics/>