

# Package ‘lakefetch’

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**Description** Calculates fetch (open water distance) and wave exposure metrics for lake sampling points. Downloads lake boundaries from 'OpenStreetMap', calculates directional fetch using a ray-casting approach, and optionally integrates National Hydrography Dataset ('NHD') data <https://www.usgs.gov/national-hydrography> for hydrological context including outlet and inlet locations. Can estimate lake depth from surface area using empirical relationships, and integrate historical weather data for cumulative wave energy calculations. Includes an optional interactive 'shiny' application for visualization.

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## Description

The lakefetch package provides tools for calculating fetch (open water distance) and wave exposure metrics for lake sampling points. It downloads lake boundaries from OpenStreetMap, calculates directional fetch using ray-casting, and optionally integrates with NHD for hydrological context.

## Main Functions

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/jeremyfarrell/lakefetch>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/jeremyfarrell/lakefetch/issues>

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add_lake_context	<i>Add Lake Context from NHD</i>
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## Description

Add hydrological context to fetch results using the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). Includes outlet/inlet locations, watershed area, connectivity classification, and stream order.

## Usage

```
add_lake_context(fetch_results, lake_polygons, utm_epsg)
```

## Arguments

- `fetch_results` sf object with fetch calculation results
- `lake_polygons` sf object with lake polygons
- `utm_epsg` EPSG code for UTM projection

## Details

Requires the `nhdplusTools` package. If not available, returns the input with NA columns added for consistent output format.

Added columns include:

- `nhd_permanent_id`: NHD permanent identifier
- `nhd_gnis_name`: GNIS name from NHD
- `nhd_areasqkm`: Area in square kilometers from NHD
- `outlet_dist_m`: Distance to outlet in meters
- `outlet_bearing`: Compass direction to outlet
- `inlet_nearest_dist_m`: Distance to nearest inlet
- `inlet_nearest_bearing`: Compass direction to nearest inlet
- `inlet_count`: Number of inlets
- `connectivity_class`: Headwater/Drainage/Terminal/Isolated
- `outlet_stream_order`: Strahler stream order at outlet
- `watershed_area_ha`: Watershed area in hectares
- `lake_watershed_ratio`: Lake area / watershed area

## Value

sf object with additional columns for NHD context

## Examples

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)
results_with_context <- add_lake_context(results$results, results$lakes, lake$utm_epsg)
```

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add\_lake\_depth

*Add Depth Information to Fetch Results*

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## Description

Looks up or estimates depth for each lake in the fetch results and adds depth columns.

## Usage

```
add_lake_depth(fetch_results, lakes, user_depths = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

fetch\_results sf object with fetch results  
 lakes sf object with lake polygons  
 user\_depths Named vector of user-provided depths (names = lake IDs)

**Value**

fetch\_results with added depth columns

**Examples**

```
data(adirondack_sites)
sites <- load_sites(adirondack_sites)
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)

# Add depth estimates
results$results <- add_lake_depth(results$results, results$lakes)

# Or provide known depths using an actual lake_osm_id from results
lake_id <- results$lakes$osm_id[1]
depths <- setNames(15.5, lake_id)
results$results <- add_lake_depth(results$results, results$lakes, user_depths = depths)
```

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add\_weather\_context *Add Weather Context to Fetch Results*

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**Description**

Adds historical weather metrics and cumulative wave energy to fetch calculation results.

**Usage**

```
add_weather_context(
  fetch_results,
  datetime_col = "datetime",
  windows_hours = c(24, 72, 168),
  depth_m = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

fetch\_results sf object with fetch results (must have datetime column)  
 datetime\_col Name of the datetime column  
 windows\_hours Vector of time windows in hours (default c(24, 72, 168))  
 depth\_m Water depth for orbital velocity calculation

## Details

The input data must have a datetime column in POSIXct format or a format that can be parsed (ISO 8601, or common date-time formats).

## Value

sf object with additional weather columns

## Examples

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)

# Add datetime to results
results$results$datetime <- as.POSIXct("2024-07-15 14:00:00")

# Add weather context
results_with_weather <- add_weather_context(
  results$results,
  datetime_col = "datetime"
)
```

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adironack\_sites

*Adirondack Lake Sampling Sites*

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## Description

A dataset containing example lake sampling sites from the Adirondack region of New York State. These synthetic but realistic coordinates demonstrate typical multi-lake sampling scenarios.

