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MICHIGAN

State of Michigan

ORIGIN OF STATE NAME: Possibly derived from the Fox Indian word *mesikami*, meaning "large lake."
NICKNAME: The Wolverine State.
CAPITAL: Lansing.
ENTERED UNION: 26 January 1837 (26th).
SONG: "Michigan, My Michigan" (unofficial).
MOTTO: *Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice* (If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you).
COAT OF ARMS: In the center, a shield depicts a peninsula on which a man stands, at sunrise, holding a rifle. At the top of the shield is the word "Tucor" (I will defend), beneath it the state motto. Supporting the shield are an elk on the left and a moose on the right. Over the whole, on a crest, is an American eagle beneath the US motto, *E pluribus unum*.
FLAG: The coat of arms centered on a dark blue field, fringed on three sides.
OFFICIAL SEAL: The coat of arms surrounded by the words "The Great Seal of the State of Michigan" and the date "A.D. MDCCCXXXV." (1835, the year the state constitution was adopted).
BIRD: Robin.
FISH: Trout.
FLOWER: Apple blossom.
TREE: White pine.
GEM: Isle Royale Greenstone (Chlorastrolite).
STONE: Petoskey stone.
TIME: 7 AM EST = noon GMT; 6 AM CST = noon GMT.

1 LOCATION AND SIZE
Located in the eastern north-central US, Michigan is the third-largest state east of the Mississippi River and ranks 23d in size among the 50 states. The total area of Michigan (excluding Great Lakes waters) is 58,527 square miles (151,585 square kilometers). The state consists of the upper peninsula adjoining three of the Great Lakes—Superior, Huron, and Michigan—and the lower peninsula, projecting northward between Lakes Michigan, Erie, and

Huron. Michigan has islands in Lakes Superior, Huron, and Michigan, and also in the St. Mary's and Detroit Rivers. The state's total boundary length is 1,673 miles (2,692 kilometers).

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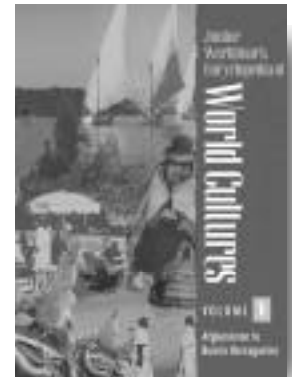
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