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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE NORTH STAR STATE

Minnesota Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Minnesota for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to Minnesota!

Grab a pencil and a paddle: we're heading north to Minnesota! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the stepping stones where the Mississippi River begins to the rocky shore of Lake Superior. You'll hear the wild call of the loon, meet an apple invented right here, and count more lakes than you can imagine. Ready? Follow the North Star!



MINNESOTA FAST FACTS

Capital	Saint Paul
Largest city	Minneapolis
Nickname	The North Star State
Statehood	May 11, 1858 (the 32nd state)
Region	Midwest
State bird	Common Loon
State flower	Pink and White Lady's Slipper
State tree	Red Pine (Norway Pine)
State Fish	Walleye
State Gemstone	Lake Superior Agate
State Fruit	Honeycrisp Apple
Motto	L'Étoile du Nord (French for "The Star of the North")

For parents and teachers: This Minnesota pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

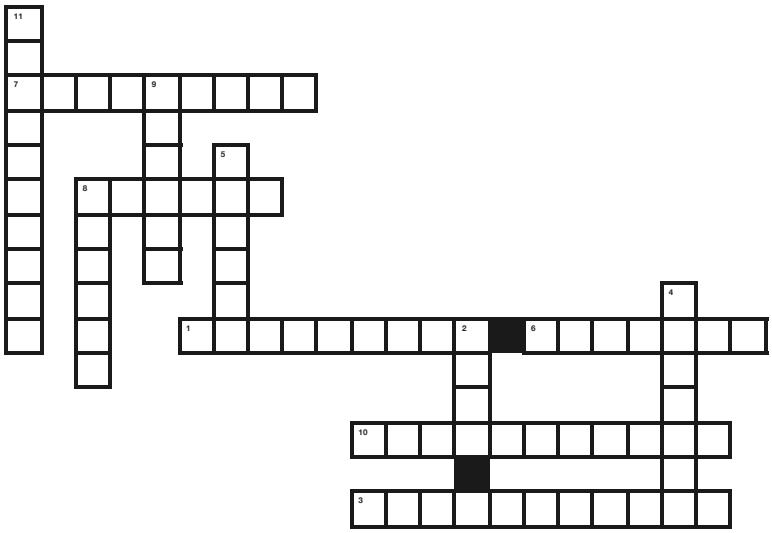
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Minnesota Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

1. The state capital, one of the Twin Cities

3. Pink and white state flower, a kind of orchid

6. State fish with big, glassy eyes

7. Nickname: the ___ State

8. Native nation whose language gave the state its name

10. Largest city in the state

DOWN

2. State bird with a spotted back and a haunting call

4. State tree, also called the Norway pine

5. Lake ___, where the Mississippi River begins

8. Port city at the western tip of Lake Superior

9. Official state sport, played on ice

11. State fruit, an apple developed at the state university

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Minnesota Places to Explore

Cities, shores and wild places from north to south

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

C	F	I	C	R	H	U	D	V	Q	V	G	J	Z	X
N	O	R	T	H	S	H	O	R	E	P	B	E	V	K
H	A	T	G	F	W	L	L	M	K	I	O	Q	C	O
J	E	L	R	V	B	R	U	O	L	P	U	X	M	B
P	Z	K	A	U	E	O	B	O	A	E	N	E	U	L
D	P	O	N	K	M	C	R	R	K	S	D	S	P	O
M	O	L	D	S	I	H	A	H	E	T	A	H	B	O
E	P	X	M	P	D	E	I	E	S	O	R	R	B	M
S	E	W	A	L	J	S	N	A	U	N	Y	L	U	I
A	L	I	R	I	I	T	E	D	P	E	W	F	Y	N
B	Y	N	A	T	W	E	R	N	E	K	A	U	X	G
I	M	O	I	R	V	R	D	B	R	X	T	Q	G	T
V	J	N	S	O	B	Z	Q	O	I	R	E	O	Y	O
Y	Z	A	E	C	D	D	R	G	O	B	R	I	X	N
Y	M	A	N	K	A	T	O	B	R	M	S	E	B	B

Word List

BOUNDARYWATERS
GRANDMARAIS
SPLITROCK
BRAINERD
WINONA
LAKESUPERIOR
NORTHSHORE
PIPESTONE
MANKATO
MESABI
BLOOMINGTON
ROCHESTER
MOORHEAD
BEMIDJI
ELY

