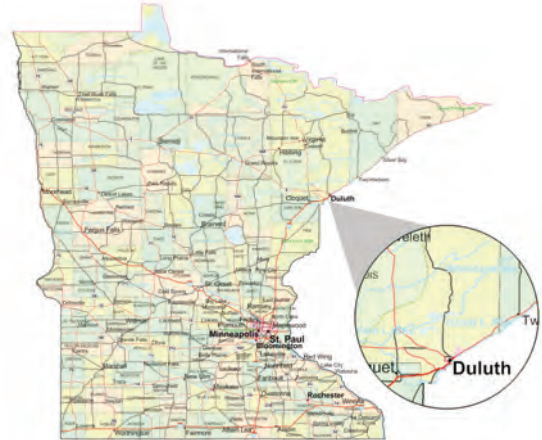




# Duluth, Minnesota



**D**uluth, Minnesota, is located on the west end of Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. The city was named for a French soldier and explorer, Daniel Greysolon, Sieur du Lhut, who claimed the area for France in 1679.

The Duluth Depot hosts several museums, including the St. Louis County Historical Society's regional history exhibits; the Duluth Art Institute's galleries; Veterans' Memorial Hall; the Duluth Children's Museum; and the Lake Superior Railroad Museum, which contains the Midwest's largest indoor train collection. During the summer, trains from the Lake Superior Railroad Museum shift from display to the working Lakefront line of the North Shore Scenic Railroad. Lake Superior & Mississippi Railroad is a historic railroad that operates along the track of the first Duluth train. Also in Duluth, the Fitger's Museum showcases memorabilia from the Fitger's Brewery. The William A. Irvin Ore Boat Museum, which was the flagship of the U.S. Steel's Great Lakes Fleet, is adjacent to Lake Superior Tug, a World War II tugboat. Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center presents films, model ships, and exhibits about commercial shipping activities on Lake Superior and in the Duluth-Superior Harbor. The Leif Erikson Viking Ship, another maritime oriented exhibit, is located in Leif Erikson Park and was built according to drawings from the 12th century as a model of the ship used by Leif Erikson in the discovery of America. The Tweed Museum of Art is located on the campus of University of Minnesota Duluth. Glensheen Historic Estate is a 39-room mansion on the shores of Lake Superior and contains original furnishings, artwork, and family treasures from the turn of the 20th century. The Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial honors 3 young African Americans who were victims of a lynch mob.

The Depot is also home to the Duluth Playhouse Theater, Matinee Musicale, and Arrowhead Chorale. Broadway in Duluth, Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra, and Minnesota Ballet perform at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, which also hosts concerts and sports events. Renegade Theater Company is located in the Teatro Zuccone and produces a full main stage season, children's theater, sketch comedy revues, and improvisation performances. The Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra performs at Sacred Heart Music Center in June and at Weber Music Hall on the campus of the University of Minnesota Duluth in July.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

A network of temperature-controlled skywalks connects the major buildings in downtown Duluth due to the city's cold winter temperatures. Downtown Duluth has mid-rise and high-rise apartment buildings, some of which are located in converted historic buildings. Built at the turn of the 20th century by wealthy residents, the East Duluth neighborhood contains mostly large, historic single-family houses in styles that include Tudor Revival, Queen Anne, Prairie, Renaissance Revival, Georgian Colonial Revival, and Shingle. The Congdon Park neighborhood is located close to the hospitals and has homes in various styles and sizes. Located on a sandbar jutting into Lake Superior, the Park Point neighborhood has single-family homes and condominiums, with some new construction available. Other condominium developments are also located along Lake Superior. Morgan Park was built for U.S. Steel Company employees and their families and designed by a student of Frank Lloyd Wright; the houses were constructed from concrete and many feature wide eaves of the gabled roofs.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Duluth has 129 municipal parks, neighborhood community recreation centers, 2 golf courses, a dog park, disc golf courses, cross-country ski and snowmobile trails, a skate park, 29 ball fields, and 41 ball courts. Duluth Heritage Sports Center, which is filled with sports memorabilia, offers hockey and year-round indoor ice skating; outdoor skating is also available.

Duluth Lakewalk is a 4.2 mile walkway along the shore of Lake Superior

in Canal Park. The Duluth Entertainment Convention Center; the Great Lakes Aquarium, which is America's only all-freshwater aquarium; and the Bayfront Festival Park, which hosts concerts in the summer and skating in the winter, anchor one end of the Lakewalk. Also located along the Lakewalk are Leif Erikson Park and the Rose Garden, sculptures representing Duluth and its international sister cities, and the Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Memorials.

Situated in Fairmont Park at the base of Spirit Mountain, the Lake Superior Zoo is home to hundreds of native animals and exotic species.

Other recreational opportunities include Chester Bowl, which offers downhill and cross-country skiing and ice skating, hiking trails, fishing, and soccer fields; Park Point Beach, which is a natural sand bar along Lake Superior; Hartley Park, which features the Hartley Nature Center; and Spirit Mountain Recreation Area, which offers downhill and cross-country skiing and "Timber Twister" Alpine Coaster. Tom's Logging Camp & Old Northwest Company Trading Post is an authentic replica of an early northern Minnesota logging camp and contains original tools and equipment.

Amusement parks include Adventure Zone, the Edgewater Resort & Waterpark, and Fond-du-Luth Casino.

## EDUCATION

Duluth Public Schools serve approximately 8,800 students in 10 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 2 high schools. The city also has a Secondary Technical Center which offers career and technical programs for high school students.

Opportunities for higher education include the University of Minnesota Duluth, which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs, as well as a School of Medicine and a College of Pharmacy. Medical students participate in one-on-one clinical teaching experiences with doctors in small or Native American communities. The College of St. Scholastica is a Catholic Benedictine university and offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral level studies in arts and letters, business and technology, education, health sciences, nursing, and sciences. Lake Superior Community College is a public, 2-year community and technical college which offers programs in business, computers, healthcare, public safety, trade and industry, transfer, and transportation. Duluth Business University offers associate's and bachelor's degrees in business.

## HEALTH CARE

Duluth is served by 3 hospitals with a combined total of 812 licensed acute care beds. One of the hospitals has specialized inpatient rehabilitation and behavioral health units.

## CITY STATS

	2009
City Population	84,419
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	276,368
Per Capita Personal Income, Duluth, MN-WI MSA	\$34,855