

Dakhóta Place Names

Dakhóta Term	Meaning	Current Name
Anún̄kha	On both sides	Anoka
Bdé Makhá Ská	Lake white earth	Bde Maka Ska
Bdé Mathó Ská	White bear lake	White Bear Lake
Bdé Óta Othún̄we	Village of lakes	Minneapolis
Bdé Umán̄	Other lake	Lake Harriet
Bdóte	Mouth of a river or stream flowing into a lake, sea, or another river	Mendota (located at the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers)
Čhaské	Firstborn son	Chaska
Ĥháhá Wakpá	Waterfall river	Mississippi River
Imnížaska Othún̄we	White cliffs village	St. Paul
Kap'óža	Travel lightly	Kaposia
Makhátho	The bluish hue of the soil at the bottom of the Blue Earth River	Mankato
Mathó Bdé	Bear lake	Mahtomedi
Mniĥáha Wakpádan̄	Mniĥáha is water trickling/running down (as a waterfall); wakpádan̄ is a small creek or stream.	Minnehaha Creek
Mniówe Sní	Cold water spring	Coldwater Spring
Mnísota Makhóče	Land where the waters reflect the skies or heavens	Minnesota
Mnísota Wakpá	Minnesota river	Minnesota River
Mní Thán̄ka	Big water	Minnetonka
Oĥéyawahe	A hill much visited; the hill of the relatives	Pilot Knob
Owámniyomni	Turbulent water; whirlpool or eddy	St. Anthony Falls
Owóthaŋna	To be straight, upright; have integrity, be honest, just, candid, outright	Owatonna
Šákpe, K'aíš Šákpedan̄	Six or little six	Shakopee
Uŋčí Makhá Park	Grandmother earth park	Uŋčí Makhá Park
Wakhán̄ Thípi	Sacred dwelling Health giving and gathering site	Wakan Tipi
Winún̄na	Firstborn girl; oldest daughter	Winona
Wíta Thán̄ka	Big island Creation site; birthing site	Pike Island