## Usage

```
adironack_sites
```

## Format

A data frame with 12 rows and 5 variables:

**Site** Unique site identifier

**lake.name** Name of the lake

**latitude** Latitude in decimal degrees (WGS84)

**longitude** Longitude in decimal degrees (WGS84)

**datetime** Date and time of sampling (POSIXct)

## Details

The dataset includes sites from four Adirondack lakes:

- Blue Mountain Lake (3 sites)
- Raquette Lake (4 sites)
- Long Lake (2 sites)
- Tupper Lake (3 sites)

## Source

Synthetic data for demonstration purposes

## Examples

```
# Load the dataset
data(adirondack_sites)

# View structure
str(adirondack_sites)

# Use with lakefetch (requires internet connection)

sites <- load_sites(adirondack_sites)
lake_data <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake_data)
```

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assign\_sites\_to\_lakes *Assign Sites to Lakes*

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## Description

Perform spatial join to assign each site to its containing lake polygon.

## Usage

```
assign_sites_to_lakes(sites_sf, water_polygons, tolerance_m = NULL)
```

## Arguments

`sites_sf` sf object with site points  
`water_polygons` sf object with lake polygons  
`tolerance_m` Buffer distance for matching sites near lake edges

## Value

sf object with sites and added columns for `lake_osm_id`, `lake_name`, `lake_area_km2`

### Examples

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake_data <- get_lake_boundary(sites)

# Assign sites to their containing lakes
sites_assigned <- assign_sites_to_lakes(
  lake_data$sites,
  lake_data$all_lakes,
  tolerance_m = 50
)

# Check assignments
table(sites_assigned$lake_name)
```

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create\_ray\_geometries *Create Ray Geometries for Map Visualization*

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### Description

Create line geometries representing fetch rays from each site. Useful for detailed visualization of the ray-casting results.

### Usage

```
create_ray_geometries(fetch_data)
```

### Arguments

fetch\_data      Results from [fetch\\_calculate](#)

### Value

An sf object with ray line geometries

### Examples

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)
rays <- create_ray_geometries(results)

# Plot rays for a specific site
site_name <- results$results$Site[1]
site_rays <- rays[rays$Site == site_name, ]
ggplot2::ggplot() + ggplot2::geom_sf(data = site_rays, ggplot2::aes(color = Distance))
```

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`example_lake`*Example Circular Lake Polygon*

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### Description

A simple circular lake polygon for demonstration and testing purposes. This synthetic lake has known geometry (1 km radius) which makes it useful for validating fetch calculations.

### Usage

```
example_lake
```

### Format

An sf object with 1 row and 3 variables:

**osm\_id** Identifier (synthetic)

**name** Lake name

**area\_km2** Surface area in square kilometers (~3.14 km<sup>2</sup>)

**geometry** POLYGON geometry in UTM Zone 18N (EPSG:32618)

### Details

The lake is centered at UTM coordinates (500000, 4800000) with a radius of 1000 meters. For a site at the center, fetch should equal 1000 m in all directions.

### Source

Synthetic data for demonstration and validation

### Examples

```
# Load the dataset
data(example_lake)

# View structure
print(example_lake)

# Plot the lake

library(ggplot2)
ggplot(example_lake) + geom_sf()
```

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`fetch_app`*Launch Interactive Fetch App*

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## Description

Launch a Shiny app for interactive exploration of fetch calculation results. Click on site markers to view fetch rays and detailed information. Click anywhere on the map to analyze a new point.

## Usage

```
fetch_app(fetch_data, title = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>fetch_data</code>	Results from <code>fetch_calculate</code>
<code>title</code>	Optional app title

## Details

Requires the shiny, leaflet, and base64enc packages (suggested dependencies).

The app displays:

- Interactive map with satellite imagery
- Site markers colored by exposure category
- Click markers to see fetch rays
- Popup with rose diagram and metrics
- Click anywhere on the map to analyze a new point

## Value

Launches a Shiny app (does not return)

## Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  sites <- load_sites("my_sites.csv")  
  lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)  
  results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)  
  fetch_app(results)  
}
```

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fetch_app_upload	<i>Launch Interactive Fetch App with File Upload</i>
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### Description

Launch a standalone Shiny app where users can upload a CSV file with GPS coordinates, and the app will automatically download lake boundaries, calculate fetch, and display interactive results.

### Usage

```
fetch_app_upload(title = "Lake Fetch Calculator")
```

### Arguments

title	Optional app title (default: "Lake Fetch Calculator")
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### Details

Requires the shiny, leaflet, and base64enc packages (suggested dependencies).

