

165 Years of Lake Minnetonka Ice-Out History

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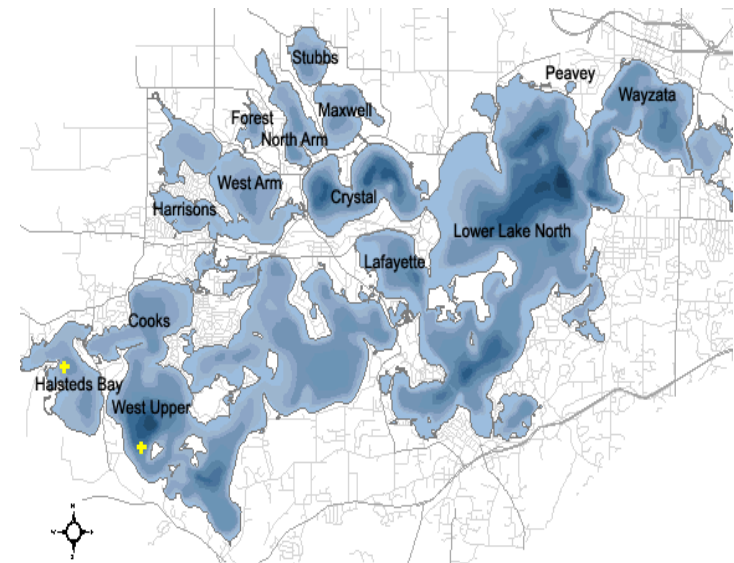
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Lake Minnetonka Ice-Out Facts

- Earliest ice-out: March 11, 1878
- Latest ice-out: May 5, 1857 and 2018
- Most common ice-out: April 17, 18 and 19
- April 14 is the median – half are before that date and half after.

For many years, the latest ice-out was attributed to May 8, 1856. In 2013, the Minnesota Climatology Working Group raised questions about the accuracy of that date based on temperature records showing that April 1856 was very warm.