

Keuka Lake Fun Facts

- Elevation: 715 feet
- Surface Area: 11,584 acres
- Length: 19.6 miles
- Maximum width: 1.9 miles
- Maximum depth: 183 feet
- Keuka Lake is the 3rd largest Finger Lake (Seneca Lake is the largest and deepest in the state of New York. Cayuga Lake is longest and 2nd largest in surface area.)
- The Keuka Lake Watershed has been home to humans for nearly 9,000 years, shortly after the Ice Age ended.
- Approximately 20,000 people currently live in the Keuka Lake Watershed.
- In the Iroquois language, “Keuka” means “canoe landing.” In the Seneca language, it means “lake with an elbow.”
- Early European settlers called the lake “Crooked Lake” because of its shape.
- Grape production around Keuka Lake, for wine production and eating, began in about 1840.
- The lake’s name was changed to “Lake Keuka” in the late 1860s because grape growers did not want their business dealings to be associated with the word “crooked.”
- The town of Branchport (home to the Finger Lakes Museum & Aquarium), lies at the tip of the northwest arm. Penn Yan is at the tip of the northeast arm. The Village of Hammondsport lies at the south end of the lake.
- Keuka Lake is the only lake in the country that flows both north (from Hammondsport) and south (from Branchport). It has one outlet, the Keuka Lake Outlet (in Penn Yan), that flows into Seneca Lake.
- Water from the Keuka Lake Watershed (an area that spans 110,000 acres) flows into Keuka Lake through many streams and tributaries, including Sugar Creek which is located on the edge of the Finger Lakes Museum & Aquarium’s campus.

For more information:

Keuka Lake, New York: <http://www.keukalake.com/>

Keuka Lake Association: <https://www.keukalakeassociation.org/post.php?id=8>

Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes:

<http://www.corningfingerlakes.com/attractions/keuka-lake>

