The state of Michigan is located in the northern portion of the midwestern United States. It is the only state that consists of two peninsulas. The Upper Peninsula — often referred to as “the U.P.” — is separated from the lower, main peninsula, by the Straits of Mackinac.

Michigan is bordered by four of the five Great Lakes, plus Lake Saint Clair, giving it the longest freshwater coastline in the world. The state also has more than 64,000 inland lakes and ponds.

The state was first settled by the Native Americans. It became a part of New France when it was settled by the French in the 17th century. It came under British rule in 1763, but was ceded to the United States in 1783. The area became a part of the Northwest Territory and later a part of the Indiana Territory with the Territory of Michigan being created in 1805. Michigan became a state on January 26, 1837 — the 26th state to join the Union.

The Upper Peninsula, with its natural resources, has become a tourist attraction. The headquarters for three of the United States’ major automobile manufacturers are located in Detroit, on the Lower Peninsula.

**Scott 3079 • 1996**
*Prehistoric Animals*

**Mastodon**

The magnificent, giant mastodon lived all over Michigan up to about 10,000 years ago. One of the most complete skeletons was uncovered near Owosso, Michigan. In November, 2014, as two men were digging a pond, they uncovered 42 mastodon bones in a backyard located in Bellevue Township, Michigan. The giant mastodon was designated as the official state fossil of Michigan in 2002.

**Scott 2327 • 1987**
*North American Wildlife*

**Wolverine**

The wolverine is the largest land dwelling animal belonging to the weasel family. However, with its short legs and short rounded ears, it looks more like a bear than a weasel. This stamp shows a wolverine, the mascot of the University of Michigan. The Michigan Wolverines consists of 27 varsity sports teams, including a very successful football team.

**Scott 2701 • 1992**
*Minerals*

**Copper Mining**

Native Americans mined copper in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula long before the Europeans moved into the area. Copper mining intensified during the 19th and early 20th centuries (from 1845–1887 Michigan led the country in the production of nation’s copper.) Pure copper has been mined in Copper County, located on the west side of the Upper Peninsula.

**Scott 2317 • 1987**
*North American Wildlife*

**White-tailed Deer**

Whitetail deer inhabit almost all of the contiguous 48 states. They are found from the big woods of Maine to the swamps of Florida to the cactus deserts of Texas. In 1997 the White-tailed deer was designated as the official state mammal of Michigan.

**Scott 3903 • 2005**
*Garden Flowers*

**Iris**

Found only near the Great Lakes, the dwarf lake iris normally grows no taller than six inches with a flower that is about two inches in diameter. It usually produces beautiful blue to purple flowers, but a white flowered dwarf lake iris can be found in the Mackinac Straits. In 1998 the dwarf lake iris was named as the official state wildflower of Michigan.
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Scott 298 • 1901
Canal Locks at Sault Ste. Marie
The Canal Locks at Sault Ste. Marie were first built in 1798 to bypass the rapids on the St. Marys River. The Canal Locks connect Lake Superior to the remaining Great Lakes allowing ships to travel on to the Atlantic Ocean. In 1987, the old lock was shut down and a new lock, built within the old lock, was opened in 1998. The canal is also used for recreation and tour boats throughout the summer.

Scott 4161 • 2007
Vintage Mahogany Speedboats
1954 Chris-Craft Boats
Often made of the best mahogany, the Chris-Craft boats were first built in 1874, at Algonac, Michigan, under the name of Smith-built boats. In 1930 the name was changed to Chris-Craft. These boats, which can exceed 40 miles per hour, are quite easy to operate.

Scott 2091 • 1984
25th Anniversary of St. Lawrence Seaway
The St. Lawrence Seaway connects the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. It is important to Michigan's economy, as it makes for easier shipping of goods to the east coast of the United States, as well as foreign trade. These stamps recognize the importance of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Scott 2453 • 1991
Transportation Coil
Birch Bark Canoe 1800s
The birch bark canoe shown on this stamp was the same as used by the Chippewa Indian tribe. Their canoes were well crafted — light but strong enough to carry heavy loads. The Chippewa lived in north-central United States, including the state of Michigan.

