

## Contributing Scientists to the Global Lake and River Ice Phenology Database

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Dates of freezing and thawing of lakes and rivers have been recorded by citizens as well as scientists, sometimes creating a long record. These records have been published or preserved by state climatologists, newspapers, lake organizations, researchers, and others. The motivations for making the observations are diverse and include religious observances, transportation needs, recreation, and just curiosity. In many cases, records contributed to the Global Lake and River Ice Phenology Database were assembled from multiple sources by scientists, and some data are contributed by individual citizen observers directly to the data managers. The scientist contributors include the following (individual citizens are not listed):

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