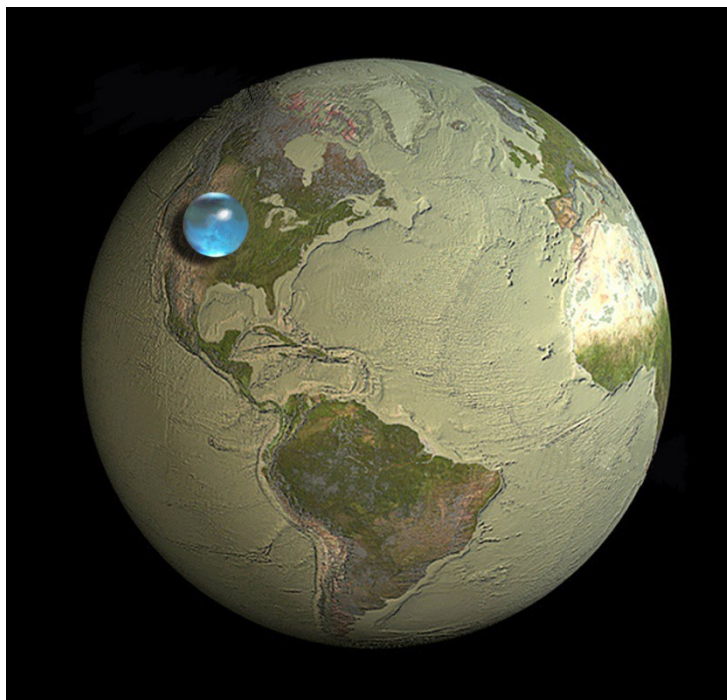


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Where On Earth Is Our Water?



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See that big blue sphere resting on the Earth in the photo?

It represents all the water we have on Earth.

All the water on, in and above the Earth.

That means every bit of moisture found in you, your friends, your pets.

In our plants, oceans, glaciers, lakes and rivers ... and the atmosphere.

Everything!

The diameter of that little blue sphere ... filled with all the Earth's water ... is about 860 miles (which means it's about 860 miles tall, too).

But we can't drink most of it.

That's because about 97% of the water in that sphere represents our oceans. That's where most of the water on the earth's surface is. We can swim in it but we can't drink it!

We can actually drink only 3% of the water you see in that little blue ball.

Except ... we can't even drink most of that ... because it's locked up in icecaps, glaciers or groundwater we can't reach.

So only about 1% of all the water we have on earth is actually available for us to drink.

Should we be worried about that?

Truth is, for a long time we've managed quite well with this amount of usable fresh water. That's because nature continuously recycles her water from the air, to the ground, back into our lakes and rivers and into the atmosphere.

But she does this at her own pace and by her own rules.

Rules we've been breaking left and right. The result? We've been using our water faster than nature can replenish it. We've also been polluting it like crazy.

So it's time to stop. But how can we do that? What can we do?

These are some of the questions we'll ask and try to answer in this blog series, **Where On Earth Is Our Water?**

I'll be writing many of them, but we want to know what you think, too.

Would you like to write something? Do you have artwork or photos you've made with your friends or in school that you'd like us to post as part of this series?

Do you know someone in your community who is working on a water project, or teaching others how to protect our precious blue resource?

If so, tell us about your ideas in the comments box below and send them on to me.

Want to write a post for this series?

If you're ready to write something now, check out our post guidelines. Then write your post and submit it to info@kayakcanoeblogger.com.

We'd love you to be part of our **Where On Earth Is Our Water** team!

For a Blue World,

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