Historical Marker - S120 - Lake Michigan (Marker ID#:S120)





Significant Date:

Native People and the French (< 1760)

Registry Year: 1957 Erected Date: 1957

Marker Location

Address: US-2, 6 miles west of St Ignace

City: Moran Township
State: MI ZipCode:

County: Mackinac
Township: Moran

Lat: 45.88375000 / Long: -84.83577100

Web URL:

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Lake Michigan

This lake, the sixth largest in the world, was discovered in 1634 by Jean Nicolet, who explored this north shore to Green Bay but found no Orientals as the French in Quebec had hoped he would. The general size and outline of the lake was established in the 1670s by Marquette and Jolliet. They named it Lake Michigan. Its elongated shape was an obstacle to transcontinental expansion, but its waters soon proved a real boon to commerce.

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