



Manitoba's Forest of Blue

The Canadian province's boreal region boasts lakes, rivers, and wetlands of international significance

Facts:

- Manitoba's boreal region has more than 8,000 lakes that are 1 square kilometer (247 acres) or larger.
- Manitoba's boreal lakes cover at least 83,000 square kilometers (20.5 million acres), an area equivalent in size to Austria.
- The Hudson Bay Lowlands comprise the third-largest wetland network on Earth.
- Manitoba's 200,000 square kilometers (49 million acres) of wetlands naturally purify water, filtering pollutants such as nitrogen and phosphorous, and helping the province's boreal forest store 19 billion metric tons of carbon.
- Lake Winnipeg is the world's 10th-largest freshwater lake.
- The Saskatchewan River Delta is one of North America's largest inland freshwater deltas, nearly twice the size of Prince Edward Island.
- Manitoba's "Great Lakes"—Winnipeg, Winnipegosis, and Manitoba—are home to more than 200,000 nesting birds.

