

# Lake Michigan, A "Great" Lake

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Lake Michigan is part of the Great Lakes Basin, and is vast in size, yet it's great for many other reasons.

Lake Michigan's greatness is in its colors. The blues reflecting from the sun, whites of crashing waves, browns of sandy shores, greens of the floating foliage as well as fiery colors of sunrises and sunsets.

There's greatness in its strength to toss large ships into its depths below, and its gentleness in allowing a child to feel it's coldness on their toes.

From the peace and calm of a windless day, to the ferocious turmoil of raging waves in gusting winds, there's greatness in its moods.

There's greatness in the unity it creates. From bustling Milwaukee to laid back Washington Island; the farmer, executive, fisherman and yacht owner all experiences are fun and relaxation.

Year round Lake Michigan's greatness is seen in its changing hues, heard in its silence and storms, felt in the invigorating coolness of the water, and smelled in the freshness of the wind blowing across the waves.

Lake Michigan, a Great Lake, because it's a local retreat for so many as well as a gateway to the world.