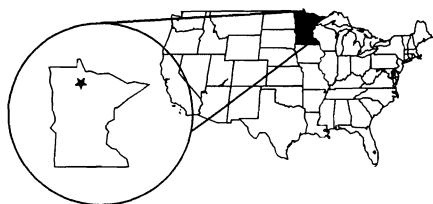


RED LAKE OJIBWE



The Red Lake Ojibwe nation resides in north central Minnesota on a reservation named for the large lake in its center. That lake—actually two, Upper Red Lake and Lower Red Lake, connected by a very narrow mouth—is the central element of the tribal seal [see Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe].

Placed on a white flag, the circular seal of the Red Lake Ojibwe depicts an accurate image in blue of these lakes and the rivers that feed them. Four blue stars next to the lake may represent reservation towns. Below the lakes is a grove of conifers, the pine forests of northern Minnesota. These elements are surrounded by a ring edged in red on both the inside and outside. Around the top of the ring appear seven totem animals of the Ojibwe, which also reflect the area's wildlife: the bear, turtle, catfish, otter, eagle, weasel, and kingfisher, all in black. In the lower ring appears "RED LAKE NATION" in red. Two white-and-black eagle feathers hang from the lower left and lower right, turning the seal into an image recalling the warrior shields of the past. ☛

