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Tribal Reservations in the Mississippi River Corridor¹

Tribe	Reservation Lands	Date and Establishment	Tribal Enrollment
Minnesota²			
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians ³	Tribal trust land - 598,375 acres Individual land - 102 acres Beltrami, Clearwater, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, and Roseau Counties	1863 treaty and subsequent land agreements, modern reservation established in 1904 act; only “closed” reservation in MN	16,671
Upper Sioux Community ⁴	Tribal trust land – 1,933 acres Individual land – 2 acres	Federal allotments returning land to the Community in 1938	523

¹ There are different forms of land ownership in Native American communities. This table distinguishes differing reservation title/ownership where publicly accessible is provided. Generally, Tribal lands and allotted lands are typically held in trust by the federal government. Government land, which the government holds title to but is not held in trust for a tribe (often are national forest lands or state parks). Fee lands are wholly owned by a tribe or individual member, and the federal government typically doesn’t play any role. See *generally* CONG. RSCH. SERV., IF11944, TRIBAL LANDS: AN OVERVIEW (Oct. 14, 2021), available at <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/IF11944.pdf>.

² Minnesota tribal information taken from MINN. HOUSE RSCH. DEP’T, AMERICAN INDIANS, INDIAN TRIBES, AND STATE GOVERNMENT (Feb. 2023), available at <https://www.house.mn.gov/hrd/pubs/indiangeb.pdf>; *The Six Reservations of the MCT*, Zaagi Bagaang, <https://zaagibagaang.com/6reservations> (last visited July 29, 2024).

³ Red Lake Nation, *Tribal History and Historic Photos*, <https://www.redlakenation.org/tribal-history-historical-photos/> (last visited Aug. 4, 2024).

⁴ Minn. Indian Aff. Council, *Pezihutazizi / Oyate (Upper Sioux Community)*, <https://mn.gov/indian-affairs/tribal-nations-in-minnesota/pezhutazizi-oyate-upper-sioux-community.jsp> (last visited Aug. 4, 2024).

	Chippewa and Yellow Medicine Counties		
Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community ⁵	Tribal trust land - 3,404 acres Individual land - 38 acres Scott County	1851 treaty and subsequent federal land allotments	500 (estimated)
Prairie Island Indian Community ⁶	Tribal trust land - 3,374 acres Individual land- 146 acres Goodhue County	Federal land allotments in late 1800s and Indian reorganization Act of 1934	1,103
Lower Sioux Indian Community ⁷	Tribal trust land - 1,949 acres Redwood and Renville Counties	1851 treaty and subsequent federal land allotments	1,261
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake)	Tribal trust land - 29,271 acres Individual land - 13,247 acres Itasca, Koochiching, and St. Louis Counties	1854 treaty and 1881 executive order established a 1,000 acres reservation; the Tribe recently regained 28,000 acres through a deal with The Conservation Fund ⁸	3,632
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Fond du Lac Band	Tribal trust land - 17,593 acres Individual land - 16,134 acres Government land - 38 acres Carlton and St. Louis Counties	LaPointe Treaty of 1854	4,128

⁵ Shakopee Mdwakanton Sioux Community, *Our History*, <https://www.shakopeedakota.org/culture/our-native-american-history> (last visited Aug. 4, 2024).

⁶ Prairie Island Indian Community, *Our Land*, <https://prairieisland.org/who-we-are/our-land> (last visited Aug. 4, 2024).

⁷ Minn. Indian Aff. Council, *Cansa'yapi / Lower Sioux Indian Community*, <https://mn.gov/indian-affairs/tribal-nations-in-minnesota/cansayapi-lower-sioux-indian-community.jsp> (last visited Aug. 4, 2024).

⁸ It is unclear if this recently acquired land has trust status. The Conservation Fund, *Minnesota Chippewa Tribe – Bois Forte Band*, <https://www.conservationfund.org/projects/minnesota-chippewa-tribe-bois-forte-band> (last visited July 29, 2024).

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Grand Portage Band	Tribal trust land - 40,099 acres Individual land - 6,948 acres Cook County	1854 treaty	1,024
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Leech Lake Band	Tribal trust land - 14,922 acres Individual land - 13,001 acres Government land - 140 acres Beltrami, Cass, Hubbard, and Itasca Counties	1855 treaty established the reservation but several more treaties in 1873, and 1874 added lands following an executive order reducing the size of the reservation	9,895
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Mille Lacs Band	Tribal trust land - 5,500 acres Individual land - 3,633 acres Aitkin, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, and Pine Counties	1855 treaty	4,946
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - White Earth Band	Tribal trust land - 65,267 acres Individual land - 3,357 acres Government land - 790 acres Mahnomon, Becker, and Clearwater Counties	1867 treaty	17,193

Wisconsin ⁹			
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Tribally owned land - 57,884 acres Fee land - 60,864 acres Municipal land - 2,970 acres Ashland and Iron Counties	Treaty of 1854	6,945
Forest County Potawatomi Community	Trust land - 9,000 acres Fee land - 3,00 acres Forest County	Land purchases in 1913	1,400

⁹ Wisconsin tribal information taken from WISC. DEP'T ADMIN., TRIBES OF WISCONSIN (updated July 2024), available at https://doa.wi.gov/DIR/Tribes_of_Wisconsin.pdf.

