

HOUSTON COUNTY (28)

Number of lakes 15
 Lake area, acres. 12,545

Houston County represents the only unglaciated area in Minnesota and consequently is nearly devoid of natural lake basins. The only lakes listed are located along the Mississippi River and the lower Root River valleys. Six lakes along the Mississippi River, and six along the Root River, were formed by the uneven aggradation of the flood plain.

Following are some examples of lakes formed by dams.

Ident. no.	Name	Remarks
28-1	U.S. Lock and Dam No. 9 Pool	Formed by dam built in 1937 across the Mississippi River near Harpers Ferry, Iowa. Operated by U.S. Corps of Engineers as part of the Mississippi River navigation system.
28-5	U.S. Lock and Dam No. 8 Pool	Formed by dam built in 1938 across the Mississippi River near Genoa, Wisconsin. Operated by U.S. Corps of Engineers as part of the Mississippi River navigation system.
289	Como	Originally formed by mill dam constructed across Thompson Creek in 1852. A new dam was built in 1922 by the Village of Hokah for a recreational pool. It is now completely filled with silt.

Lakes classified by area

	Area in acres						Total
	10 to 25	25 to 50	150 to 200	200 to 500	500 to 1000	5000 and more	
Number listed.	3	3	3	3 ¹	2	1	15
Number affected by drainage or dry.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

¹ Includes one lake listed as Minnesota area of U.S. Lock and Dam No. 9 Pool. Total area of pool is 29,250 acres.

Ident. number	Name	Range	Township	Location Section	Area in Acres	Meandered	Remarks
28-1	U.S. Lock & Dam No. 9 Pool . . . (Excluding meandered flood plain lakes)	3	100,101	various	450 (29,250)	...	Mostly in Wisconsin and Iowa, Federal reservoir. Area does not include five meandered flood plain lakes which are part of pool, but are listed separately.

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28-2	Minnesota Slough	3,4	100,101	various	660 (910)	x	Part of U.S. Lock & Dam No. 9 Pool, during high stages; originally meandered with three other flood plain lakes as one lake.
28-3	Mud	3,4	101	19,30;24,25	156	x	Originally meandered as part of Minnesota Slough part of U.S. Lock & Dam No. 9 Pool.
28-4	Goose	3,4	101	30,31;25,36	174	x	Do.
28-5	U.S. Lock & Dam No. 8 Pool ... (Excluding meandered flood plain lakes)	3,4	101-105	various	9,660 (21,910)	...	Also in Winona county, but mostly in Wisconsin, Federal Reservoir. Area includes Blue Lake, but does not include Target and Lawrence Lakes, which are part of pool, but are listed separately.
28-6	Hayshore.....	4	101	13,23,24	193	x	Originally meandered as part of Minnesota Slough part of U.S. Lock & Dam No. 9 Pool.
28-7	Ice Haul Slough .	4	101	23,25,26	237	x	Part of U.S. Lock & Dam No. 9 Pool.
28-8	Lawrence	4	103	12,13	300	x	Part of U.S. Lock & Dam No. 8 Pool.
28-9	Como	4	103,104	5,6;32	40	...	Former mill reservoir, filled with silt in 1964.
28-10	Target.....	4	104	13,14,22-24,26,27	560	x	Part of U.S. Lock & Dam No. 8 Pool.
28-11	.....	5	104	28	43	...	
28-12	.....	5	104	34,35	14	...	
28-13	.....	5	104	EC 35	12	...	
28-14	.....	5	104	SE 35	14	...	
28-15	Buell.....	6	104	25,26	32	...	