THE MINNESOTA SUPER PACK

20 more Minnesota puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The Minnesota Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Boundary Waters camping, Iron Range mining, lake fish, Dakota and Ojibwe heritage, Twin Cities sights and brand-new state symbols like the giant beaver. Twenty puzzles, ten thousand lakes, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Minnesota Boundary Waters	Word Search
2	Minnesota Lake Fish	Word Scramble
3	Minnesota Lakes	Word Fill-In
4	Minnesota Lakes Fact	Cryptogram
5	Minnesota Cities and Towns	Word Search
6	Minnesota Winter Words	Word Scramble
7	Minnesota Forest Trees	Word Fill-In
8	Minnesota River Fact	Cryptogram
9	Minnesota Farm Country	Word Search
10	Minnesota Iron Range	Word Scramble
11	Minnesota Birds	Word Fill-In
12	Minnesota Apple Fact	Cryptogram
13	Minnesota Mississippi River	Word Search
14	Minnesota Native Nations	Word Scramble
15	Minnesota Twin Cities	Word Fill-In
16	Minnesota Name Fact	Cryptogram
17	Minnesota State Symbols	Word Search
18	Minnesota Summer at the Lake	Word Scramble
19	Minnesota Weather Watch	Word Fill-In
20	Minnesota Wolf Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Minnesota so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

- ✓ 20 new Minnesota puzzles, each with its own theme
- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
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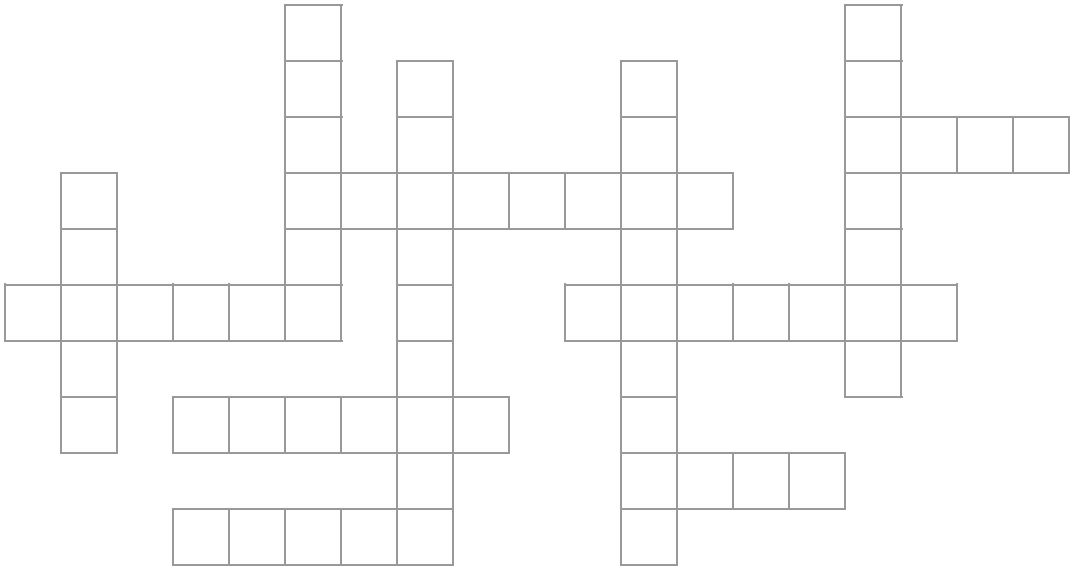
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Minnesota Animals

Creatures of the north woods, prairies and lakes

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

4 letters:	LYNX, SWAN
5 letters:	MOOSE, OTTER
6 letters:	BADGER, BEAVER, GOPHER
7 letters:	MUSKRAT, PELICAN
8 letters:	GRAYWOLF
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE, BLACKBEAR

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Minnesota Fun

Things to eat and do in the North Star State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: Minnesota words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	IOENCAGN	_____
2.	HIIFEISCNG	_____
3.	KSGAITN	_____
4.	HNOOWESS	_____
5.	CIABN	_____
6.	CERFMAPI	_____
7.	LPDAED	_____
8.	NGSDDILE	_____
9.	NUIFFM	_____
10.	OSHDTIH	_____
11.	POTONON	_____
12.	ISTOQMUO	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Minnesota Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Minnesota became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

Q T C C N K S V X Y N A X Q N

V D N V D T U V Z K N A S C B

K V X V N S C Q X Z

N H N J N C V D , N T W D V N N C

P T P V Z N T W D V .

Hints:

W = G Q = M D = H

FINISH LINE

You did it, Minnesota explorer!

You solved your way across Minnesota, the North Star State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about Minnesota. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Saint Paul.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT MINNESOTA

