

Michigan's Great Lakes

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It's not called "The Great Lakes State" for nothing! Did you know that we are surrounded by the World's largest supply of freshwater. In fact, one fifth of all the World's fresh water is in the Great Lakes. That means six quadrillion gallons of fresh water, that's 6,000,000,000,000,000! Lake Superior alone holds half of that amount. It's not just the amount of water that make the Great Lakes great. In this section we will learn many more re some basic facts about these five lakes. Let's start with a little quiz to see what you already know about the Great Lakes...

- T or F Michigan shores meet four of the five Great Lakes.
- T or F Michigan has the longest freshwater coastline.
- T or F Lake Superior contains % of the World's fresh water that's not frozen.
- T or F Bessie is the name of the 30 - 40 foot "monster" who lives in Lake Erie.
- T or F Lake Erie is surrounded by the most metropolitan areas.
- T or F Lake Huron has massive sinkholes that contain high amounts of sulfur.
- T or F It's estimated that Lake Superior has about 100 million lake trout in it right now.
- T or F There are 1,500 species of plants and animals that live in the Great Lakes basin.
- T or F The name Michigan comes from an Indian word Michiguma, meaning "great lake".
- T or F Lake Superior is the biggest of the Great Lakes.
- T or F Niagara Falls is located between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.
- T or F Georgian Bay is an inlet on the Canadian side of Lake Huron.
- T or F In Michigan, you are never more than 85 miles away from one of the Great Lakes.
- T or F Michigan has 3,288 miles of Great Lakes shoreline.
- T or F Michigan has over 80 public harbors, none of which are more than 15 miles apart.

Use the file called "the-great-lakes" and the button "Great Lakes Facts" to complete the following crossword puzzle.

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- Lake Michigan has the largest collection of these.
- The largest, deepest and coldest of the Great Lakes.
- Lake Michigan come from the Native American word for...
- Lake Ontario's name comes from a Native American word for....
- Lake Erie's name comes from a Native American word meaning...
- Lake Superior's name comes from the phrase...
- Lake Huron has over 30,000 _____

Down

- The only Great Lake completely in the U.S.
- Lake Ontario is like Lake Erie, only _____.
- Who named Lake Huron after a local Native American Indian tribe?
- The smallest and shallowest of the Great Lakes.
- This Great Lake has 3,800 miles of coastline.

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