

## Member Node Description: Global Lake Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON)

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### General

**Name of resource:** Global Lake Ecological Observatory Network (GLEON)  
**URL(s):** <http://gleon.org/>  
<https://poseidon.limnology.wisc.edu/metacatui/>  
**Institutional affiliation(s):** University of Wisconsin  
**Primary geographic location:** Madison, Wisconsin, USA  
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**Age of resource:** Since 2005  
**Funding support:** NSF; the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and other international funding sources  
**Proposed Unique Identifier:** urn:node:GLEON

### Content

**Content description/collection policy (1 paragraph, domain and spatial/temporal coverage, uniqueness of content, exclusions, as applicable):**

GLEON is

- A worldwide network of instrumented buoys on lakes, placing critical lake information at the fingertips of researchers, managers, and the general public
- A research environment that fosters collaboration across disciplines and political borders
- An international community of scientists, educators, policy makers, and citizens invested in the future of fresh waters
- GLEON conducts innovative science by sharing and interpreting high-resolution sensor data to understand, predict and communicate the role and response of lakes in a changing global environment.

**Types of data (complex objects, text, image, video, audio, other):**

High frequency sensor data and manual monitoring lake data, plus harmonized, multi-lake data products.

**Data and metadata availability (rights, licensing, restrictions):**

Please see GLEON data use policy:

[http://gleon.org/sites/default/files/pdf/data/2009\\_October\\_15\\_GLEON\\_data\\_access\\_policy.pdf](http://gleon.org/sites/default/files/pdf/data/2009_October_15_GLEON_data_access_policy.pdf)

**Option for embargo (yes/no, duration):**

Yes, determined by individual data owners.

**Size of holdings (number and size of datasets, mean and median granules (files) per dataset):**

In development at this time (9/2014)

**Please describe recent usage statistics, if known, including information on annual data product downloads, annual number of users, annual number of data products used in publications:**

Not available

**User interactions**

**How does a user contribute data? (what can be deposited, how are data prepared, are specific software required, documentation/support available)**

Data may be provided by GLEON members using the metadata editor Morpho.

**How does a user acquire / access data?**

Via searching the GLEON DataONE member node site, or DataONE.

**What user support services are available (both for depositing and accessing/using data)?**

Some user support is provided by the University of Wisconsin, Center for Limnology (see technical contact above)

**How does the resource curate data at the time of deposit?**

Data are documented in the Ecological Metadata Language and general best practices are published on the GLEON website <http://gleon.org/data/best-practices>

**Technical characteristics and policies**

**Software platform description, incl. data search and access API(s):**

DataONE member node software stack.

**Service reliability (including recent uptime statistics, frequency of hardware refresh, if known):**

**Preservation reliability (including replication/backup, integrity checks, format migration, disaster planning):**

General best practices for on-site and off-site backup are followed for all data managed at the Center for Limnology, which includes the North Temperate Lakes LTER data.

**User authentication technology (incl. level of create/modify/delete access by users):**

Not yet fully determined. Probably an in-house LDAP.

**Data identifier system and data citation policy, if available:**

Identifiers and data citation are assigned according to LTER and KNB policies.

**Metadata standards (including provenance):**

Ecological Metadata Language

**Capacity/services to DataONE**

**At what functional tier will you initially be operating? (see <http://bit.ly/MNFactSheet> for definitions)**

☐ Tier 1: Read only, public content

- ☐ Tier 2: Read only with access control
- ☒ Tier 3: Read/write using client tools
- ☐ Tier 4: Able to operate as a replication target

**If you can host data from other member nodes, what storage capacity is available?**

N/A

**Can you provide computing capacity to the broader network? If so, please describe.**

N/A

## **Other Services**

**What other services or resources (such as expertise, software development capacity, educational/training resources, or software tools) can be provided of benefit to the broader network?**

We have, and will continue to organize training workshops for data management. We have some software development capacity in R, php, XML, Drupal, etc.