

the park is also suited to amateur archaeology. Bring your shovel, and you can dig for Jimmy Hoffa. Call 201-866-0999.



#### A SUPERIOR ISLE FOR TWO

A popular summer vacation ground is Michigan's Upper Peninsula—which can be so much in demand that the crowds along the Lake Superior beaches ruin your privacy. To escape the masses, head north to a deserted island: Isle Royale National Park, off Superior's Canadian shore, where cars aren't even allowed. Although the ferries are expensive (\$30 to \$70 round-trip, depending on your starting point), the ride to the 210-square-mile park is unforgettable. Once there, you can stay at any of 36 free campgrounds or, from mid-June through September, in a deluxe lodge or log cabin. The 60 rooms at Rock Harbor Lodge include three daily meals at the hefty rate of \$130 a night for two; housekeeping cabins are \$70. Reserve rooms and cabins well in advance by calling 906-337-4993 (before May 15, call 502-773-2191).

**Best-kept secret:** Vermont's North-east Kingdom, 900 square miles of stark pine forests and granite peaks, isn't marked on any map. Most of the area is owned by paper companies, but you can still camp and hike there. Use Brighton State Park as your headquarters (802-723-4360).



Once you hit the Lake of the Clouds Hut (ABOVE) you're almost to the summit of Mount Washington. The weather is a little kinder to the fishermen at Keen Lake in the Poconos (BELOW).



#### THIS WILL BLOW YOU AWAY

To quote the *Guinness Book of World Records*: "Highest Surface Wind-speed—231 mph, Mount Washington (6,288 feet), New Hampshire, 1934." In 1988, the winds got as high as 127, according to one ranger I spoke with. He added that in four years of working the White Mountains, he's seen the mercury drop to 40 below zero more times than he can remember. The weather here gets bad. Real bad—though only without warning. At least you don't have to sleep out in it. Mount Washington is dotted with a network of comfortable (above-freezing) alpine huts, some of which charge \$3.50 for a night's lodging. Provided you reach the summit—something to be attempted by serious hikers only—both a road and a cog railway can get you back down. For a complete description of Mount Washington trails and huts, pick up a copy of *Hiking Trails in the Northeast* by Thomas Henley and Neesa Sweet, available through most hiking shops for under \$20. Call the Appalachian Mountain Club at 603-466-2725.



#### BETTER PRACTICE YOUR MAMBA

Did you see *Dirty Dancing*? Those mythical Catskill resorts of 1960 are alive and well in 1990—they've just changed locale. They're clustered 100 miles to the southwest, in Pennsylvania, atop a band of low ridges ambitiously called the Pocono Mountains. Dozens of resorts and campgrounds here pride themselves on offering vacations in a natural setting without the least danger of nature's intruding. To quote a typical ad: "Lake Camping and Cottage Resort—Situated on a High Plateau in the Scenic Poconos, Keen Lake is a Well-Groomed Camping Resort With Its Own 96-Acre Lake, Deluxe Swimming Pool, Cable TV, 52-Foot Ground Slide, Snack Bar, Square Dancing . . . and so on. Cottages in the region average between \$80 and \$120 a night. But hey, you might win the dance contest. Call Keen Lake Resort at 717-488-5522. ●