The app workflow:

1. Upload a CSV file with latitude/longitude columns
2. App downloads lake boundaries from OpenStreetMap
3. Calculates fetch for all uploaded points
4. Displays interactive map with results
5. Click anywhere on a lake to analyze additional points
6. Download results as CSV or GeoPackage

CSV file requirements:

- Must have columns starting with "lat" and "lon" (case-insensitive)
- Optional "Site" column for point names
- Additional columns are preserved in output

### Value

Launches a Shiny app (does not return)

### Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  # Launch the upload app  
  fetch_app_upload()  
}
```

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fetch_calculate	<i>Calculate Fetch for Lake Sampling Sites</i>
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### Description

Main entry point for fetch calculation. Takes sites and lake boundaries, calculates directional fetch using ray-casting, and returns results with exposure metrics.

### Usage

```
fetch_calculate(
  sites,
  lake,
  depth_m = NULL,
  fetch_method = NULL,
  add_context = TRUE,
  find_max_fetch = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

sites	Data frame or sf object with site locations
lake	Lake boundary data from <a href="#">get_lake_boundary</a>
depth_m	Water depth in meters for orbital velocity calculation. Can be a single value (applied to all sites), a vector (one per site), or NULL to use depth from sites data or default from options.
fetch_method	Method for calculating effective fetch. Options: <b>"top3"</b> Mean of the 3 highest directional fetch values (default) <b>"max"</b> Maximum directional fetch value <b>"cosine"</b> SPM/CERC cosine-weighted average. Uses 9 radials centered on the direction of maximum fetch at 6-degree intervals, weighted by cosine of angle from center. Based on Shore Protection Manual (1984). If NULL, uses the value from <a href="#">lakefetch_options</a> .
add_context	Logical; add NHD context if available (default TRUE)
find_max_fetch	Logical; if TRUE, finds the location in each lake with the maximum possible fetch using a longest-internal-chord algorithm. The result is returned as a \$max_fetch element in the output list. Default FALSE.

### Details

For each site, the function:

1. Assigns the site to its containing lake polygon
2. Buffers the site inward from shore (GPS accuracy adjustment)

3. Casts rays in all directions at specified angle resolution
4. Measures distance to shore in each direction
5. Calculates summary metrics (mean, max, effective fetch)
6. Calculates orbital velocity using depth
7. Derives exposure category (Sheltered/Moderate/Exposed)

Exposure thresholds can be configured via [lakefetch\\_options](#).

### Value

A list with elements:

results	sf object with fetch results for each site
lakes	sf object with lake polygons used
angles	Vector of angles used for fetch calculation
max_fetch	(only if find_max_fetch = TRUE) sf object with one row per lake containing the maximum fetch location, chord length (meters), and chord bearing (degrees)

### References

Shore Protection Manual (1984). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center. 4th Edition.

### Examples

```

csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)

# With explicit depth
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake, depth_m = 5)

# Using cosine-weighted effective fetch (SPM method)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake, fetch_method = "cosine")

# Access results
results$results # sf with all fetch data
results$lakes  # lake polygons

# Find the location with maximum fetch in each lake
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake, find_max_fetch = TRUE)
results$max_fetch # sf with max fetch location per lake

```

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get_lake_boundary	<i>Get Lake Boundary</i>
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## Description

Get lake boundary polygon(s) either from OpenStreetMap or from a local file.

## Usage

```
get_lake_boundary(sites, file = NULL)
```

## Arguments

sites	A data.frame with latitude and longitude columns, or an sf object.
file	Optional file path to a shapefile or geopackage with lake boundaries.

## Details

If file is provided, the lake boundary is loaded from the file. Otherwise, the function downloads lake boundaries from OpenStreetMap based on the bounding box of the provided sites.

## Value

A list with elements:

all_lakes	sf object with lake polygons in UTM projection
sites	sf object with site points in UTM projection
utm_epsg	EPSG code for the UTM projection used

## Examples

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake_data <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
```

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get\_lake\_depth      *Get Lake Depth Estimates*

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### Description

Retrieves or estimates lake depth for wave calculations. Uses user-provided depth if available, otherwise estimates from lake surface area using empirical relationships.

### Usage