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Scott 2409 • 1989
Steamboats
Walk-in-the-Water 1818
*Walk in the Water* was the first steamboat to be operated on the upper Great Lakes, typically running from Buffalo, New York, to Detroit, Michigan. With a weight of 338 tons, the boat was 135 feet long and 32 feet wide. On October 31, 1821, *Walk in the Water* left Buffalo on her regular trip to Detroit. However, she was struck by a strong storm. *Walk in the Water* was lost; but, everyone on board made it safely to shore.
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Scott 1131 • 1959
St Lawrence Seaway

Scott 2091 • 1984
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Located in Dearborn, Michigan, the Ford Motor Company was founded by Henry Ford in 1903. The first cars were “made to order” by just a few men assembling each car. The Ford Motor Company is now the largest family-controlled company and the fifth largest automaker in the world. Each of the cars shown on these stamps were manufactured by the Ford Motor Company.

Scott 3182a • 1998
Celebrate the Century 1900s
Model T Ford

Scott 4356 • 2008
America On The Move: 50s Fins and Chrome
Ford Motor Co.
1957 Lincoln Premiere

Scott 4357 • 2008
America On The Move: 50s Fins and Chrome
1957 Chrysler 300C
The Chrysler Corporation, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan, was the manufacturer of the 1957 Chrysler 300C. The car was designed with a wide front grille and very large tailfins. This stamp shows one of the approximately 2,000 Chrysler 300Cs built in 1957.

Scott 3188h • 1999
Celebrate the Century 1960s
Ford Mustang

Scott 1898 • 1983
Transportation Coils
Handcar
A handcar, also known as a pump trolley, is a railroad car that is often used for railway maintenance, but is also used as a mining car. It is powered by the passengers when they alternately push down and pull up on an arm that moves the car. The Kalamazoo Velocipede Company, located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, was a leading manufacturer of handcars. This stamp, one of the Transportation Coil series, features a handcar as manufactured in the 1880s.
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Handcar 1880s
USA 4c
Charles Augustus Lindbergh (1902–1974) was one of the best known American aviators. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Lindbergh became the first pilot to fly nonstop across the Atlantic Ocean, from New York City to Paris, France. His plane, the “Spirit of St. Louis” has been on display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum since April, 1928. Among Lindbergh's awards are the Congressional Gold Medal, the Pulitzer Prize for *The Spirit of St. Louis* (in which he describes his flight across the Atlantic,) and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The “Lindbergh Air Mail” stamp depicts the “Spirit of St. Louis” and a map of the Transatlantic flight; the “Solo Transatlantic Flight” stamp shows the “Spirit of St. Louis” flying over the Atlantic Ocean; Lindbergh and his plane are shown on the “National Postal Museum: Biplane, Charles Lindbergh” stamp along with a Railway Mail Car and a Model A Ford Mail Truck (just some of the methods used to deliver mail); and the “Celebrate the Century 1920's: Lindbergh Flies the Atlantic” depicts a young Lindbergh with the “Spirit of St. Louis.”

Alfred Victor Verville (1890–1970) was born in Atlantic Mine, located on the Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He contributed to the design and development of airplanes, including the Curtiss Jenny — the plane used to fly the first airmail in the United States in May of 1918. Among his many honors, Verville was a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a fellow of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum. Alfred Verville is pictured on this airmail stamp, along with an image of his Verville-Sperry R-3 Racer low-wing monoplane.

Harriet Quimby (1875–1912) was born in Arcadia Township, Manistee County, Michigan. In 1911, she became the first woman in the United States to earn a pilot's license, and the following year was the first woman to fly across the English Channel. Quimby was known for her purple satin flying suit. A smiling Harriet Quimby is shown on this airmail stamp with her Bleriot monoplane flying in the background.
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Scott C10 • 1927
Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis"

Scott 1710 • 1977
Solo Transatlantic Flight

Scott 2781 • 1993
National Postal Museum
Biplane, Charles Lindbergh

Scott 3184m • 1998
Celebrate the Century 1920s
Lindbergh Flies the Atlantic

Scott C113 • 1985
Pioneers of Aviation
Alfred Verville and Airplane Diagram

Scott C128 • 1991
Pioneers of Aviation
Harriet Quimby and Early Plane
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Scott 4657 • 2012  
Twentieth Century Poets  
Robert Earl Hayden

Robert Hayden (1913–1980) was born Asa Bundy Sheffey in Detroit, Michigan. An African-American poet and professor, he is best known for his poems “Those Winter Sundays” and “The Middle Passage.” He was awarded the Grand Prize for Poetry at the 1966 World Festival of Negro Arts for his “A Ballad of Remembrance.” Robert Hayden is featured on this stamp as one of the ten great Twentieth Century American Poets.

