

Michigan Islands

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Can you believe that Michigan has 500 islands? An **island** is a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water. Michigan's largest island is called Isle Royale. It is located so far north that many maps of Michigan "forget" to include it. Located in Lake Superior, it has long history going back 4,000 years when copper was mined there. Today there are no roads or cars and no one lives there year around. It is also part of Michigan's only National Park. Isle Royale and the 450 surrounding little islands make up the Isle Royale National Park.



← This may look like a perfectly good map of Michigan, but look closely to the north. What's missing?



→ This map includes Isle Royale and you can see, by the dotted lines that shows Michigan's border, our state's shape would be very different without this National Park.

Isle Royale isn't the only famous island in Michigan. Hopefully you have heard, or even been to, Mackinac Island. Back on the web site you can watch an episode of Under the Radar that is all about the island and there is a link to a great web site that includes several virtual tours. It's almost like being there!



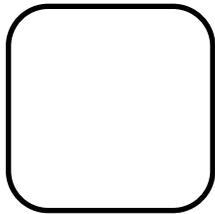
Closer to home, wedged between Michigan and Canada, on the Detroit River, you can visit the busiest state park in Michigan- Belle Isle. Let's put those mapping skills to good use. Click on the link to get to the Belle Isle Map and answer the following questions...

Belle Isle Mapping Questions

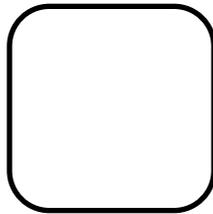
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Using the map of Belle Isle, answer these questions...

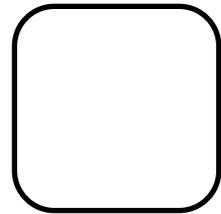
1. What is the name of the bridge to cross to get to the island? _____
2. How many lakes (be careful) are on the island? _____ That sounds weird. Think about it, you have a lake, on an island, in a river, between two countries. Sounds pretty unique!
3. What direction can you travel, to reach Canada, if you are standing at the U.S. Coast Guard Station? _____
4. Using the key, draw the symbols for these items on the map.



hiking path



fishing site



golf course

5. You must travel _____ to go from the casino to Dossin Great Lakes Museum.
6. Shelter #20 is what direction from shelter # 15? _____
7. Belle Isle is a state park, owned by the state of Michigan. What one thing on this map is privately owned?

8. Why is Blue Heron Lagoon not a lake? _____
