

Minnesota

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Introduction

Welcome to the state of Minnesota!!! Minnesota is "The Land of 10,000 Lakes," and is therefore known for its beautiful lakes. What some may not know is that it is also know for its wheat., not to mention it is a shoppers dream come true, as it has the biggest mall in the United States. I am sure you will find Minnesota to be as interesting as I have.

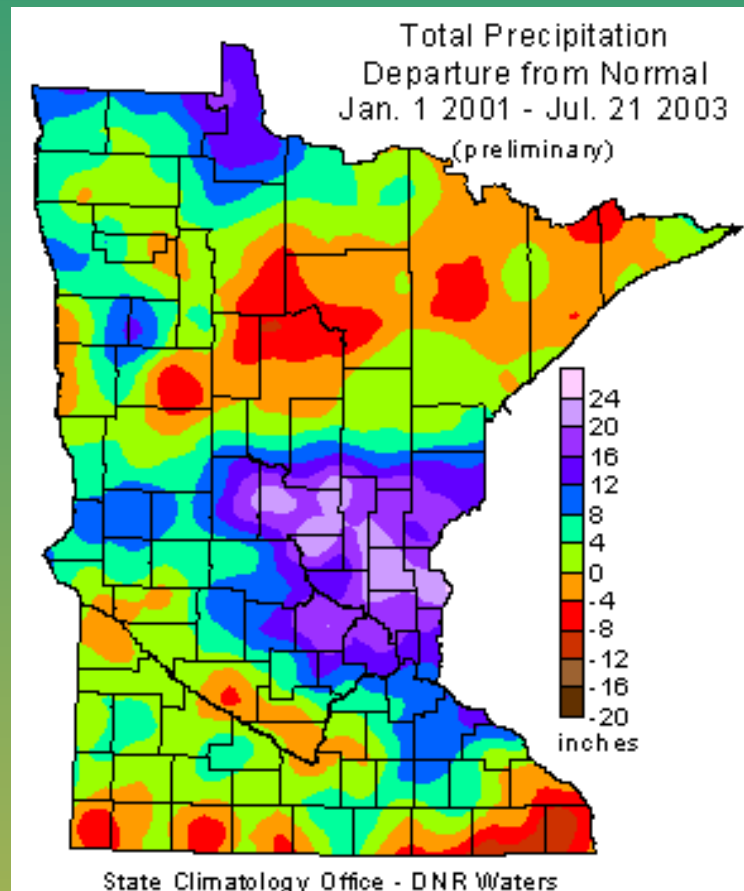


History

Minnesota is a state in the Midwest region in the United States. It was admitted as the 32nd state on May 11, 1858. The capital of Minnesota is St. Paul, one of its major cities like Minneapolis. Minnesota is also known as *The Gopher State*.

Sugar beets, sweet corn, green peas, turkey and forestry are some natural products that you can find in Minnesota. The population of Minnesota is about 5,303,925 people. Minnesota is important to the United States because it has over than 10,000 lakes that account for more than three fourths of the United States' fresh water.

Climate



Minnesota has a cool weather. It is always cold except for June, July, and August, where it can get to 73 F. There is lots of snow and a short summer, but it also has all four seasons. The moderating effect of Lake Superior keeps the surrounding area relatively cooler in the summer and relatively warmer in the winter.

State Symbols



Minnesota's state bird is the common loon. It can be found all over Minnesota. The loon can weight up to 12 pounds as an adult and as a baby it weights 1 pound. it is smaller than a goose but bigger than a mallard.



The Norway pine tree is the state tree of Minnesota. It is the state tree of MN because it was the biggest red pine tree in 1850's. It measured up to 126 feet all and was 38 inches wide. It existed in the coniferous forests , in the northeastern part of Minnesota.



The state flower of Minnesota is the pink and white lady's slipper. It was chosen as the state flower of MN because it was the most beautiful and symbolical flower in Minnesota. It can live up to 50 year and can be found in fens, swamps, bogs, and damp woods where there is an abundance of light.

Geography

Minnesota borders Canada, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. It has 7 major rivers and 8 major lakes plus it borders, Lake Superior, one of the Major lakes. Minnesota is the second northernmost U.S. state, after Alaska. It shares a water border with Michigan and Wisconsin. Minnesota covers 86,943 square miles, making it the 12th largest of the 50 states. 83,574 square miles of Minnesota are land areas and the 7,326 square miles left over are covered by water.

Attractions

The mall of America is the biggest mall in the United States. This mall was opened in 1992. It is located in Bloomington, Minnesota. It has over 500 stores. There are 14 theaters in the mall. There is also a roller coaster inside the mall. It even has three floors and an



The Great Serengeti is an indoor water park. It is located in Owatonna, Minnesota. It has two big slides and pools to keep kids entertained. Also it has a hot tub for adults and a lazy river for kids and adults, as well as an arcade in the park.

Natural Resources



Iron ore, manganese, granite limestone, sandstone, forests of jack, Norway trees, aspen, balsam, spruce, white birch, groves of ash, black walnut, elm, and maple, oak, are some of the natural resources that you can find in Minnesota. MN. is a leading producer of corn. Corn is the state's most valuable crop followed by soybeans. The leading vegetable crops are peas, potatoes, and sweet corn. Minnesota also produces hay, wheat, barley, flax-seed, and oats.



Famous People



Christopher Michael Pratt known as, "Chris Pratt," was born in June 21, 1979, in Virginia, Minnesota. Chris Pratt is an American actor. He is known for his television roles, including The Lego Movie, Jurassic Park, and Guardians of the Galaxy.

Robert Allen Zimmerman known as, "Bob Dylan," was born in May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minnesota. Bob Dylan is an American singer-songwriter, artist and writer. He has been influential in popular music and culture for more than 5 decades.



Animals

Minnesota has many kinds of animals that are so cool. It has the didelphimorphs which is an opossum. It also has rodents, lagomorphs, insectivores, bats, carnivorans, and ariodactyls. Various carnivorans are tigers, spotted hyena, African civet, brown bears, gray wolf, and wolverine. Some examples of rodents are, squirrels, beavers, gophers, pocket mice, and jumping mice. These animals are some of the found in Minnesota.



Conclusion

Minnesota is a great state even though it can have a lot of snow in winter. I knew doing a report on Minnesota was going to be fun and it did. I'll be able to go to Minnesota some day. After I read all about Minnesota I found out that it is the state in which one of my favorite actors was born - Chris Pratt.