

# BROWN COUNTY (8)

Number of lakes . . . . . 99  
 Lake area, acres. . . . . 9,951

The surface of Brown County was endowed with only a few shallow lakes. It is composed primarily of shallow ground moraine and several weak recessional moraines associated with the Des Moines ice lobe.

These deposits are cut through in a west-east pattern by old glacial drainage channels that carried melt-water from the receding Des Moines lobe. They often follow the low drift-filled depressions of preglacial stream valleys. Sleepy Eye Creek, Cottonwood River and Little Cottonwood River now follow some of these drainage ways.

Most of the larger lakes in the county were formed where blocks of ice became lodged in the preglacial valleys and buried by alluvium transported by the glacial streams. Hanska, Wood, School, Clear, Gilman and Boys lakes were all formed in this manner. The remainder of the lake basins occupy small kettle holes formed in the shallow drift of the recessional moraines.

Two oxbow basins, 8-25 and 8-71, occupy cut-off meander loops of the Minnesota River in Township 111 North, Ranges 31 and 33 West. The Flandrau Park Pool, 8-6, was developed by construction of a state dam across the Cottonwood River near New Ulm in 1937 and 1938.

Only 20 of the 99 lakes listed in this county are unaffected by artificial drainage systems. The two largest lakes, Hanska, 8-26, which has an area of 1,844 acres, and Emerson, 8-1, which has an area of 715 acres in Brown County and a total area of 1,268 acres, are both partly drained by various ditches.

### Lakes classified by area

	Area in acres										Total
	10 to 25	25 to 50	50 to 75	75 to 100	100 to 125	125 to 150	150 to 200	200 to 500	500 to 1000	1000 to 2500	
Number listed. . . . .	16	39	18	5	5	1	5	8	0	2	99
Number affected by drainage or dry . . . . .	12	34	13	3	5	1	3	6	0	2	79

Ident. number	Name	Location			Area in Acres	Meandered	Remarks
		Range	Township	Section			
8-1	Emerson . . . . .	30	107,108	3-5,32-35	715 (1,268)	x	Also in Watonwan County (83). Affected by J.D. 1 and 6.
8-2	Dane . . . . .	30	108	11,14	296	x	Affected by tile drains and C.D. 15.
8-3	. . . . .	30	108	19	32	...	
8-4	Linden. . . . .	30	108	19,20,29,30	310	x	Level affected by J.D. 6.
8-5	. . . . .	30	109	25,26	117	...	Affected by C.D. 7.
8-6	Flandrau Park Pool. . . . .	30	109,110	5;31,32	165	...	Recreation reservoir.
8-7	Ouren. . . . .	30,31	108	19;24	65	x	
8-8	. . . . .	31	108	2	27	...	
8-9	Browne . . . . .	31	108	11,12	242	x	Affected by C.D. 7.
8-10	Omsrud . . . . .	31	108	21,22,28	265	x	
8-11	Clear. . . . .	31	109	10,11,14,15	325	x	
8-12	. . . . .	31	109	15	34	...	Affected by ditch.
8-13	. . . . .	31	109	15,16	68	...	
8-14	School. . . . .	31	109	16,21	99	x	Affected by ditch.
8-15	. . . . .	31	109	18	50	...	Affected by C.D. 3.