- Minnesota is called the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but it really has 11,842 lakes of 10 acres or more.
- The Mississippi River begins at Lake Itasca, where you can walk across the river on stepping stones.
- Itasca State Park, created in 1891, was the very first state park in Minnesota.
- Angle Inlet, in the Northwest Angle, is the northernmost town in the lower 48 states.
- The name Minnesota comes from Dakota words often translated as land where the waters reflect the clouds.
- Minnesota has more gray wolves than any other state in the lower 48, and moose roam its northern forests.
- The Honeycrisp apple was developed at the University of Minnesota and released in 1991.
- Eagle Mountain, at 2,301 feet, is the highest point in Minnesota.
- Voyageurs National Park, set up in 1975, is named for French-Canadian canoe travelers called voyageurs.
- About 5.7 million people lived in Minnesota at the 2020 Census, and Minneapolis is its largest city.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Minnesota lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for Minnesota.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of Minnesota cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Saint Paul and the North Star State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a Minnesota word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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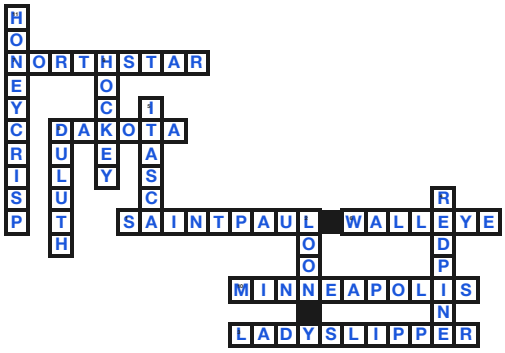
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for Minnesota facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Minnesota Crossword (Crossword)

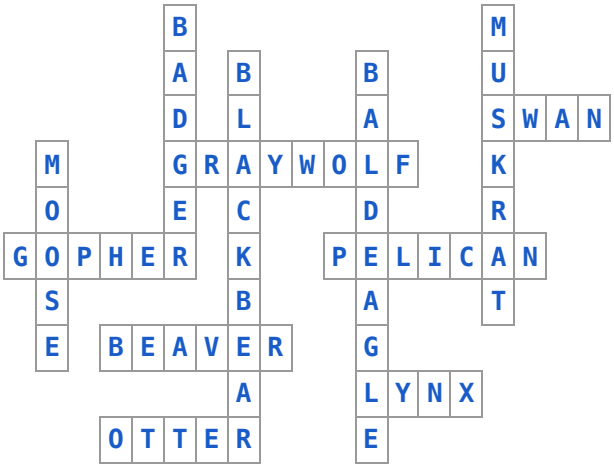


2. Minnesota Places to Explore (Word Search)

C	F	I	C	R	H	U	D	V	Q	V	G	J	Z	X
N	**O**	**R**	**T**	**H**	**S**	**H**	**O**	**R**	**E**	**P**	**B**	E	V	K
H	A	T	**G**	F	W	L	L	**M**	K	**I**	**O**	Q	C	O
J	E	L	**R**	V	**B**	**R**	U	**O**	**L**	**P**	**U**	X	M	**B**
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Answer Key

3. Minnesota Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Minnesota Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	IOENCAGN	**CANOEING**
2.	HIIFEISCNG	**ICEFISHING**
3.	KSGAITN	**SKATING**
4.	HNOOWESS	**SNOWSHOE**
5.	CIABN	**CABIN**
6.	CERFMAPI	**CAMPFIRE**
7.	LPDAED	**PADDLE**
8.	NGSDDILE	**SLEDDING**
9.	NUIFFM	**MUFFIN**
10.	OSHDTIH	**HOTDISH**
11.	POTONON	**PONTOON**
12.	ISTOQMUO	**MOSQUITO**

5. Minnesota Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

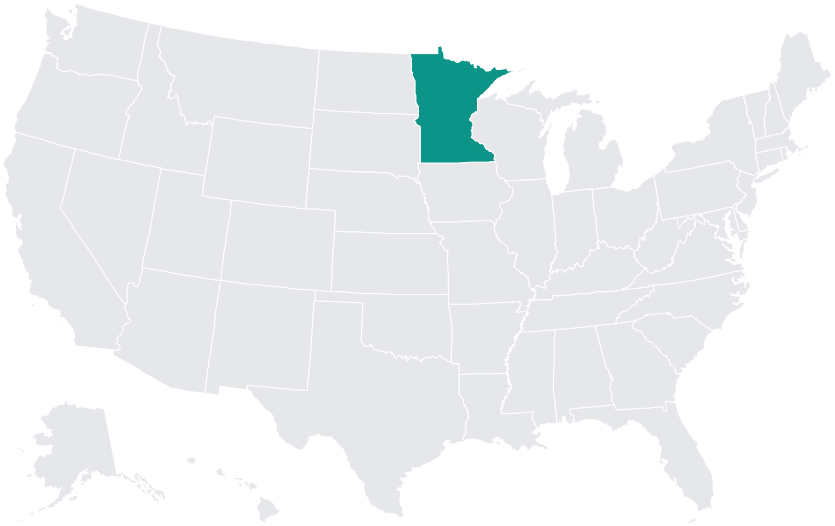
MINNESOTA BECAME THE THIRTY SECOND STATE ON MAY ELEVENTH, EIGHTEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 32 of 50

Minnesota was the 32nd state to join the Union. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Oregon.

Learning capitals too? Our 50 States: Capital, Abbreviation & Nickname flash card deck covers every capital, postal code and nickname in 150 cards for $1.29.



- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
- [ ] Arizona
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