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Discover Wisconsin's Great Lakes!

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Office of the Great Lakes



Wisconsin is bordered to the north and east by two of the world's most magnificent lakes. Travel north to dip your toes into the clear, icy water of **Lake Superior**, the world's largest lake. Travel east to stroll through historic harbor towns or hike the sand dunes of **Lake Michigan**.

On Lake Michigan or Lake Superior you can:

- Picnic, hike or camp in a State or National Park.
- Visit a maritime museum to learn about Wisconsin's rich shipping history or discover a bone-chilling maritime ghost story.
- Hover over a Great Lakes shipwreck in a glass bottom boat or even in scuba gear.
- Reminisce about days gone by on a Wisconsin lighthouse tour.
- Enjoy a stroll through a Wisconsin harbor town or celebrate at a lakefront festival.
- Experience the thrill of a charter fishing trip or paddle in the serene, clear waters of the Apostle Islands or Door County.

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Great Lakes**
...you'll be glad you did!



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Lake Michigan

WISCONSIN'S WORKING LAKE



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"...in spite of our abuses, in spite of our misconceptions, Lake Michigan is still a wild and sweet sea. This magnificent ever-changing lake, with its surrounding dunes, forests, and wetlands, is a testament to the permanence of change. It refuses to be taken for granted."

— JOHN AND ANN MAHAN, *Wild Lake Michigan*
<http://sweetwatervisioins.com/index.html>

Lake Michigan is the largest freshwater lake lying entirely within the United States. It is also Wisconsin's "working lake." From manufacturing, to shipping, to cooling water for energy production, Lake Michigan is a critical part of Wisconsin's economy. It also provides drinking water for more than 10 million people.

Lake Michigan offers excellent tourist opportunities. Its salmon and trout fishing are world-class. It also supports the largest freshwater dune ecosystem in the world. Whitefish Dunes and Kohler-Andrae State Parks provide opportunities for exploring this unique landscape. Lake Michigan boasts some of Wisconsin's most scenic shoreline and inviting harbor towns. Areas such as Door County have become popular tourist destinations. Lakefront cities like Milwaukee and Sheboygan offer exciting, revitalized lakefronts.

We can all enjoy and protect Wisconsin's working lake.

Lake Superior

WISCONSIN'S PRISTINE TREASURE



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"Quiet or wild, vast and ancient, the crown jewel of the Great Lakes, Lake Superior dazzles all who touch its shores or explore its depths. Majestic eagles, elusive wolves, fragrant forests, and mighty winds that carry sailboats great distances all contribute to the characterization of the lake as 'pristine'."

— CHRIS GRUNDLER, GLNPO, in Horizons newsletter from the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Autumn 1993

Lake Superior forms the largest expanse of freshwater in the world. In fact, this lake is so big, we could pour all of the other Great Lakes into it and still have room for three more Lake Eries! Superior is also deep—over 1,300 feet—and its water is "old," taking more than 191 years to flow into Lake Huron.

Just as lovely as the lake itself, Superior's basin is sparsely populated and rich in natural resources—metals, minerals and forests. The economy of this area depends heavily on these resources as well as on tourism. Tourists are attracted by Superior's beautiful lakeshore, cold, clear water, and agate beaches. There is ample opportunity to enjoy these features at Wisconsin State Parks or the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

We can all enjoy and protect Wisconsin's pristine treasure.

Discover Wisconsin's Great Lakes

...here are some fun ways to get started:

VISIT a Wisconsin State Park or National Lakeshore

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/parks/specific/findapark.html>

<http://www.nps.gov/apis/>

EXPERIENCE Wisconsin's historic lighthouses

<http://www.wisconline.com/attractions/lighthouses.html>

EXPLORE a maritime museum or a Great Lakes shipwreck

<http://www.maritimemuseums.net/WI.html>

http://www.wisconsinshipwrecks.org/explore_map.cfm

VISIT the Milwaukee River Urban Water Trail or the Apostle Islands sea caves

<http://www.mkeriverkeeper.org/watertrail/watertrail.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/apis/naturescience/caves.htm>

SAIL (or virtual sail!) while learning aboard the S/V Denis Sullivan

<http://www.discoveryworld.org/>

FISH from a charter fishing boat

<http://www.great-lakes.org/wi/chartlist.html>

ENJOY Great Lakes bird watching with these WI DNR publications

http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/publications/GWBNT/Lake_Michigan_Region.pdf

http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/publications/GWBNT/Lake_Superior_Northwoods_Region.pdf

DISCOVER Wisconsin's harbor towns and their cultural events

<http://www.wisconsinharbortowns.org/>



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READ

...to yourself: *Great Lakes Water Wars* by Peter Annin, Island Press 2006

...to a child: *Paddle to the Sea* by Holling C. Holling, Sandpiper Books 1941

Paddle to the Sea was made into an Oscar-nominated film by the National Film Board of Canada in 1966. (Both are available through Wisconsin's public library system.) For more titles, visit:

