

Some current place names with tribal origins

- Devil's Lake — From the Ho-Chunk “Tewakaçak,” meaning “Sacred Lake.” It was renamed by white settlers who sometimes associated sacred tribal places with the devil.

- Portage — From the Ho-Chunk “Wąwą’a,” meaning “to portage” a canoe

- Mazomanie — From the name of the Ho-Chunk tribesman “Maşimañiga,” or “Iron Walker”

- Kegonsa — From the Ojibwe “Giigoons,” meaning “little fish”

- Wausau — From the Ojibwe “Waasaa,” meaning a “great distance”

- Manitou Island — From the Ojibwe “Manidoo-minis,” meaning “Spirit Island”

- Oshkosh — From the Menominee chief “Oskas,” whose name means “claw”

- Menominee — From the Menominee “Manōmaeh,” which means “wild rice”

Sources: Jim St. Arnold; “Indian Names on Wisconsin’s Map” by Virgil Vogel; Wisconsin tribes