

Inland Lakes of Michigan: Top 20

(by surface area, shoreline distance, maximum depth, & watershed area)

Table 1. 20 largest Michigan inland lakes based on surface area.

Rank	Lake Name	County	Lake Area (acres)	Lake Area (miles²)
1	Houghton	Roscommon	19646.17	30.70
2	Torch	Antrim	18473.14	28.86
3	Burt	Cheboygan	17334.95	27.09
4	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	17195.17	26.87
5	Mullett	Cheboygan	16744.16	26.16
6	Gogebic	Gogebic	12897.69	20.15
7	Higgins	Roscommon	10300.41	16.09
8	Black	Cheboygan	9991.21	15.61
9	Crystal	Benzie	9777.52	15.28
10	Hubbard	Alcona	8765.99	13.70
11	Indian	Schoolcraft	8575.50	13.40
12	Leelanau	Leelanau	8392.41	13.11
13	Eik	Antrim	8088.49	12.64
14	Glen and Little Glen	Leelanau	6225.44	9.72
15	Grand	Presque Isle	5807.56	9.07
16	Long	Presque Isle	5320.26	8.31
17	Glen	Leelanau	4821.57	7.53
18	Walloon	Charlevoix	4572.07	7.14
19	Hamlin	Mason	4540.26	7.09
20	Muskegon	Muskegon	4417.21	6.90

Data source: Michigan Inland Lakes and Their Watersheds: an atlas. November 1974.
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Table 2. 20 largest Michigan inland lakes based on shoreline distance.

Rank	Lake Name	County	Perimeter (mile ²)	Perimeter (km ²)
1	Long	Grand Traverse	80.53	129.60
2	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	59.69	96.07
3	Thousand, Clearwater, Cisco, Lindsley, Big, West Bay, and East Bay	Gogebic	52.50	84.46
4	Hubbard	Alcona	42.30	68.08
5	Torch	Antrim	41.39	66.62
6	Mullett	Cheboygan	41.37	66.58
7	Leelanau	Leelanau	41.21	66.32
8	Grand	Presque Isle	38.30	61.64
9	Hamlin	Mason	37.12	59.74
10	Gogebic	Gogebic	36.90	59.38
11	Torch	Houghton	34.92	56.20
12	Burt	Cheboygan	33.19	53.42
13	Palmer and Long	St. Joseph	32.84	52.86
14	Houghton	Roscommon	30.09	48.43
15	Walloon	Charlevoix	30.01	48.30
16	Long	Presque Isle	27.74	44.65
17	Gun, Long, and Payne	Barry	26.58	42.78
18	Cass	Oakland	26.09	41.99
19	Eik	Antrim	25.79	41.51
20	Muskegon	Muskegon	24.80	39.92

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Table 3. 20 largest Michigan inland lakes based on maximum depth.

Rank	Lake Name	County	Depth (ft.)
1	Torch	Antrim	300
2	EIk	Antrim/Grand Traverse	192
3	Crystal	Benzie	160
4	Thumb	Charlevoix	150
5	Mullett	Cheboygan	144
6	Higgins	Crawford	136
7	Glen	Leelanau	130
8	Loon	Iosco	128
9	Cass	Oakland	125
10	Heart	Otsego	123
11	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	122
12	N. Lake Leelanau	Leelanau	121
13	Dunham	Oakland	118
14	Maceday	Oakland	118
15	Otter	Genesee	117
16	Chicagon	Iron	115
17	Orchard	Oakland	111
18	Gull	Kalamazoo	110
19	Union	Oakland	110
20	Hardy	Newaygo	110

Data source: Taken from a document created by Doug Fuller with the following information: The following list of inland lakes 100 feet deep or deeper was originally compiled by Wallace Fusilier, Ph.D. (probably based on hydrographic lake maps originally created by the Michigan Department of Conservation) and published in the December 2001 issue of The Water Newsletter. It has been modified based on supplemental information. It is not necessarily a complete list. Additionally, modern mapping techniques may reveal different information. Hydrographic maps of 2,700 of Michigan's more than 11,000 inland lakes are available online at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-30301_31431_32340---,00.html.

Table 4. 20 largest Michigan inland lakes based on watershed size.

Rank	LakeName	County	Watershed (acres)	Watershed (mile ²)	Watershed (km ²)
1	Gogebic	Gogebic	89296.83	139.53	361.37
2	Mullett	Cheboygan	60255.97	94.15	243.85
3	Indian	Schoolcraft	59838.40	93.50	242.16
4	Leelanau	Leelanau	58523.78	91.44	236.84
5	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	55149.17	86.17	223.18
6	Black	Cheboygan	36453.17	56.96	147.52
7	St. Helen	Roscommon	34645.77	54.13	140.21
8	Intermedate, Benway, and Ellsworth	Antrim	33618.48	52.53	136.05
9	Houghton	Roscommon	31361.27	49.00	126.92
10	Browns	Chippewa	29544.34	46.16	119.56
11	Mitchell and Cadillac	Wexford	28864.50	45.10	116.81
12	Torch	Antrim	26853.03	41.96	108.67
13	Hamlin	Mason	22823.41	35.66	92.36
14	Higgins	Roscommon	21952.86	34.30	88.84
15	Grand	Presque Isle	21650.49	33.83	87.62
16	Torch	Houghton	21334.86	33.34	86.34
17	Walloon	Charlevoix	21293.03	33.27	86.17
18	Elk	Antrim	20003.28	31.26	80.95
19	Burt	Cheboygan	19604.62	30.63	79.34
20	Hubbard	Alcona	18469.41	28.86	74.74

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