





# Great Lakes & Great Plains

**The domain of haunting loon calls and howling wolves, shaggy bison and sweeping prairie vistas, the Great Lakes and Great Plains may surprise you with their wildness.**

'Great' is the operative word here: the lakes themselves are so huge they seem like boundless inland seas. Carved out by glaciers and then filled with melting snow and ice, today they contain an astounding 20% of the world's fresh water. Get a sense of perspective on Lake Superior's largest island, Isle Royale, or prepare for the canoe trip of a lifetime in Voyageurs, a watery expanse of lakes, rivers and marshes, covering 340 sq miles along the Canadian border.

Farther west are the prairies of the Dakotas; rolling grasslands and striated, eroding buttes make up a quintessentially American landscape.