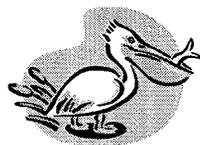


Minnesota Water Facts



The world's largest pelican statue built in 1957 is on the Pelican River in downtown Pelican Rapids.

Counties with no natural lakes: Mower, Olmsted, Pipestone, & Rock.

Minnesota has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida, and Hawaii combined.

Lake Superior covers almost 32,000 square miles making it the largest of the Great Lakes.

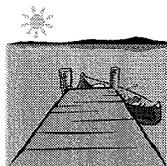
Minnesota's largest inland lake is Red Lake with 288,800 acres or 451 square miles.

The deepest natural lake in Minnesota is Lake Saganaga in Cook County (240 feet deep).

Minnesota's longest shoreline: Lake Vermilion in St. Louis County with 290 miles of shoreline.

Total Minnesota River length is 370 miles.

Mississippi River length in Minnesota is 680 miles.



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The number of lakes in Minnesota over 10 acres is 11,842.

The St. Lawrence Seaway opened in 1959 creating an oceangoing route into Duluth.

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The number of natural rivers and streams in Minnesota is 6,564 (69,200) miles.

State and national wild and scenic rivers total 589 miles.

Lakes/Rivers (deep water): 2,560,299 acres.

Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota is the largest water-based park in the National Park System.

Ten most common lake names:

- ◆ Mud Lake – (201 Mud Lakes)
- ◆ Long Lake – (154 Long Lakes)
- ◆ Rice Lake – (123 Rice Lakes)
- ◆ Bass Lake
- ◆ Round Lake
- ◆ Horseshoe Lake
- ◆ Twin Lake
- ◆ Island Lake
- ◆ Johnson Lake
- ◆ Spring Lake

Wetlands in 1850: 18.6 million acres

Wetlands in 2003: 9.3 million acres



Minnesota has one recreational boat per every six people, more than any other state.

Source: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Water Facts

Did You Know?

- ◆ Water is the most common substance found on earth.
- ◆ The only water we will ever have is what we have right now.
- ◆ In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.
- ◆ Each day the sun evaporates 1,000,000,000,000 (a trillion) tons of water.
- ◆ Water is the only substance on earth naturally found in the three true element forms: solid, liquid, and gas.
- ◆ 80% of the earth's surface is water.
- ◆ 97% of the earth's water is the oceans and seas.
- ◆ 66% of your body is water.
- ◆ Bones are 25% water.
- ◆ Human blood is 83% water.
- ◆ A person can survive without food for more than 30 days, but less than a week without water.
- ◆ A gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds.
- ◆ For every 2.31 feet that water is raised above the earth's surface it can create one pound per square inch of pressure.
- ◆ For every 2.31 feet you are submerged below a body of water's surface there is 1 pound per square inch of pressure equally placed on your body.
- ◆ The first water pipes made in the U.S. were fire-charred, bored-out logs.
- ◆ There are over 1 million miles of water pipelines and aqua ducts in the United States and Canada - enough to circle the globe 40 times.
- ◆ There are over 59,000 community public water systems in the U.S.
- ◆ Community water systems process over 35 billion gallons of water daily.
- ◆ The average household uses 107,000 gallons of water per year.
- ◆ It takes 1,851 gallons of water to refine one barrel of crude oil.
- ◆ It takes 1,500 gallons of water to process one barrel of beer.
- ◆ It takes 120 gallons of water to produce one egg.
- ◆ Over 42,000 gallons of water (enough to fill a 30 x 50 foot swimming pool) are needed to grow and prepare the food for a typical Thanksgiving dinner for eight.
- ◆ A single birch tree will give off 70 gallons of water per day in evaporation.
- ◆ An acre of corn will give off 4,000 gallons of water per day in evaporation.

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