Some Great Lakes isles remain unknowns amid a sea of resorts

They loom up out of the water in the early morning mists. By midday, they are dark green emerads sitting on a sea that can be gray, blue or green — or all three. At night they are black hulls on an inky sea — or all silver, if the moon is full. They are the un-known is lands of the inland sea, the Great Lakes.

known bialands of the inland seas, the Great Lakes. There are some islands in the Great Lakes that have been cele-brated as prime vacation/resort destinations for thousands of visi-tors for the better part of a century. But the unknown islands of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and Lake Huron – Beaver Island, South Maniton, Isle Royale, Les Cheneaux (the Snows), Drummond Island, and Bois Blane Island – are jewels where man can escape himself in an environment that has not changed appreciably in a thousand versit. thousand years.

Brown dyears. BEAVER ISLAND in blue Lake Michigan, 32 miles off the Char-levoit harbor, is one of the world's unique vacation retreats. Here are historical sights dating back more than a century, visi-tion a accommodations, water sports, snow sports and miles of scenic beauty for relaxation or recreations. Known as "Michigans' Emeraid Isle," Beaver Island, 13 miles long and six miles wide, is the largest and most extensively devel-loped land in a group of 13. Two car ferries and two air services carry visitors to the Island. In the summer, the ships make two or three round trips daily. Planes leave at the convenience of passengers. On the Island are useren inland takes, three of them providing good fishing for game and panish. Hunting is excellent in the fall. The island community of SL James boasts several stores, restau-rants, bars, hotels, motels, a modern medical center and other services.

SOUTH MANITOU is a camper's paradise. As part of the Sleep-ing Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, it is being preserved as a wilderness. There are three campgrounds on the island with plumbing available.

plumbing available. A motorized tour is available to see old farms and hear their history, the tallest lighthouse on the Great Lakes, and the rusting hink of the ill-fact "Francisco Morzao" – the Liberian freighter that went aground in 1860 during a Lake Michigan atorm. There is a virgin while cedar forcest with world champion-ized tress; and dunes that rival Sleeping Bear, the site of a once bus-ling community with an important harbor and rare wild flowers growing abandantly.

growing audidantly. There is also plenty to see and do within walking distance of the harbor and air field. Lunch at the island marina or picnic on the beach, wisit the Coast Guard Village, swim in the crystal clear water, or bike on unparalleled beaches.

SLE ROVALE a wildermess archipelago in Lake Superior, a roadiesi land of wild creatures, unspolied forests, lakes and scenic shore, accessible only by boat or foatplane. Here you are close to nature, whether camping, hiking, fishing, cameing or studying the hundreds of wild flowers, trees, nammals, birds or insects. Porests dominate the secency and the ecology of the park. Ev-ergeness and hardwoods meet on lake Royale and form an ouj-standing example of forest in transition. The interior and upland regions of the park have pure hardwood stands, whereas the cool, moist shores and lake horders tend to have mixed conifer forests. More than 200 kinds of birds have been listed. The red squirrel abounds. Other, common mammals linde beaver, red for and

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snowshoe hare. Moose are found throughout the park and are often seen wading in the shallow inland takes. The last wolf pack in the eastern United States, rarely observed by people, preys upon the moose, culling the bards and keeping the population down to levels the island can support in a delicate ecological balance. Lodge and housekeeping facilities are available from late Junt to Labor Day.

LES CHEVEAUX Island. If there was ever a "water wonder-land" it's the 35 beautiful wooded islands and channels of crystal-clear water located off the upper peninsula of Michigan about 35 milles east of S1. Ignace in Lake Huron. A visit to "The Saows" area offers acting fishing for northerm ingh, herring yellow perch and small mouth bass. You'll find plen-ty of sheltered waters for swimming, beating and water skiing. The area is excellent for deer and small game hunting, fail color tours and for snowmobiling. A number of communities provide services and accommodations and recreational pursuits as golf and tennis.

DRUMMOND ISLAND. This "Gem of Lake Huron" is located-just of the eastern tip of the Upper Peninsula. It is reached by ferry from the village of De Tour and its 135 square miles consist of natural wilderness surrounded by sky blue waters. Here you can see the remains of Fort Drummond, a Britis's stronghold in the Revolutionary period or you can visit the dolom-ite quarry, one of the largest in the Grat Lakes area. The waters off Drummond Island are famous for fishing and boaing, and Potaganissing Bay offers some of the finest duck hunding in the world. There is a full complement of recreational facilities, including a nine-bole golf course, tennis courts, yacht harbor, campgrounds and trailer parks.

harbor, campgrounds and trailer parks. BOIS BLANC Island, in Lake Huron off Cheboygan in the Lower Peninsula, is 22,000 acres of prime wilderness hunting area, with approximately 60 percent of it owned and open to hunting. Some cf the best deer hunting in Michigan, or the States, for that matter, is right here. The estimated deer herd is approximately 600-750, a deer population of about 55 deer per square mille. For bird hunters, great flights of blacks, mallards, bluebillr, Leal, partridge, woodcock: and Canada Geese make Bois Blanc a stopping place in their annual migrations. There are lase tousands of acres of virgin forest, sparkling lakes, and lush meadows for nature lovers in one of the last natu-ments accommodating habiting of course, hundreds of outputs the Michigan. Accommodations are wall about that are most accommodating habiting of milling of course, hundreds of outputs the the here there here handle in the start state and the the start half of the start and the start most accommodating habiting of course, hundreds of outputs the the ange with heir better known relatives, mate vacation. For more information about Michigan vacations, write the

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