

Michigan Fun Facts

Traverse City and surrounding area produces 65% of the nation's tart cherries, earning the nickname "Cherry Capital" for the region

The A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort is one mile north of the 45th Parallel (or 45 degrees north latitude), the halfway point between the equator and the North Pole

Michigan is known as the "Great Lakes State". Four of the five Great Lakes (Michigan, Superior, Huron & Erie) make up the Michigan shoreline. The only one that doesn't?... Lake Ontario. Michigan has the most shoreline miles in the U.S. with 3,288 miles of coastline

Michigan has 129 active lighthouses, more than any other state

Michigan is number four with 11,000 recorded inland lakes (behind Alaska, Wisconsin, Minnesota). You are never more than six miles from a body of water

Nearby Torch Lake is the second largest inland lake in Michigan covering 18,770 acres. It has an average depth of 111 feet and a maximum depth of 285 feet. Torch Lake is ranked #7 in the world in lakes with the bluest water Source: Travel + Leisure Magazine

People from Michigan are referred to as "Michiganders". People who live in the Upper Peninsula are called "Yoopers"

When showing someone where they are from, Michiganders hold up their hands, palms facing inward and point to the location. This forms a reasonable facsimile of the state map... often referred to as "the mittens"

We often turn right to go left! Referred to as the "Michigan Left Turn", cars turn right at an intersection, go down the street a couple of hundred yards, then do a 180 degree U-turn to head into the desired direction

The Scottish rock group Bay City Rollers is named for Bay City, Michigan following a "scientific" dart toss at a map of the United States... look it up!

Michigan has more golf courses (859) than any other state except Florida (1,262) and California (961). Rounding out the top five are New York (833) and Texas (821). Source: National Golf Foundation

The University of Michigan's mascot is the wolverine, even though there has only been one confirmed wolverine sighting in the state in the past 200 years!

Michigan requires a 10 cent deposit on most cans and bottles. If you want your money back, you have to return them to a recycle collection machine available at most grocery stores.