Ho-Chunk Nation	Trust land - 3,535 acres Fee land - 5,328 acres Lands scattered throughout Wisconsin	Land purchases by Tribe	6,563
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Tribally owned land - 24,365 acres Individual allotments - 23,652 acres Fee land - 6,072 acres Sawyer County	1854 Treaty of La Pointe	7,275
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Tribal land - 39,403 acres Individual allotments - 18,532 acres Fee land - 28,665 acres Vilas County	Treaties in 1837 and 1842	3,415
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin	235,524 acres, 98% of which are trust lands Menominee County	1854 treaty, reservation status reestablished by 1973 Menominee Restoration Act	8,720
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians	Trust land - 16,255 acres Fee land - 5,884 acres Shawano County	1856 treaty	15,565
Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin	Tribally owned land 23,122 acres Tribal trust land - 10,904 acres Fee land - 12,208 acres Brown and Outagamie Counties	1838 treaty	16,567
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Tribally owned land - 6,404 acres Individual allotments - 1,917 acres Fee land - 6,220 acres Bayfield County	1854 treaty	5,312

St. Croix Chippewa Community ¹⁰	Tribally owned land - 2,126 acres Fee land - 2,563 acres Burnett County	1934 Indian Reorganization Act	1,054
Sokaogon Chippewa Community	Reservation - 1,930 acres Trust land - 1,320 acres Fee land - 1,584 acres Forest County	1934 Reorganization Act allowed for land purchase	1,377

Iowa			
Meskwaki Nation (Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa) ¹¹	8,100-acre settlement Tama, Marshall, and Palo Alto Counties	Land purchased by the Tribe over the years since 1857; privately owned and not set aside as a reservation	1,450

Illinois			
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation ¹²	130 acres DeKalb County	2024 following the Dep't of Interior placed the Tribe's recently acquired lands into trust	5,000

¹⁰ St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, *Who We Are: A History of the St. Croix People*, <https://stcroixojibwe-nsn.gov/culture/who-we-are/> (last visited Aug. 2, 2024).

¹¹ Meskwaki Nation - Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, *The Meskwaki Nation's History*, <https://www.meskwaki.org/history/> (last visited July 28, 2024).

¹² Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, News, In a Historic Announcement from the U.S. Government, Illinois is Once Again Home to a Federally Recognized Tribal Nation, (Apr. 19, 2024), <https://www.pbpindiantribe.com/in-a-historic-announcement-from-the-u-s-government-illinois-is-once-again-home-to-a-federally-recognized-tribal-nation/>; Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, *Tribal Enrollment*, <https://www.pbpindiantribe.com/enrollment/#:~:text=There%20are%20nearly%205%2C000%20enrolled%20members%20of%20the%20Prairie%20Band%20Potawatom%20Nation> (last visited July 26, 2024).

Mississippi			
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ¹³	35,000 acres of trust land in eight reservation areas	1830 treaty Reorganization Act of 1934	11,052

Louisiana			
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana ¹⁴	963 acres (445 acres are trust lands) St. Mary Parish	Tribe occupies some of its original lands; sued federal gov for fraction of title in 1846, and subsequent land purchases	1,300
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana ¹⁵	6,000 acres Allen and surrounding Parishes	In 1880s, the Tribe utilized Homestead Act of 1862 to receive public land for small registration fees	865
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians ¹⁶	63.5 acres Grant Parish	Established in 2007 via Bureau of Indian Affairs administrative proclamation	400
Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe of Louisiana ¹⁷	1,717 acres (703 are trust lands) Avoyelles and Rapides Parishes	2011 fee to trust land acquisition	1,226 (42% live on/near reservation)

¹³ 2023 STATE OF THE TRIBE, MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW 6 (2023), available at <https://www.choctaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2023-State-of-the-Tribe-digital.pdf>; Deborah Boykin, *Choctaw Indians in the 21st Century*, MISS. HISTORY NOW (Dec. 2022), <https://www.mshistorynow.mdah.ms.gov/issue/choctaw-indians-in-the-21st-century>.

¹⁴ Sovereign Nation of the Chitimacha, *Tribal History*, <https://www.chitimacha.gov/history-culture/tribal-history> (last visited Aug. 7, 2024).

¹⁵ Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, *Tribal History*, <https://koasatiheritage.org/pages/tribal-history/> (last visited July 24, 2024); Sheri Shuck-Hall, Linda P. Langley, Raynella Fontenot, *Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana*, 64 PARISHES <https://64parishes.org/entry/coushatta-tribe-of-louisiana> (last visited Aug. 7, 2024).

¹⁶ Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, of Louisiana, 72 Fed. Reg. 15711 (Apr. 2, 2007), available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2007-04-02/pdf/E7-6049.pdf>; Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, *History*, <https://www.jenachoctaw.org/culture-history/history> (last visited Aug. 2, 2024).

¹⁷ U.S. Dep't Int. Letter to Early Barby, Sr. Chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana (Aug. 11, 2011), available at <https://turtletalk.blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/tunica-biloxi-carcieri-ruling-from-interior.pdf>; Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, *A Promise from the Sun (History)*, <https://www.tunicabiloxi.org/history/> (last visited Aug. 5, 2024).