

Great Salt Lake

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Great Salt Lake Latest News

Researchers at the University of Utah have found that freshwater saturates the rock and sediment beneath the Great Salt Lake to depths of up to 13,000 feet.

About Great Salt Lake

- **Location:** It is a saline lake located in **northern Utah, United States**.
- It is the largest **inland body of salt water** in the Western Hemisphere and one of the most saline inland bodies of water in the world.
- **Water Source:** The lake is fed by the **Bear, Weber, and Jordan rivers** and has no outlet.
- The lake has fluctuated greatly in size, depending on the rates of evaporation and the flow of the rivers that feed it.
- Like the Dead Sea, the Great Salt Lake exists within an arid environment and has chemical characteristics similar to that of the oceans.

- **Formation and Salinity:** It has a **much greater salinity than the oceans**, however, since natural evaporation exceeds the supply of water from the rivers feeding the lake.
- Surrounded by great stretches of sand, salt land, and marsh, the Great Salt Lake remains eerily isolated from the nearby cities, towns, and other human habitations.
- **Fauna:** Some notable avian species that are found here include American avocet, Wilson's phalarope, California gull, black-necked stilt, American white pelican, peregrine falcon, marbled godwit, etc.

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