<http://www.aqua.wisc.edu/waterlibrary>

WATCH a Great Lakes video

<http://www.greatlakesforever.org/html/wpt/index.htm>

<http://www.mpm.edu/imax/greatlakes/>

PLAN a Great Lakes Circle Tour adventure

<http://www.great-lakes.net/tourism/circletour>

HELP protect the Great Lakes

<http://www.greatlakesadopt.org/home.php> (Adopt-A-Beach)

http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/sturgeon/sturgeon_guard.html (WDNR Sturgeon Guards)

<http://watermonitoring.uwex.edu/wav/stenciling/> (Storm Drain Stenciling)

<http://datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/pest-fert/pesticides/clean-sweep/index.jsp>
(Clean Sweep)

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/CBCW/> (Clean Boats Clean Waters Volunteers)

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/> (UWEX water resource protection publications)

LEARN more by visiting

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/greatlakes/>



Discover Wisconsin's Great Lakes

...then tell us about it!

Writers of all ages, we're looking for your original Great Lakes quote, story, poem, song or rap. Help us get the word out about how great Wisconsin's Great Lakes are. Share your favorite writings with us and you may find your words on our website, calendar, publications and displays! (All authors will be credited.)

E-mail your writing to:

DNRGreatLakesWriting@wisconsin.gov



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...or show us!



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Lake Michigan Federation

Send us your best photos of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior. We're looking for beautiful shorelines, kids and adults enjoying the lakes, cultural and historic aspects of the lakes, and people involved in lake protection or restoration. Winning photos will be used in the 2009–2010 "Discover Wisconsin's Great Lakes" calendar and in other Wisconsin DNR publications, presentations, websites and displays.

Photo submission deadline is February 1, 2009.

Photos in all seasons are needed!



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Entry Categories:

(limit three photo entries per individual)

1. People enjoying Wisconsin's Great Lakes.

Images of people fishing, canoeing, sailing, playing on the beach, etc.

2. Natural features and wildlife.

Great Lakes shoreline, wetlands and tributaries, fish and other wildlife.

3. Historic and cultural features.

Lighthouses, harbor towns, shipping, etc.

4. Lake protection activities.

Storm drain stenciling, beach clean-ups, surfer guards, etc.

Rules:

- The contest is open to anyone. Photos can be submitted electronically or as a hard copy.
- Each photo entered in the contest must include a separate entry form.
- Photos must be high resolution and horizontal in orientation.
- Digital photos can be e-mailed to the Office of the Great Lakes. Please include the photo title, where in Wisconsin the photo was taken, the entry category, your name, e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number(s). Send to: DNRGreatLakesPhotoContest@wisconsin.gov.
- Hard copy prints must be 10 inches wide by 8 inches high and attached to white cardstock or foam core board, with a margin of at least 2 inches around the outside. Prints should NOT be framed or matted. *Photos cannot be returned and will become the property of the Wisconsin DNR Office of the Great Lakes.*

- The Wisconsin DNR reserves the right to obtain an electronic or film copy of any image entered in the contest for non-commercial educational or promotional use with credit to the photographer. For example, prints may be used for DNR displays, slide shows, videos, publications and website.
- The Wisconsin DNR is not responsible for any lost or damaged photos.

Judging:

Photos will be judged by a panel of Wisconsin DNR Great Lakes staff. Criteria for judging will include visual and technical merit and composition.

Awards and Prizes:

Winning photographs will be included in the 2009–2010 "Discover Wisconsin's Great Lakes" calendar. Winning photographers will be contacted by phone or e-mail and will receive the calendar by mail.

Electronic Photo Entry:

E-mail photo and entry information to DNRGreatLakesPhotoContest@wisconsin.gov

Hard Copy Print Entry:

(please include an entry form for each print)

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Great Lakes—Great Lakes Photos
101 S. Webster
Madison, WI 53707-7921

SEE ENTRY FORM ON BACK ►

PHOTO CONTEST

Discover Wisconsin's Great Lakes Photo Contest
ENTRY FORM

Deadline February 1, 2009

Please attach a separate entry form to each hard copy photo submitted.
Photos cannot be returned.

Title of entry: _____

Where was the photo taken?

City (Wisconsin) _____

County (Wisconsin) _____

Entry category (check one):

- People enjoying Wisconsin's Great Lakes** **Natural features and wildlife**
 Historic and cultural features **Lake protection activities**

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone (optional) _____

This is entry number _____ of a total number of _____ entries I am submitting.

I understand that the Wisconsin DNR Office of the Great Lakes reserves the right to obtain an electronic or film copy of any image entered in the contest for non-commercial educational or promotional use. Credit will be given to the photographer. Prints may be used for displays, slide shows, videos, publications or on the DNR website.

SIGNATURE OF PHOTOGRAPHER

DATE



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