

 Lake Michigan with more than 1,600 miles of shoreline is a sportman's paradise. ♦ Learn more about our beautiful Lake and its resources...

Lake Michigan, the second largest Great Lake by volume with just under 1,180 cubic miles of water, is the only Great Lake entirely within the United States.

Approximately 118 miles wide and 307 miles long, Lake Michigan has more than 1,600 miles of shoreline. Averaging 279 feet in depth, the lake reaches 925 feet at its deepest point.

The lake's northern tier is in the colder, less developed upper Great Lakes region, while its more temperate southern basin contains the Milwaukee and Chicago metropolitan areas. The drainage basin, approximately twice as large as the 22,300 square miles of surface water, includes portions of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Lake Michigan is hydrologically inseparable from Lake Huron, joined by the wide Straits of Mackinac.

Muskegon
Nature's amenities are a draw for recreation-seekers, many of whom choose Muskegon for its 26 miles of Lake Michigan waterfront, 400 miles of rivers, more than 11,000 acres of inland lakes for boating, swimming, fishing or just relaxing as well as Muskegon's award-winning beaches! A favorite port of call, miles and miles of trails and unspoiled coastline, rivers for rafting and fishing and one of three luge runs in the U.S. make Muskegon a year-round recreation destination.

Connecting the region's trail enthusiasts with communities along its path, the new Lakeshore Trail has opened after construction was recently completed on several sections of the 12-mile trail. ♦ Easily accessible from the *Lake Express*, Lakeshore Trail enables those who bike, skate, or walk to tour Muskegon's shoreline and downtown while on a path that loops along Lake Michigan, Muskegon Lake, the downtown area and Pere Marquette Beach, which for several years has received national recognition for its clean beaches. ♦ The trail complements an extensive network of routes made for bikers, walkers, runners and in-line skaters, including the 22.5 mile Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail and the 26.5-mile Muskatawa Trail.

