

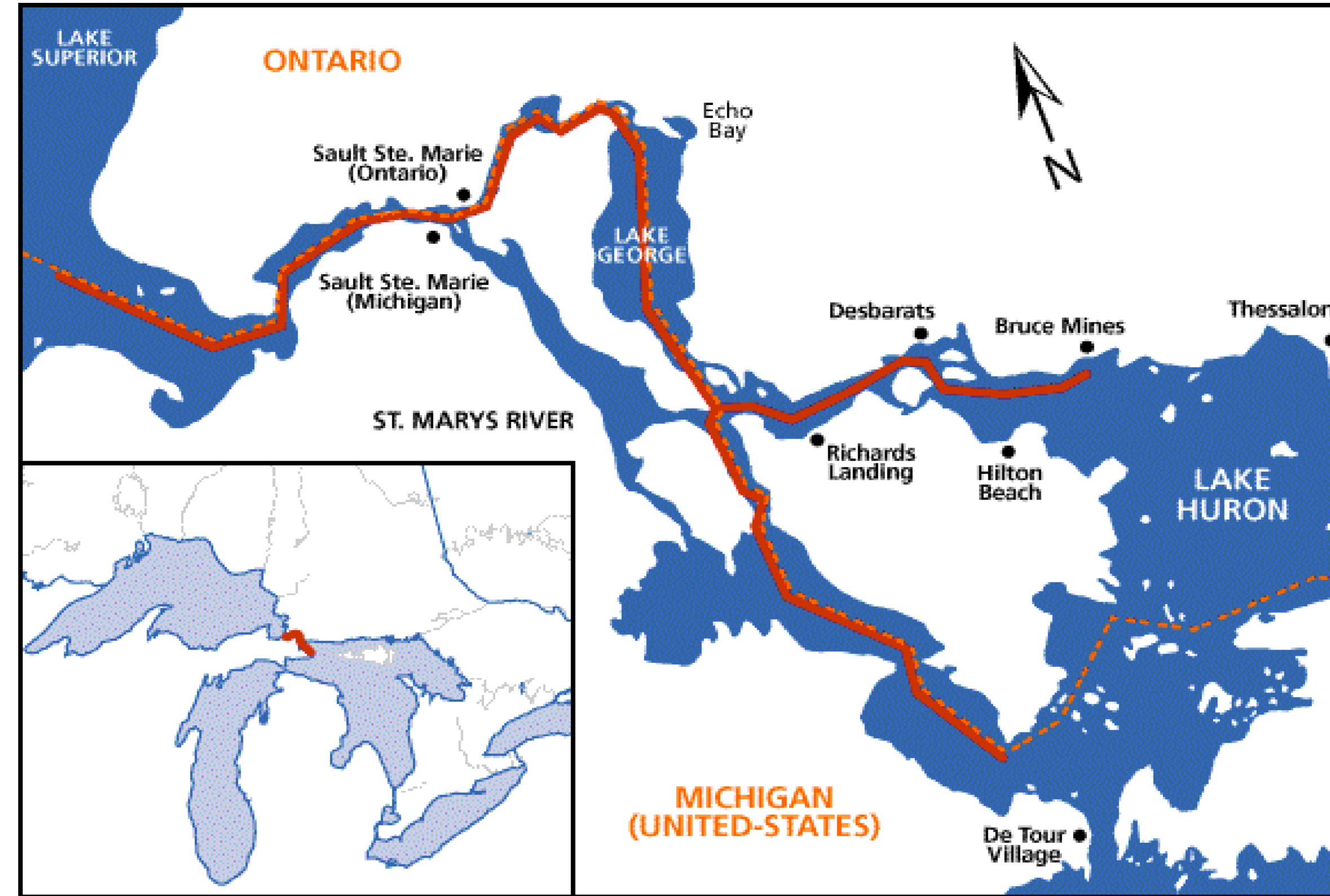
# St. Marys River Heritage Waterway

## Quick Facts – Recreational Value

The St. Marys River Waterway was designated as part of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System in 2000 in order to recognize and protect outstanding human heritage and recreational values.

### Quick Facts:

- 125 kilometres long
- fall of between 21 and 22 feet (6.4 metres) at the rapids between Lake Superior and Lake Huron
- Named rivière Sainte-Marie by French explorers
- Flows eastward out of Lake Superior into Lake Huron
- The hydrogeological and ecological link between three of the Great Lakes
- An international border between Michigan and Ontario
- Remains a key transportation link
- Multi-jurisdictional approach to maintaining water quality and stewardship of the natural environment



Source: Canadian Heritage Rivers System [chrs.ca/the-rivers/st-marys/](http://chrs.ca/the-rivers/st-marys/)

### Recreational Value

The area contains a wide variety of water-based recreational activities.

By land: The Voyageur Trail, hiking trails, boardwalks and waterfront parks.

By water: Sailing, motor and pleasure boats, tour boats, canoes, kayaks

From both land and water:  
Fishing - species include whitefish, perch, walleye, lake trout, pike, bass, salmon and rainbow trout.

Seasonal recreation:  
Summer: Swimming, waterskiing, windsurfing and scuba diving  
Winter: Skating, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.



Source: <http://www.hubtrail.com/> and <http://www.saulttourism.com/>



The Sault's Hub Trail and waterfront boardwalk are part of the city's 22.6 km long multi-use non-motorized trail.



Source: <http://hiltonbeach.com/our-community/hilton-beach-marina/>

Marina at Hilton Beach, Ontario



Source: <http://www.soolocks.com/>

Tour boats invite tourists to get up close to the lake freighters!



Source: <http://batchewana.ca/communities/whitefish-island/>

Fishermen catch whitefish, pickerel, trout and salmon all year long at the rapids adjacent to Whitefish Island. Earliest description of First Nations fishing methods was recorded by Jesuit missionaries between 1669-1671.