```
get_lake_depth(  
  lake_polygon,  
  site_coords = NULL,  
  user_depth = NULL,  
  method = "auto"  
)
```

### Arguments

lake_polygon	sf polygon of the lake
site_coords	Coordinates of the sample site (optional, for future bathymetry grid support)
user_depth	User-provided depth in meters (highest priority)
method	Method for depth estimation: "auto" or "empirical"

### Details

Depth estimation methods:

1. User-provided: Direct input, highest confidence
2. Empirical: Estimated from lake surface area using published relationships

The empirical method uses the relationship from Cael et al. (2017):  $\text{mean\_depth} \sim 10.3 * \text{area\_km2}^{0.25}$

### Value

A list with elements:

depth_mean	Estimated mean depth in meters
depth_max	Estimated maximum depth in meters (if available)
source	Source of the estimate ("user" or "empirical")
confidence	Confidence level ("high", "medium", "low")

## References

Messenger, M.L., Lehner, B., Grill, G., Nedeva, I., Schmitt, O. (2016): Estimating the volume and age of water stored in global lakes using a geo-statistical approach. *Nature Communications*, 7: 13603.

Cael, B.B., Heathcote, A.J., Seekell, D.A. (2017): The volume and mean depth of Earth's lakes. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 44: 209-218.

## Examples

```
data(example_lake)

# With user-provided depth
depth <- get_lake_depth(example_lake, user_depth = 8.5)

# Estimate from lake area
depth <- get_lake_depth(example_lake)
```

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lakefetch\_options      *Get or Set lakefetch Package Options*

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## Description

Get or set options that control the behavior of lakefetch functions.

## Usage

```
lakefetch_options(...)
```

## Arguments

...                      Named arguments to set options. If empty, returns all current options.

## Details

Available options:

**buffer\_distance\_m** GPS accuracy buffer in meters (default: 10)  
**angle\_resolution\_deg** Direction resolution in degrees (default: 5)  
**max\_fetch\_m** Maximum fetch distance in meters (default: 50000)  
**validation\_buffer\_m** Shore detection validation buffer (default: 10)  
**default\_wind\_speed\_ms** Default wind speed in m/s (default: 10)  
**default\_depth\_m** Default water depth in meters (default: 10)  
**gps\_tolerance\_m** Buffer for matching sites to lakes (default: 100)

**fetch\_method** Effective fetch calculation method: "top3" (mean of 3 highest directional fetches, default), "max" (maximum directional fetch), or "cosine" (SPM/CERC cosine-weighted average across 9 radials at 6-degree intervals; see Shore Protection Manual, 1984)

**exposure\_sheltered\_m** Fetch threshold below which sites are classified as "Sheltered" (default: 2500 m). This is a practical default; no universal standard exists in the literature. Adjust based on your study system.

**exposure\_exposed\_m** Fetch threshold above which sites are classified as "Exposed" (default: 5000 m). Sites between thresholds are "Moderate". See Mason et al. (2018) for Great Lakes exposure mapping methodology.

**exposure\_relative\_sheltered** Proportion of lake maximum fetch below which sites are classified as "Sheltered" in the relative exposure system (default: 0.25). Sites are classified relative to the lake's longest internal chord (maximum possible fetch).

**exposure\_relative\_exposed** Proportion of lake maximum fetch above which sites are classified as "Exposed" in the relative exposure system (default: 0.50). Sites between thresholds are "Moderate".

**use\_parallel** Use parallel processing for multi-lake (default: TRUE)

**use\_nhd** Use NHD integration if available (default: TRUE)

## Value

If no arguments, returns a list of all current options. If arguments provided, sets those options and returns invisible NULL.

## References

Shore Protection Manual (1984). U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center. 4th Edition.

Mason, L. A., Riseng, C. M., Laber, A. L., & Rutherford, E. S. (2018). Effective fetch and relative exposure index maps for the Laurentian Great Lakes. *Scientific Data*, 5, 180295.

## Examples

```
# Get all options
lakefetch_options()

# Get specific option
lakefetch_options()$buffer_distance_m

# Set options
lakefetch_options(buffer_distance_m = 20, angle_resolution_deg = 10)
```

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 lakefetch\_reset\_options

*Reset lakefetch Options to Defaults*


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**Description**

Reset all lakefetch package options to their default values.

**Usage**

```
lakefetch_reset_options()
```

**Value**

Invisible NULL

**Examples**

```
lakefetch_reset_options()
```

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load\_sites

*Load Sites from CSV or Data Frame*


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**Description**

Load and validate site data for fetch calculation. Automatically detects coordinate columns (latitude/longitude) and cleans the data.

**Usage**

```
load_sites(x, lat_col = NULL, lon_col = NULL, site_col = NULL, lake_col = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	Either a file path to a CSV file or a data.frame with site data.
lat_col	Optional character string specifying the name of the latitude column. If NULL (default), auto-detects columns starting with "lat".
lon_col	Optional character string specifying the name of the longitude column. If NULL (default), auto-detects columns starting with "lon".
site_col	Optional character string specifying the name of the site identifier column. If NULL (default), auto-detects a column named "site".
lake_col	Optional character string specifying the name of the lake name column. If NULL (default), auto-detects common lake name patterns.

