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## Bob Watson Photography

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*I just returned from leading a 3-week photography tour through Alaska. It was a great experience for me, and all participants enjoyed Alaska's vastness and abundant beauty. The weather was unusually warm and the sun followed us everywhere. Please see next month's (September 1<sup>st</sup>) Newsletter for more and to view Featured Photographs from the trip.*

*My photograph of a moose grazing the bottom of Horseshoe Lake of Denali National Park in Alaska was recently published in the Summer Edition of Nature Photographer. This photograph may be viewed on my website by clicking [here](#). You may obtain this issue of the magazine at your favorite bookstore or click [Nature Photographer](#) to go to their website.*

### Featured Photograph No. 1



*Sunset on Lake Michigan, Van Buren State Park , Michigan*

*Before leaving for Alaska, I photographed the Southeast shore of Lake Michigan. The word Michigan was originally used to refer to the lake itself and came from the Ojibwa Indian word "Mishigami", meaning "Great Water". Whenever I see Lake Michigan, I think to myself what a tremendous natural resource and wonderful place to spend time. For me, it's only a short 50-minute drive to reach the closest part of the lake.*

*Many of my Newsletter subscribers have visited the Great Lakes, including Lake Michigan. For anyone who has never visited Lake Michigan, it must be difficult to visualize its beauty and magnitude. I've often spoken to people that haven't seen*

*the Lake and talked about the pure splendor of its many beaches. Lake Michigan is often referred to as the United States' 3<sup>rd</sup> coastline after the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, with its beaches containing a sugar like sand. This tends to be more so in the southern part of the lake with more of the extreme northern beaches being rocky.*

*Lake Michigan's shoreline (including its islands) is 1,638 miles. It's approximate length of 307 miles and 118 miles wide contain 22,300 square miles of water surface. With the Lake's length of 307 miles running north and south, some magnificent sunsets are viewed from eastern shores and sunrises are viewed from the western shores.*

*Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake contained entirely within the United States and its shoreline touches Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest of the Great Lakes and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest lake in the World.*

*Sand dunes located along the shoreline of Lake Michigan form the largest fresh water dune system in the world. The lake provides many state parks, national forests and national parks in both Michigan and Indiana.*

*This month's featured photograph was shot at sunset at Van Buren State Park, just a few miles south of the city of South Haven. Van Buren State park contains approximately 400 acres, dune formations and a mile of sandy beach.*

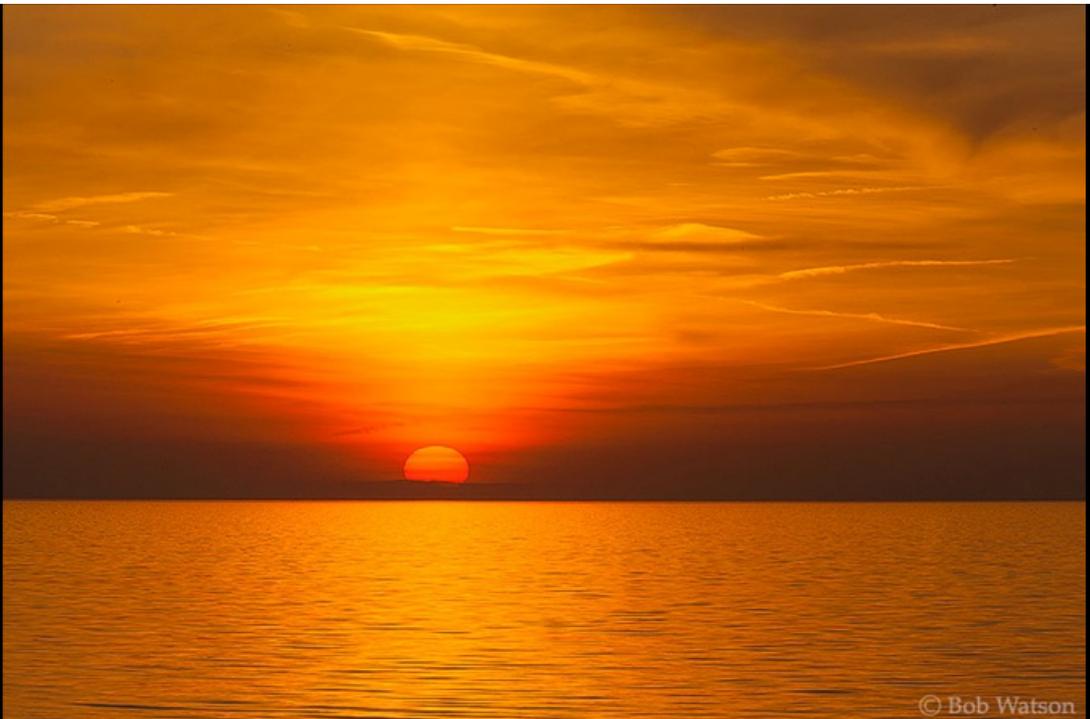
*Other Lake Michigan Facts:*

*1) Like all of the Great Lakes, Lake Michigan has had its share of shipwrecks totaling approximately 3,000. One of the most famous was the sinking of the Westmorland on December 7, 1854. The sunken ship was discovered by a diver on July 7, 2010 in excellent condition.*

*2) Average depth of 279 feet.*

*3) Maximum depth of 925 feet.*

*Featured Photograph No. 2*



*Sunset on Lake Michigan, Van Buren State Park , Michigan*

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