

# MINNESOTA



the 4 MN Biomes

TALLGRASS ASPEN PARKLAND  
aspen leaf

CONIFEROUS FOREST  
pine trees

PRAIRIE  
purple coneflower

DECIDUOUS FOREST  
maple, oak + birch

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1. Minnesota's Motto Since 1861, "The North Star State"
2. Lake of the Woods, 344,000 Acres, 65,000 Miles of Shoreline, 14,500 Islands
3. The Moose, Minnesota's Largest Wild Animal
4. Average Minnesota Snowfall, 36-70 Inches
5. The Mosquito, Unofficial State Bird
6. Eagle Mountain, Highest Point in Minnesota, 2301 Feet
7. High Falls, Grand Portage State Park, International Border of Canada
8. Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA), Over 1 Million Acres
9. Tower-Soudan Underground Iron Ore Mine, Tower
10. Lake Vermilion, 40,557 Acres, 340 Miles of Shoreline, 365 Islands
11. The Mesabi Iron Range, Major Producer of Taconite
12. Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary & The American Bear Association, Cook
13. *Willie Walleye*, Over 40 Feet Long, Baudette
14. Roughly 112,000 Seasonal Cabins Across the State
15. Elk Herds, Kittson & Marshall Counties
16. Minnesota, Largest Producer of Sugar Beets in the US
17. Aspen Leaf in Tallgrass Aspen Parkland Biome
18. Minnesota Whitetail Deer Population, 1 Million
19. 11 Sovereign Indian Reservations, Seven Ojibwe "Boozhoo!" & 4 Sioux "Hau!"
20. Upper & Lower Red Lake, 288,800 Acres
21. Curling Capital of USA, Home of Olympic Medal Team, Bemidji
22. *Paul Bunyan & Babe the Blue Ox*, Bemidji
23. The Greyhound Bus Museum, Hibbing
24. US Hockey Hall of Fame, Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth
25. Coldest Place in Minnesota, Embarrass
26. Stand of Pine Trees in Coniferous Forest Biome
27. Split Rock Lighthouse, Two Harbors
28. Herring Fishing on Lake Superior, Record Catch, 20 Million Pounds in 1915
29. "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald", Sank in Lake Superior, Nov 10, 1975
30. Lake Superior, Over 2 Million Acres, 2726 Miles Shoreline, 400 Islands
31. The Only Aerial Lift Bridge in the US, Duluth
32. Original Bridgeman's Ice Cream Shoppe Started in Duluth, 1936
33. Bob Dylan Birthplace, Duluth, Raised in Hibbing
34. Judy Garland Birthplace, Grand Rapids
35. Lake Winnibigoshish, 56,471 Acres, 141 Miles Shoreline
36. Wild Rice, Minnesota's State Grain, Produces \$2 Million a Year
37. Minnesota Hosts 11 Barn Quilt Trails
38. The Headwaters of the Mississippi River, Itasca State Park
39. Wheat Farming, Red River Valley
40. The Red River of the North, 550 Miles Long
41. Home of the *Hjemkomst* Viking Ship, Moorhead
42. Fargo, NOT in Minnesota, But Used in Movies and TV to Depict Minnesota
43. Small Town Meat Raffles on Friday Night
44. World's Largest Pelican, Pelican Rapids
45. Restaurant Capital of the World, Dorset
46. Leech Lake, Home of Leech Lake Sailing Regatta, Walker
47. *Lucette Diana Kensack*, Paul Bunyan's Sweetheart, Hackensack
48. Ice Fishing, Minnesota's Most Popular Winter Sport
49. Leaping Deer Statue, Deerwood
50. The Fishing Bobber Water Tower, Pequot Lakes
51. Over 4,000 Miles of Paved Bike Trails in Minnesota
52. St. Urho, Legendary Patron Saint of Finland, Menahga
53. *Otto the Big Otter*, Fergus Falls
54. First & Oldest Dairy Queen, Moorhead
55. Pop-Up Toaster Invented by Charles Strite, 1919, Produced in Minneapolis
56. Home of Minnesota Vikings & *Big Ole*, America's Biggest Viking, Alexandria
57. Charles Lindbergh Birthplace, Little Falls
58. Water Skiing, Invented by 18-Year-Old Ralph Samuelson on Lake Pepin
59. Project Manhigh, Portsmouth Mine, Crosby
60. S'mores, a Minnesota Tradition & Mille Lacs Lake
61. Diamond® Match Factory, Last in US, Closed 2017, Cloquet
62. Snake River Fur Trading Museum, Pine City
63. Home of the International Wolf Center & Timberwolves Basketball
64. Minnesota Fishing Museum & Hall of Fame, Little Falls
65. Biggest & Heaviest Twine Ball, 17,400 Pounds, Darwin
66. World's Largest Crow, Belgrade
67. Minnesota's Famous Food, Tater Tot Hotdish
68. Lutfisk Capital of the World, Madison
69. "Pair of Choppers", From KQRS Classic Bit *Cash Call*
70. Prince Rogers Nelson, Born & Raised, Home of Paisley Park, Chanhassen
71. *Spoonbridge and Cherry*, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis
72. Stone Arch Bridge, Only Arched Stone Bridge on the Mississippi, Minneapolis
73. Mall of America, Bloomington & Handled Grocery Bag Invented in 1912, St Paul
74. F. Scott Fitzgerald, Author of *The Great Gatsby* Birthplace, St. Paul
75. Home of Minnesota Twins & St. Paul Saints Baseball Teams
76. The Gopher State, Goldy Gopher, University of Minnesota Mascot
77. Gold Medal® Flour Mill, Built in 1866, Minneapolis
78. Honeycrisp Apple, Developed at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
79. Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge, Big Bluestem & Eastern Meadowlark, Odessa
80. Ladyslipper, Minnesota's State Flower
81. Purple Coneflower in Prairie Biome
82. Laura Ingalls Wilder Sod House & Museum, Walnut Grove
83. *Hermann The German*, Third Largest Copper Statue in US, New Ulm
84. *Jolly Green Giant*, 55 Feet Tall, Blue Earth
85. Here in Minnesota, it's Pop, not Soda
86. Minnetonka® Moccasin World Headquarters, Minneapolis
87. Red Wing Shoes®, Est. 1905, 5000 Pairs of Boots Made per Day, Red Wing
88. Forest of Maple, Oak and Birch in Deciduous Forest Biome
89. Was'aka the Eagle, Ambassador of National Eagle Center, Wabasha  
Wabasha, Oldest Town in MN, Occupied Since 1826, Established 1830
90. Sugar Loaf Mountain Bluff, 85 Feet Up, Winona
91. The Mayo Clinic Hospital, Ranks #1 in US as of 2020, Rochester
92. Masking Tape & Scotch™ Tape Invented by 3M, Rochester
93. Home of the Bigfoot Festival, Remer
94. Half Million Rounds of Lefse Made per Year at Norsland Lefse, Rushford
95. Common Loon, Minnesota's State Bird
96. Charlie Henderson Invents the Automatic Stapler in 1923, Spring Valley
97. Spam® Museum, Austin
98. Minnesota is Home to Over 70,000 Wild Turkeys
99. Fourth Largest Producer of Corn in US
100. Home of the Wood Duck, Fulda
101. Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd, Luverne

**Holy buckets, that's a lot of Minnesota facts! You betcha! These facts came from Minnesotans themselves; where they grew up, where they live, and the history they made or were part of. We also used the Internet, fer sure. While some facts may be up for debate, we feel pretty good about it. Consider yourself schooled on Minnesota.**