

Lake Michigan

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More than 150 years after it sank in a powerful storm, the remains of the luxury steamer Lac La Belle have finally been found at the bottom of Lake Michigan.

About Lake Michigan

- It is the **third largest of the five Great Lakes of North America** and the **only one lying wholly within the United States**.
- It is the **fourth largest freshwater lake** and the **fifth largest lake in the world**, ranked by surface area.
- Surface Area: 57,757 sq.km.
- The lake is 517 km long (north to south); it has a maximum width of 190 km.
- It is **connected directly to Lake Huron, into which it drains, through the broad Straits of Mackinac**.
- This **hydrologic connection** through the Straits **keeps the water levels of the two lakes in equilibrium**, causing them to **behave** in many ways as **though they are one lake**.

- **Water flows** into Lake Michigan from several **rivers**, including the **Fox-Wolf, the Grand, the St. Joseph, and the Kalamazoo rivers**, among others.
- The **northern end** of the lake **contains all of the islands**, the **largest** of which is **Beaver Island**, Michigan.
- The lake boasts a variety of natural habitats, including **tallgrass prairies, wide savannas**, and the **world's largest freshwater sand dunes**.
- The land adjacent to Lake Michigan is low and gently rolling, but wave-cut bluffs of rock occur in many places.
- It hosts a wealth of plant and animal species, many of which are rare or **endangered (such as the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly and the Dwarf Lake Iris)**.

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