

ECO-TRAVEL

**HERTZ LEARNS TO SHARE**

The rental giant has ventured into car sharing with its Connect by Hertz program in 24 U.S. cities and counting.

Members can reserve a fuel-efficient vehicle for rates starting at \$10 an hour (gas, insurance, and GPS included). [connectbyhertz.com](http://connectbyhertz.com)



WHOLE GIVING

**SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Frustrated by the lack of quality medical care for women and children in the developing world, Massachusetts-based former physician's assistant Elizabeth Sheehan found a new way to help. Her nonprofit, **Containers to Clinics**, converts discarded metal shipping containers into mobile, eco-friendly health clinics and just deployed a prototype to Haiti. Support the cause at [containers2clinics.org](http://containers2clinics.org). —HILLARY GERONEMUS



➤➤ Great Sand Dunes National Park

QUICK TRIPS

**HIDDEN WONDERS**

Americans are visiting national parks in record numbers. (Thanks, recession!) Pass up the crowds at the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls for these lesser-known beauties.



▲▲ General Sherman Tree

**Great Sand Dunes National Park, CO** North America's highest sand dunes cover 39 square miles and can reach as high as 750 feet. The ever-shifting peaks are ideal for sandboarding, skiing, or sledding.



▲▲ Finger Lakes

**General Sherman Tree, Sequoia National Park, CA** This forest skyscraper, named after Civil War general William Tecumseh Sherman, is 275 feet tall and the largest tree (by volume) in the world.



▲▲ Mammoth Cave National Park

**Finger Lakes, NY** Spread out like handprints, these 11 narrow, roughly parallel bodies of water (thought to be formed by glaciers that carved stream valleys during the ice age) contain more than a thousand waterfalls between them. Seneca Lake is one of the deepest in the United States, at 630 feet.

**Mammoth Cave National Park, KY** The longest cave system on earth—tens of thousands of acres—is under the sandstone-capped ridges of central Kentucky. More than 367 miles of passageways have been explored, but there's still no telling where this sprawling landmark really ends. —AMANDA PRESSNER