

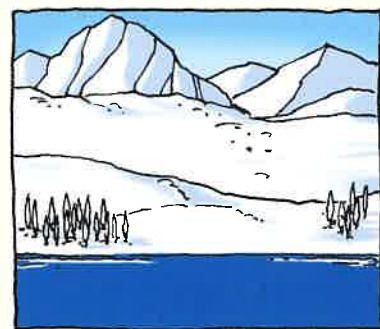
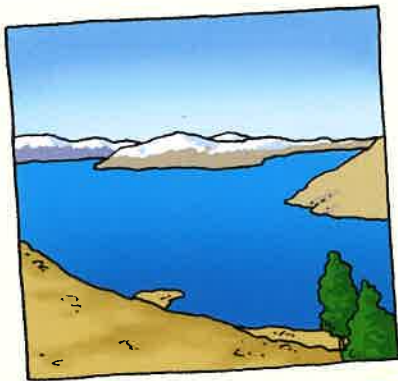
Fancy living by a lake? You won't be alone. Millions of people around the world already call leaky lakes home. So what do lakes have to offer that you can't get on dry land? For a start,

there's plenty of water for drinking and washing behind your ears. Not to mention for fishing, swimming and messing about in boats. Still not convinced? Time to call the experts in.

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LAKE TITICACA, BOLIVIA/PERU

A superbly located lake. It's 4,000 metres up in the Andes Mountains so stunning views are guaranteed. The lake comes with its own handy supply of totora reeds. Brilliant for building boats or lakeside huts.

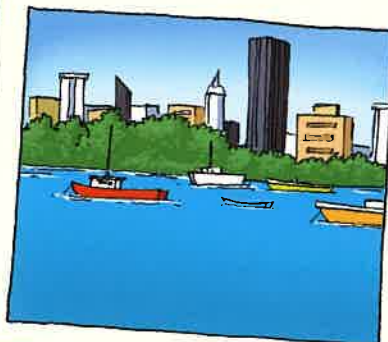


LAKE BAIKAL, RUSSIA

Deceptively deep and spacious (it's 1,742 metres at its deepest point). You could pour all five Great Lakes in and still have room to spare. An ideal spot for nature lovers. The lake's home to thousands of animals, including the only freshwater seal in the world.

LAKE MICHIGAN, USA

One of the five Great Lakes, it covers about 58,000 sq km. Choose from two major lakeshore cities – Chicago and Milwaukee. Cool Chicago's a major port and one of the world's top places for industry. Perfect if it's hustle and bustle you're after.



WICKED WORLD FACTS

The Dead Sea's so salty that it's impossible for swimmers to sink.

Wrap up warm if you're visiting Lake Vostok in Antarctica. This leaky lake's buried under 4 km of ice.

IF YOU'RE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE ARAL SEA IN CENTRAL ASIA, YOU'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON. THIS LEAKY LAKE'S VANISHING FAST. IT'S ALREADY SHRUNK TO HALF ITS FORMER SIZE, LEAVING FISHING BOATS AND ONCE-BUSY PORTS HORRIBLY HIGH AND DRY.



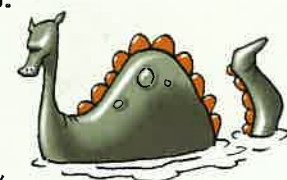
People aren't the only weird wildlife you'll find living near lakes. There's something far stranger lurking in the water. Feeling brave? You'll need to be. We're about to go monster hunting. Don't panic, you'll be quite safe...

MISSING! HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MONSTER?

NAME: Loch Ness monster
AKA (also known as): NESSIE
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Loch Ness, Scotland

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

- Grey-green body
- Long snaky neck
- Little egg-shaped head
- Huge humps on its back



LAST SEEN: Hmm, good question. Thousands of monster-hunters say they've seen Nessie. They've even taken piccies (though some of these turned out to be monster fakes). Trouble is, no one's caught this mysterious creature yet. So it's still a mystery if it exists at all.

REWARD OFFERED FOR SAFE RETURN

Earth-shattering fact

The horrible truth is that Nessie has got the experts stumped. Some scientists reckon it's an ancient prehistoric reptile. Others wonder if it's a whopping whale or a monster fish. Or could it be people's eyes playing tricks on them. What do you think?

WICKED WORLD FACTS

Mysterious monsters have also been seen in lakes in Canada, the USA and Japan.

In a photo of Nessie from the 1950s, the humps turned out to be giant rocks.