

Map Your Watershed Boundaries

Watershed boundaries are a challenge to understand and can be difficult to visualize or map. Use WHAF's predefined boundaries and symbols to help address this challenge. You can display different watershed boundaries for any location in Minnesota in a couple steps:



- [Open the map](#) (link is external) above in a new browser window.
- Click anywhere in Minnesota to display these watershed boundary symbols for that location.
- Use the 'Set Scale' tool (upper right) to select different symbols and zoom levels to explore the different watershed boundaries.

There are different symbols shown for each type of watershed boundary:

- Pink outline: Catchment; local land area that sends surface water to the point you selected.
- Light blue fill: Upstream Catchments; the 'true' watershed for surface water flow.
- White outline: Major watershed boundary; the administrative boundary for managing watersheds.
- Dark blue fill: Downstream Catchments; the flow path for surface water leaving the catchment.
- Mask: Major River Basin; the large river system connected to your location.

Learn more about [watershed boundaries](#) and view the [Watershed Story Map](#).