

## What do you think of when I say Lake Superior

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Large, Deep, Cold, Beautiful, Dangerous, Fishing.....The lyrics of the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Whatever your image is of Lake Superior, it is truly superior. Many of the following facts are taken from "Northern Ontario Travel." The largest body of fresh water in the world contains 10 percent of the world's fresh water, and it covers 31,700 square miles. The deepest point in the Lake is 1,333 feet. The Empire State Building would sink beneath the surface. There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover the entire land mass of North and South America to a depth of 12 inches. There have been about 350 shipwrecks recorded. Over 10,000 lives have been lost in Lake Superior. There are 78 species of fish in Lake Superior. Lake Superior has over 400 Islands. If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out in a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth, Minnesota to the Bahamas totaling 2,730 miles of shoreline. Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior. The average temperature of Lake Superior is 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Ojibwa Natives call Lake Superior Gitche Gumee which means Big Sea Water. Lake Superior is one of the Earth's youngest major natural features at about 10,000 years of age.

Waves of over 40 feet in height have been recorded (surfs up for some crazy adventurers).

From the lyrics "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald...The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down, Of the big lake they called Gitche Gumee, Superior, they said, never gives up her dead, When the gales of November come early"