

Geotermis

ecosystem a community of all the living things in an area and the environment in which they live

food chain a series of plants and animals, each of which depends on the one below it for food. A food chain usually forms part of a much larger food web.

food web all of the feeding relationships within an ecosystem. Each living thing in a food web provides food energy to other living things within that ecosystem.

freshwater made up of water that is fresh, not salty. This term is also used to describe creatures that live in fresh water, such as freshwater fish.

watershed a geographic area that includes all of the land and waterways that drain into a body of water. Sometimes a watershed is also called a *drainage basin*.

An Enormous Ecosystem

The Great Lakes region includes eight U.S. states and one Canadian province. The lakes and waterways contain almost one fifth of the world's supply of fresh water.

The Great Lakes Region

