

## LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY (39)

Number of lakes . . . . . 5  
 Lake area, acres. . . . . 317,297

Although Lake of the Woods County contains only five lakes, it contains the largest lake area in the State. Lake of the Woods, 39-2, comprises over 99 percent of the lake area listed and this lake is mostly in Canada. Its total area is 950,400 acres, of which 317,010 acres are in Minnesota and 633,390 acres in Manitoba and Ontario. Lake of the Woods basin is primarily a bedrock basin, although Glacial Lake Agassiz once covered the entire county and deposited lake sediments over most of the bed. Lake of the Woods has been utilized as a reservoir for nearly 80 years.

In 1887-1888 the first attempt was made to control levels by constructing the Rollerway dam at the northwestern outlet of the basin. The Norman dam, which is located on the Winnipeg River one mile below the site of the Rollerway dam, was built in 1893-1895 by the Keewatin Power Company. It replaced the Rollerway dam in 1899. The present dam is owned by the Minnesota-Ontario Paper Company. Operating limits on levels of the Lake of the Woods reservoir have been established by the International Joint Commission.

### Lakes classified by area

	Area in acres				Total
	10 to 25	50 to 75	150 to 200	5000 and more	
Number listed. . . . .	2	1	1	1	5

Ident. number	Name	Range	Location		Area in Acres	Meandered	Remarks
			Township	Section			
39-1	.....	32	162	15	23	...	
39-2	Lake of the Woods .....	32-37	162-168	various	317,010 (950,400)	x	Reservoir, mostly in Canada - Canadian area 543,040 acres.
39-3	Winter Road ....	34	160	8,9,16,17	182	x	
39-4	Norquist .....	34	161	19	24	...	
39-5	Lost.....	35	158	4,5	58	...	

