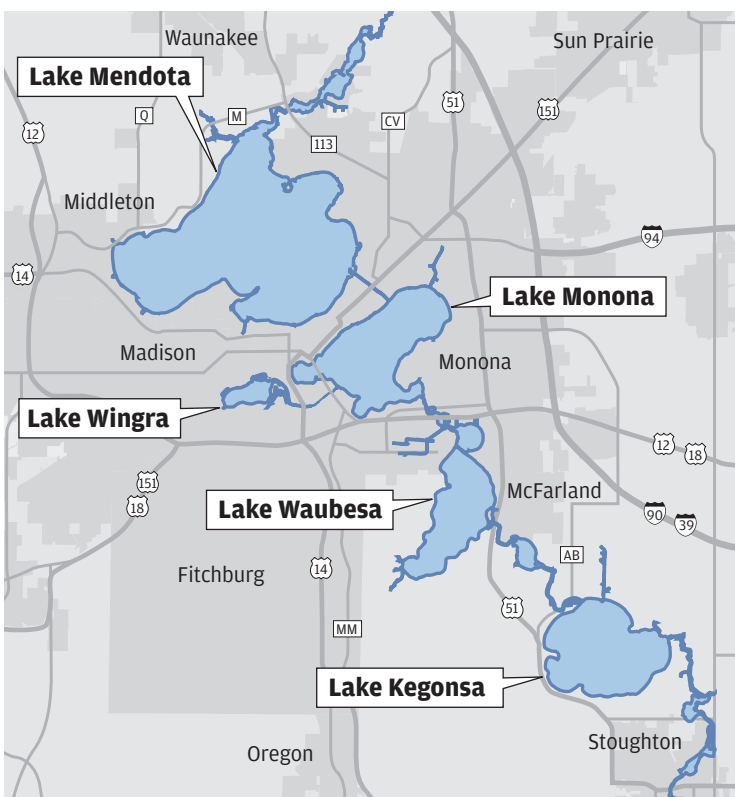


Wide spots in the Yahara

The Yahara chain of lakes runs right through the middle of a half-million people. The four largest lakes are connected by the Yahara River.

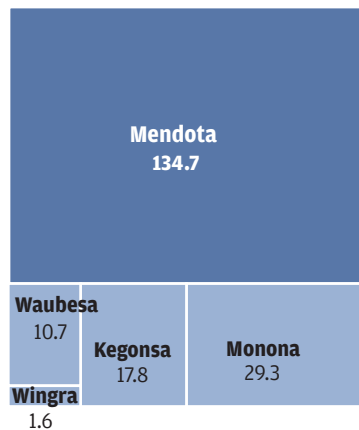


Comparing the lakes

Standing at the water's edge it's not always apparent how much the lakes vary in size.

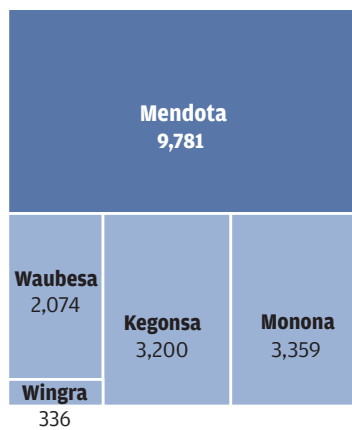
Billions of gallons

Lake Mendota holds twice the water of the others taken together.



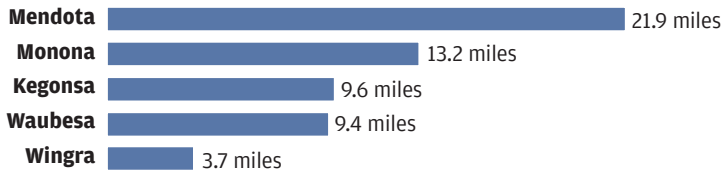
On the surface

Lake Mendota also covers more acreage than the others combined.



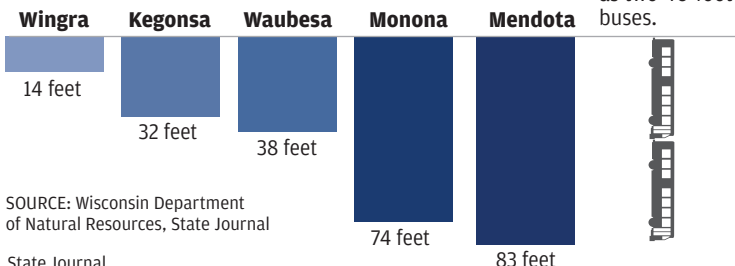
Shoreline

Even though Lake Kegonsa holds more water and covers more acreage than Lake Waubesa, the length of their main shoreline is nearly identical.



Depth

Lake Monona's deepest hole rivals Lake Mendota's.



SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, State Journal

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