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8-16	Juni	31	109	26,27	65	x	
8-17		31	110	7	82	...	Affected by C.D. 1.
8-18		31	110	SE 14	24	...	Affected by ditch.
8-19		31	110	SE 16	33	...	Affected by C.D. 38.
8-20		31	110	NW 18	36	...	Affected by C.D. 1.
8-21		31	110	21	28	...	Affected by ditch.
8-22		31	110	32,33	44	...	Do.
8-23		31	110	NE 33	24	...	Do.
8-24		31	110,111	4,33	42	...	Affected by C.D. 38.
8-25		31	111	31	22	...	
8-26	Hanska	31,32	108	19,28-30,32,33;13-16, 23,24	1,844	x	Dam at outlet. Level affected by various ditches.
8-27	Zanders	31,32	109	18;13,14	79	x	
8-28		32	108,109	6,31	40	...	Affected by C.D. 29.
8-29	Bachelor	32	109	11,14	100	x	Affected by C.D. 3.
8-30		32	109	12	52	...	Do.
8-31		32	109	SW 4	19	...	
8-32		32	109	15	52	...	Affected by ditch.
8-33		32	109	21,22	15	...	Do.
8-34		32	109	26,35	54	...	Affected by C.D. 11.
8-35	Gilman	32	109	29,32	199	x	Level affected by C.D. 29.
8-36	George	32	110	3,4	184	x	Affected by C.D. 13.
8-37		32	110	NE 5	25	...	Do.
8-38		32	110	9	34	...	Affected by C.D. 10.
8-39	Rose	32	110	14	135	x	Affected by tile drains and C.D. 49.
8-40		32	110	SE 17	31	...	Affected by C.D. 10.
8-41		32	110	17,18	57	...	Affected by C.D. 13.
8-42		32	110	NW 18	36	...	Affected by C.D. 5.
8-43		32	110	18,19	41	...	Do.
8-44		32	110	19,30	61	...	Do.
8-45	Sleepy Eye	32	110	20,29,30	290	x	Dam at outlet. Level affected by C.D. 5 & 45.
8-46		32	110	32	63	...	Affected by ditch.
8-47		32	111	SE 28	14	...	Affected by C.D. 52.
8-48		32	111	WC 28	26	...	Do.
8-49		32	111	30,31	41	...	Affected by ditch.
8-50		32	111	31,32	71	...	Affected by C.D. 52.
8-51		32	111	33	19	...	Affected by C.D. 13.
83-49	Mulligan Marsh				100 (240)	...	See Watonwan County (83).
8-52		32,33	111	31;36	36	...	
83-60	Wood				185 (637)	x	See Watonwan County (83).
8-53		33	108	11,14	46	...	
8-54	Altermatt	33	108,109	6;31,32	118	x	Level affected by C.D. 46.
8-55	Bloemke	33	109	7	52	...	Affected by tile drains of C.D. 32.
8-56		33	109	13	26	...	Affected by ditch.
8-57		33	110	1	43	...	Affected by C.D. 5.
8-58		33	110	NW 2,3	65	...	Do.
8-59		33	110	SW 2,3	32	...	Affected by J.D. 1.
8-60		33	110	4,5,9	106	...	Affected by J.D. 30.
8-61		33	110	NW 5	12	...	Affected by J.D. 1.
8-62		33	110	7	29	...	Do.
8-63		33	110	7,8	19	...	Do.
8-64	Kreuger	33	110	11,13,14	66	x	
8-65		33	110	12	40	...	Affected by C.D. 5.
8-66		33	110	13	27	...	Do.
8-67		33	110	14,15	25	...	Do.
8-68		33	110	18	38	...	Affected by J.D. 30.

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8-69		33	110	21,28	36	...	Do.
8-70		33	110	25	28	...	Affected by C.D. 5.
8-71		33	111	1,12	21	...	
8-72		33	111	9	26	...	Affected by J.D. 17.
8-73	Lone Tree	33	111	9,10	80	x	
8-74		33	111	SW 13	53	...	Affected by C.D. 14.
8-75		33	111	C 14	55	...	Do.
8-76		33	111	SW 14	21	...	
8-77		33	111	15,22	27	...	Affected by C.D. 14.
8-78		33	111	19	32	...	Affected by tile drains and J.D. 18.
8-79		33	111	24	23	...	Affected by J.D. 1.
8-80	Indian	33	111	25,36	67	x	Affected by C.D. 12.
8-81		33	111	28,29,32,33	56	...	Affected by J.D. 1.
8-82	Simonson Slough	33	111	28,33	123	...	Do.
8-83		33	111	29	23	...	Do.
8-84		33	111	31	47	...	Do.
8-85		33	111	32	36	...	Do.
8-86		33	111	NE 33,34	21	...	Do.
8-87		33	111	SE 33,34	43	...	Do.
8-88		33	111	EC 34	71	...	Affected by C.D. 12.
8-89		33	111	NC 35	19	...	Do.
8-90		33	111	SE 35	30	...	Affected by C.D. 5.
8-91		33	112	19	20	...	
64-1					1 (16)	...	See Redwood County (64).
8-92		34	108	5,8	102	...	Affected by tile drains of C.D. 16.
8-93	Reed	34	108	6,7	285	x	Do.
8-94		34	108	7	65	...	
8-95	Swamp	34	109	8,9	76	...	Affected by ditch.
8-96	Boys	34	109	11,12,13,14	160	x	
8-97		34	109	13	34	...	Affected by ditch.
8-98		34,35	108,109	31;1;36	168	...	Affected by C.D. 16.
8-99		35	109	19	32	...	Affected by C.D. 55.

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