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## Visit Cook County Highlights

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- Visit Cook County is the communities of:
  - [Lutsen – Tofte – Schroeder](#)
    - Largest Ski Area in the Midwest: Lutsen Mountains
    - BWCA entry point
    - Superior National Golf Course in Lutsen a 27 hole (6,300 yard) golf course
      - Currently ½ way through a \$4million renovation
      - Voted #1 public golf course in Minnesota by Golf Digest Magazine
    - Historic Lutsen Resort on Lake Superior is the oldest resort in Minnesota
    - Commercial Fishing Museum in Tofte
  - [Grand Marais](#)
    - Voted “America’s Coolest Small Town” in 2015
    - Finalist in “Best Town EVER” contest by Outside Magazine in 2016
    - A Top 100 Adventure Town by National Geographic
    - Grand Marais Art Colony (oldest artists’ colony in the state of MN) was chosen as one of the Top 10 Artists Colonies in America by Coastal Living Magazine
    - North House Folk School is one of the premier traditional craft schools in the nation. Attracting visitors from the US as well as internationally.
  - [Gunflint Trail](#)
    - Gateway into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness
    - Boasts more moose than people
  - [Grand Portage](#)
    - Grand Portage State Park is home to the tallest waterfall in Minnesota. The High Falls on the Pigeon River. Borders the US and Canada.
    - Home of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, one of the earliest Ojibwa settlements in Minnesota
    - Grand Portage Lodge & Casino
- Lake Superior Facts & Stat: <http://www.visitcookcounty.com/things-to-do/lake-superior/>
  - Largest Freshwater lake in the world.
    - With a surface area of 31,700 square miles, it is the largest freshwater lake in the world. It holds three quadrillion gallons of water—about 10% of all the fresh surface water on Earth.
  - Average depth: 483 feet
  - Deepest spot: 1,332 feet
  - Shoreline length: 1,826 miles
  - Average water temperature: 40° Fahrenheit



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- Average underwater visibility: 27 feet
- Number of fish species: 78
- Number of shipwrecks: Over 350 (Many are now protected preserves that are accessible to recreational divers.)
- Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW)
  - About 1.1 million acres > 1,098,056 Acres of wilderness
  - 1000+ lakes
  - 1500+ miles of canoe routes
  - 87 entry points into the BWCA
  - 48 are located in Cook County MN (35 Gunflint + 13 Tofte)
  - Wilderness Campsites: 2,073
  - 547 Gunflint + 346 Tofte = 893 in Cook County
  - Three main BWCA entry point regions: Gunflint Trail, Tofte, Ely
  - Eagle Mountain, the highest point in Minnesota at 2,301 feet is located in the BWCA
  - There are 11 canoe outfitters on the Gunflint Trail, 2 in Tofte, and 3 in Grand Marais
  - Federally designated as a wilderness in 1964 and more fully protected in 1978
  - BWCA resides in the Superior National Forest and is managed by the Forest Service
  - The BWCA was named as one of “50 Places of a Lifetime” by National Geographic
  - The Gunflint Trail is 57 miles long and is a registered National Scenic Byway