

COTTONWOOD COUNTY (17)

Number of Lakes. 60
 Lake area, acres. 9,154

Most of the county lake basins were formed by the uneven deposition of glacial till. Several in the southern part of the county, including Cottonwood, 17-22, and Talcot, 17-60, were formed from ice blocks, partly in till and partly in outwash. Many of the lakes have been completely or partly drained by artificial drainage systems. Mountain, 17-2, which has an area of 1,002 acres and is the largest lake in the county, is completely drained by a ditch system.

There are three artificial lakes in the county which are listed in the following table:

Ident. no.	Name	Area, acres	Remarks
17-3	Mountain	241	Created in 1938 by construction of a dam across a small tributary of the South Fork of the Watonwan River near Mountain Lake Village.
17-21	Warren	133	Created in 1936 by construction of a dam across Judicial Ditch 5 near Windom. State-owned dam.
17-25	--	69	Recreation reservoir formed by dam across the Des Moines River at Windom. Built in 1878 for flour mill operation, it is now owned by City of Windom.

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.	1	17	8	7	4	6	3	12	1	1	60
Number affected by drainage or dry.	1	11	2	3	2	3	2	6	0	1	31

Ident. number	Name	Range	Township	Location Section	Area in Acres	Meandered	Remarks
17-1		33,34	105,106	6;1;36	56 (69)	...	Also in Watonwan County (83). Affected by J.D. 1.
83-61					15 (60)	...	See Watonwan County (83). Affected by J.D. 1.
17-2	Mountain	34	105	1-3,10-12	1,002	...	Affected by J.D. 1.
17-3	Mountain	34	106	28-33	241	...	Artificial lake formed by dam at outlet.
17-4		34	107	5	26	...	Affected by J.D. 24.
17-5		34	107	27	30	...	Level affected by C.D. 28.
17-6		34	107	29,30	33	...	
32-18	Fish				204 (425)	x	See Jackson County (32).
32-19	Summit				7 (21)	...	Do.
17-7	Bingham	35	105	4,9	274	x	Dam at outlet.

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Ident. number	Name	Location			Area in Acres	Meandered	Remarks
		Range	Township	Section			
17-8	Clear	35	105	17,18	76	x	
17-9		35	105	19	27	...	Affected by C.D. 15.
17-10		35	105	20,29	69	...	Do.
17-11		35	105	27	65	...	
17-12	Three Lakes	35	105	28,29,32	159	x	
17-13	Wolf	35	105	31	124	x	
17-14		35	105	35	30	...	Level affected by J.D. 4.
17-15	Maiden	35	105,106	5,32,33	33	...	Level affected by J.D. 2.
17-16	Bartsh	35	106	10	63	x	
17-17		35	106	17,18	79	...	
17-18	Bat	35	106	19,20	120	x	
17-19	Long	35	106	24,25	97	x	
17-20	Eagle	35	106	26,35	88	x	Dam at outlet.
17-21	Warren	35,36	105	19,13,24	133	...	Artificial lake formed by dam at outlet.
17-22	Cottonwood	35,36	105	19,30,24,25	146	x	Level affected by dam at Warren Lake.
17-23	Swan	35,36	106	18,12,13	222	x	Level affected by C.D. 32.
17-24	String	36	104,105	5,6,19,29,32	334 (402)	x	Also in Jackson County (32).
17-25		36	105	25,26,36	69	...	Recreation reservoir.
17-26		36	106	2,11	93	...	
17-27	Arnolds	36	106	10,15	40	x	
17-28	Lenhart	36	106	15,16,21,22	142	x	Affected by J.D. 10.
17-29	Wilson	36	106	15,21-23	296	x	Do.
17-30		36	106	16	43	...	
17-31	Harder	36	106	21,27,28	183	x	Level affected by J.D. 10.
17-32		37	105	12	25	...	
17-33	Augusta	37	106,107	2,3,10,11,34	499	x	Dam at outlet.
17-34		37	107	29,32	146	...	Affected by C.D. 18.
17-35	Skauby	37	107	30	93	x	Affected by C.D. 38.
17-36		37	107	33,34	153	...	Affected by J.D. 29.
17-37	Hurricane	37	107,108	6,31	202	x	Affected by ditch.
17-38	Duck	37	108	16	33	x	Do.
17-39	Zorn	37,38	106	7,18,12,13	48	x	Affected by J.D. 15.
17-40		37,38	106,107	6,31,36	140	...	Affected by J.D. 29.
17-41	South Clear	38	104,105	5,32,33	222 (235)	x	Also in Jackson County (32). Affected by J.D. 12.
17-42	South Oaks	38	105	8,9	44	x	Affected by ditch.
17-43	North Clear	38	105	27,28,33,34	50	x	Affected by private ditch.
17-44	North Oaks	38	105,106	5,8,32	332	x	
17-45	Fowlers Slough	38	106	5,8,9,17	97	x	Affected by C.D. 18.
17-46	Mud	38	106	7,17,18	109	x	Affected by J.D. 24.
17-47	Berry	38	106	11-13	387	x	Affected by C.D. 2.
17-48	Long	38	106	22,23,26,27,35	262	x	Level affected by J.D. 37.
17-49	Carey	38	106	24,25	117	x	
17-50		38	106	25,36	24	x	Affected by C.D. 36.
17-51		38	106	27,28,33,34	30	x	Do.
17-52		38	106	35,36	34	x	Do.
17-53		38	107	13	25	...	
17-54	Bean	38	107	14	141	x	
17-55	Rat	38	107	15,22	50	x	Affected by J.D. 21.
17-56	Double	38	107	22,23,26	227	x	Dam at outlet.
17-57	Clear	38	107	35,36	50	x	
17-58	Highby	38	108	10,11	28	x	Affected by C.D. 17.
17-59		38	108	11,14	37	...	
17-60	Talcott	38,39	105	17-20,30,24,25	878 (928)	x	Also in Murray County 51 Dam at outlet.
51-1	Snow				15 (76)	x	See Murray County (51).
51-2	Julia				37 (130)	x	Do.