Scott 4663 • 2012  
Twentieth Century Poets  
Theodore Roethke

Professor and poet Theodore Huebner Roethke (1908–1963) was born in Saginaw, Michigan. Hayden was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for poetry for his book *The Waking* which compares life to waking and death to sleeping. Twice he won the National Book Award for Poetry, along with several more awards for his outstanding poetry. Theodore Roethke is featured on this stamp as one of the ten great Twentieth Century American Poets.

Scott 4748h • 2013  
Modern Art in America  
American Landscape, by Charles Sheeler

Charles Sheeler (1883–1965) was a recognized painter and photographer. He spent six weeks photographing the Ford Motor Company’s plant located in River Rouge, Michigan. His pictures depicted the plant’s machinery, but did not include the people working. His photographs were used as advertising by the Motor Company. The image on this stamp is “Brooklyn Bridge,” painted by Sheeler from 1919–1920.

Scott 4546g • 2011  
Pioneers of American Industrial Design  
Norman Bel Geddes

Norman Bel Geddes (1893–1958) was born Norman Melancton Geddes in Adrian, Michigan. His industrial designs ranged from household items to aerodynamic automobiles to airliners. Bel Geddes encouraged what would become the Interstate Highway System stating “there should be no more reason for a motorist who is passing through a city to slow down than there is for an airplane which is passing over it.” This stamp shows Norman Bel Geddes’ “Patriot” radio which features the flag’s patriotic stars and stripes on the case — a real hit with the public in the 1940’s as rumors of war were circulating in the United States.

Scott UX103 • 1984  
Father Frederic Baraga

Born in present-day Slovenia, Father Frederic Irenaeus Baraga (1797–1868), immigrated to the United States in 1830. In 1833 he founded an Indian mission, erecting a building that served as a church, school, and pastoral residence, at Grand River (now Grand Rapids,) Michigan.  
Father Baraga was the first to compose a Chippewa grammar book. This postal card honors Father Frederic Baraga’s accomplishments as the first Slovenian missionary to build the Catholic Church in the United States.
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Scott 3000c • 1995
Classic Collections: Comic Strip Classics
Winsor McCay
Little Nemo in Slumberland
Zenas Winsor McCay (1871–1934, exact date of birth is not known) is known for developing advances in the way cartoons are made. His comic strip "Little Nemo in Slumberland" ran in newspapers for more than nine years. Using a flip book, McCay was able to make "moving pictures" of his cartoons — he made more than four thousand drawings for his first animated movie. Born in Spring Lake, Michigan, Winsor McCay's "Little Nemo in Slumberland" is one of the twenty stamps of the "Comic Strip Classics" series.

Scott 3084 • 1996
Folk Heroes
Paul Bunyan
Paul Bunyan is a legendary giant lumberjack. Among his super-human feats, he was able to chop down 25 trees with one swing of his double-bladed axe. Because he was such a large man, Paul liked to eat — flapjacks were his favorite food. He also had a fondness for animals, and was often seen with Babe the Blue Ox. Several locations claim to be the birthplace of Paul Bunyan, including St. Ignace and Oscoda, both located in Michigan.

Vintage Circus Posters
Scott 4900 • 2014
Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus Poster with Dainty Miss Leitzel

Scott 4902 • 2014
Ringling Bros. Shows Poster with Hillary Long

Scott 4905 • 2014
Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Poster

James Anthony Bailey (1847–1906) was born James Anthony McGinnis in Detroit, Michigan. At the age of eight, he became a part of the circus. He was a partner in the Cooper and Bailey circus, later joined with P.T. Barnum to form the Barnum and Bailey Circus, and finally in 1919, joined with the Ringling Brothers forming the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. These stamps portray posters that were used to advertise that the circus was coming to town.
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