



**Flag:**



The design on Michigan's deep blue field has three mottoes: On a red ribbon - "One Nation Made Up of Many States" On a blue shield - "I will Defend" On a white ribbon - "If You Seek a Pleasant Peninsula, Look Around" On the blue shield the sun rises over a lake and peninsula, a man with raised hand and holding a gun represents peace and the ability to defend his rights. The elk and moose are symbols of Michigan, while the eagle represents the United States. Flag adopted 1911.



**Michigan**

**Michigan has been known as the Wolverine State** from at least 1846, when it first appeared in the "Knickerbocker Magazine", although "Wolverine" for an inhabitant of Michigan goes back at least 10 years earlier. Nobody is quite sure exactly why this name should have been applied, as there is no evidence that wolverines actually existed in the state. It is likely that the name was given to Michiginians because of their vicious and gluttonous actions, either by the Ohians during the Toledo War (over a disputed strip of land around Toledo) or by the Indians who saw how aggressively the land was being taken. Michigan is also known as the **Lake State**, or the **Great Lakes State** (which appeared on the state licence plates) for its proximity to Lake Michigan, but this name conflicts with the "Lake States", given to the states which border the Great Lakes. To avoid this conflict, some have turned it into the **Lady of the Lake** and the more remote **Water Wonderland**. Detroit's heavy car manufacturing industry has also led some to refer to the **Auto State**.

**Economy:**

**Agriculture:** Dairy products, apples, blueberries, cattle, vegetables, hogs, corn, nursery stock, soybeans.

**Industry:** Motor vehicles and parts, machinery, fabricated metal products, food processing, chemical products, mining, tourism.