



## Bathymetric Data

Overview: This document (attached) will help your students explore bathymetric maps of the Great Lakes! There are a few instructions on how to get things set up for the students to explore (it's easy, I promise!) but after that the students can explore the Great Lakes. Also check out the Great Lakes Tour via Google Earth!

Subject Areas: Science, Information Technology

Grade Levels: 6-8, 9-12, College

Topics: Earth Science/Geology, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Great Lakes Literacy Principles:

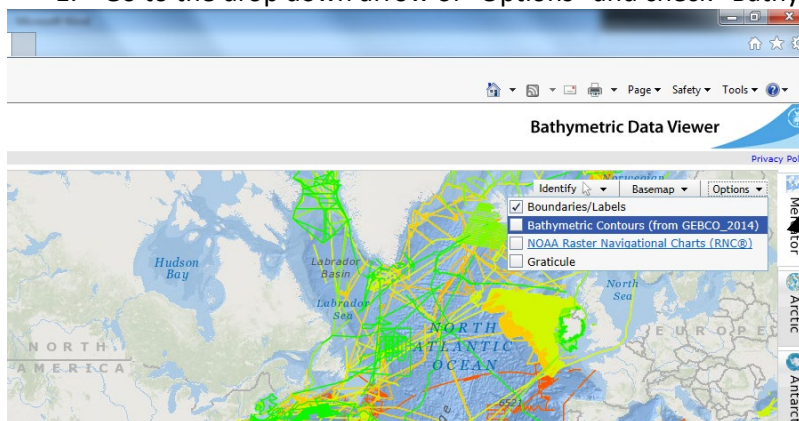
1. The Great Lakes, bodies of fresh water with many features, are connected to each other and to the world ocean.
2. Natural forces formed the Great Lakes; the lakes continue to shape the features of their watershed.

Materials:

<http://maps.ngdc.noaa.gov/viewers/bathymetry/>

To get Bathymetric Data:

1. Go to the drop down arrow of "Options" and check "Bathymetric Contours"



## 2. Check “DEM Color Shaded Relief Imagery”

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**Layers**

**Bathymetric Surveys**

- Multibeam Bathymetric Surveys
- Single-Beam (Trackline) Bathymetric Surveys

**NOS Hydrographic Surveys:**

- Surveys with BAGs (Bathymetric Attributed Grids)
- Surveys with Digital Sounding Data
- Surveys without Digital Sounding Data

- BAG Color Shaded Relief Imagery

**Digital Elevation Models (DEMs)**

- DEM Footprints
- DEM Color Shaded Relief Imagery

**Bathymetric Lidar**

- Coastal Lidar Datasets available from [NOAA's Office for Coastal Management](#)

## 3. Now zoom into the Great Lakes by using the slider or by using your mouse to roll the wheel forward

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University of Wisconsin... Suggested Sites... Web Slice Gallery

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**Legend**

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Position: 110.115°, 45.366°  
Elevation: 640 meters

100m  
40m

100%

## 4. The measurements are in meters.

Have students try to find the deepest and/or shallowest points in each Great Lake.