## Details

The function:

- Detects latitude/longitude columns (names starting with "lat"/"lon")
- Cleans coordinate values (removes non-numeric characters)
- Creates Site column if not present
- Removes rows with invalid or missing coordinates
- Detects location name from data columns or filename

Column names can be specified explicitly using the `lat_col`, `lon_col`, `site_col`, and `lake_col` arguments. This is useful when your data uses non-standard column names that the auto-detection cannot find.

## Value

A data.frame with columns Site, latitude, longitude, and any additional columns from the input. Includes attributes "location\_name" and "location\_column" if a location was detected.

## Examples

```
# Load from data frame
df <- data.frame(
  Site = c("A", "B", "C"),
  latitude = c(43.42, 43.43, 43.41),
  longitude = c(-73.69, -73.68, -73.70)
)
sites <- load_sites(df)

# Load with custom column names
df2 <- data.frame(
  sample_id = c("A", "B"),
  y_coord = c(43.42, 43.43),
  x_coord = c(-73.69, -73.68),
  reservoir = c("Lake One", "Lake One")
)
sites <- load_sites(df2, lat_col = "y_coord", lon_col = "x_coord",
  site_col = "sample_id", lake_col = "reservoir")
```

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plot\_fetch\_bars

*Plot Fetch Bar Chart*

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## Description

Create a bar chart showing effective fetch by site.

## Usage

```
plot_fetch_bars(fetch_data, title = "Effective Fetch by Site")
```

**Arguments**

fetch\_data      Results from [fetch\\_calculate](#)  
title            Optional plot title

**Value**

A ggplot2 object

**Examples**

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")  
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)  
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)  
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)  
plot_fetch_bars(results)
```

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plot_fetch_map	<i>Plot Fetch Map</i>
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**Description**

Create a map showing site locations colored by exposure category.

**Usage**

```
plot_fetch_map(fetch_data, title = "Fetch Analysis - Site Locations")
```

**Arguments**

fetch\_data      Results from [fetch\\_calculate](#)  
title            Optional plot title

**Value**

A ggplot2 object

**Examples**

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")  
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)  
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)  
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)  
plot_fetch_map(results)
```

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plot_fetch_rose	<i>Plot Fetch Rose Diagram</i>
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**Description**

Create a rose diagram showing directional fetch for a single site.

**Usage**

```
plot_fetch_rose(fetch_data, site, title = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

fetch_data	Results from <a href="#">fetch_calculate</a>
site	Site name to plot
title	Optional plot title (defaults to site name)

**Value**

Invisible NULL (creates base R plot)

**Examples**

```
csv_path <- system.file("extdata", "sample_sites.csv", package = "lakefetch")
sites <- load_sites(csv_path)
lake <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake)
plot_fetch_rose(results, results$results$Site[1])
```

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sanitize_filename	<i>Sanitize a String for Use in Filenames</i>
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**Description**

Remove or replace invalid filename characters.

**Usage**

```
sanitize_filename(name)
```

**Arguments**

name	Character string to sanitize
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**Value**

A sanitized string safe for use as a filename

**Examples**

```
sanitize_filename("Lake O'Brien (2024)")
```

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wisconsin_lakes	<i>Wisconsin Lake Sampling Sites</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing example sampling sites from well-known Wisconsin lakes. These coordinates are useful for testing with real lake boundaries from OpenStreetMap.

**Usage**

```
wisconsin_lakes
```

**Format**

A data frame with 8 rows and 4 variables:

**Site** Unique site identifier

**lake.name** Name of the lake

**latitude** Latitude in decimal degrees (WGS84)

**longitude** Longitude in decimal degrees (WGS84)

**Details**

The dataset includes sites from three Wisconsin lakes:

- Lake Mendota (3 sites) - Madison's largest lake, well-studied
- Lake Monona (2 sites) - Connected to Mendota via Yahara River
- Geneva Lake (3 sites) - Popular recreational lake in SE Wisconsin

**Source**

Synthetic data based on real lake locations

**Examples**

```
# Load the dataset
data(wisconsin_lakes)

# View the data
head(wisconsin_lakes)

# Use with lakefetch (requires internet connection)

sites <- load_sites(wisconsin_lakes)
lake_data <- get_lake_boundary(sites)
results <- fetch_calculate(sites, lake_data)
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