

CRYSTAL LAKE WATERSHED TIMELINE

Dates	Events
2,000,000-10,000 BP	Pleistocene epoch (extensive glaciations)
18,000 -5,000 BP	Late Wisconsin glaciations
10,000 BP to present	Holocene period (post-glacial)
14,000 BP	Lake Chicago - Lake Maumee stage
11,000 -9,000 BP	Lake Algonquin stage
6,000 -4,000 BP	Lake Nipissing stage
~3900- 2900 BP	Gradual isolation of Crystal Lake from Lake Michigan
~ 2,000 BP	Final embayment of Crystal Lake from Lake Michigan
ca. 280 BP	Final stage of lower Great Lakes levels
1634	Discovery of Lake Michigan by Jean Nicolet
1675	Exploration of Lake Michigan shoreline (Point Betsie - Frankfort) by Père Jacques Marquette
1679	<i>Le Griffon</i> , first sailing ship on Lake Michigan, captained by Robert de La Salle
1721	Lake Michigan shoreline (Point Betsie - Frankfort) explored by Pierre de Charlevoix
1805	Territory of Michigan established
1822	Fur traders at Sleeping Bear
1837	State of Michigan established
1838-39	Original land survey of Benzie County and Cap (Crystal)
1842	First map with Crystal Lake labeled
1845	Deforestation of the Lake Michigan basin begins
1856	Continuation of original survey of Benzie County with sketches of townships, details of lakes and rivers
1858	Benzonia Colony founded
1858	Construction of Point Betsie Lighthouse
1859	Crystal Lake Township established
1859	Village of Frankfort established

1860	Congregational Church in Benzonia established
1860-1890	Logging era
1862	Road from Benzonia to Manistee built
1863	Road from Benzonia to Traverse City built
1863	Benzie County established
1863	Levels of Great Lakes recorded
1863	Founding of Grand Traverse College (1863 to 1888), Benzonia College (1888 to 1900) and Benzonia Academy (1900 to 1918)
1867	Dredging of Frankfort Harbor
1868	Land grant plats of Benzie County
1871	Crystal Lake Cemetery established
1873	Lake Township founded
1873	Lowering of Herdman's Bay (Round Lake) by Betsie River Improvement Co.
1873	Lowering of Crystal Lake by Betsie River Improvement Co.
1875	Point Betsie Life Saving Station established
1884	Toledo, Ann Arbor & Northern Michigan Railway Company formed from predecessor railroads
1889	<i>Benzie County Record Patriot</i> founded
1895	Ann Arbor Railroad Company incorporated
1899	Royal Frontenac Hotel built (burned 1912)
1904	Congregational Summer Assembly moves to Frankfort
1909	Establishment of legal lake level for Crystal Lake
1912	Planting of smelt in Crystal Lake
1915	Outlet dam constructed
1922	Cherry Hut Restaurant established
1924	Frankfort Harbor dredging
1927	Crystal Downs Country Club founded
1931	Crystal Lake Yacht Club founded
1935	Chimney Corners Resort established

1941	First planting of lake trout
1942	Installation of gauge on Outlet
1958	Benzonia-Beulah Centennial
1970	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore established by National Park Service
1975	Cold Creek sediment basin built
1980	Establishment of summer/winter lake levels by court
1987	Cold Creek development plan
1989	Benzie County ordinance for premises with sewage disposal systems
1991	Trapp Farm Nature Preserve established by Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
1994	Benzie County adopts Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay District Ordinance
1998	Benzie County Comprehensive Plan: Sensitive Lands and Water Resources Report
2004	Crystal Lake & Watershed Association formed by merger of Crystal Lake Watershed Fund and Crystal Lake Association
2013	CLWA opens boat washing station at DNR Crystal Lake Boating Access Site
2014	Electronic lake level monitor installed at Crystal Lake Outlet
2014	All townships around Crystal Lake pass boat washing ordinances
2016	Betsie River/Crystal Lake Watershed Management Plan approved