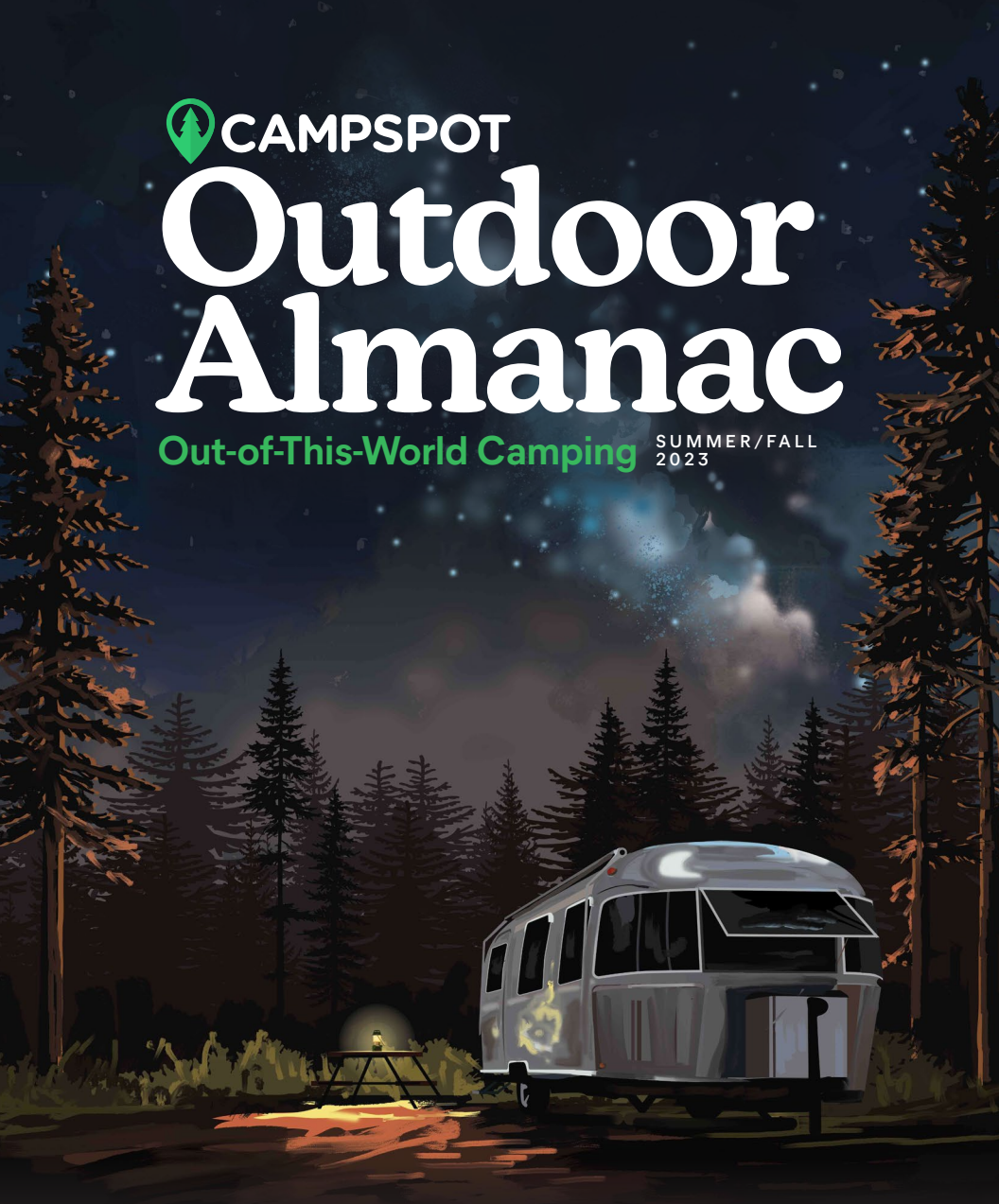


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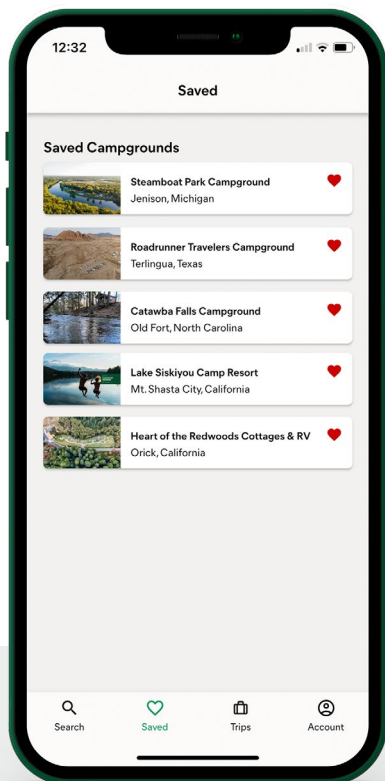


## Bucket List Builder

### ♥ Your Favorites

Create an account on Campspot and save the destination spotlight campgrounds throughout the Almanac to add them to your favorites and build your 2023 camping bucket list.

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- ♥ Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort (pg. 36)
- ♥ Heart of the Redwoods Cottages & RV (pg. 41)



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# A Welcome Letter From the Editor

We all go camping for different reasons. Some go camping to get together. Some, to get away. Some, to chase out-of-this-world experiences that make us feel like we're on another planet entirely.

In a sense, we are in a world removed when we camp. We've escaped the mundane, the everyday, the confines of our 9-to-5—and we've departed to a frontier fit for exploration. We've arrived at the campground where it all falls away, and we can live in the moment with our friends, family, or even furry companions. We feel the sun on our face, let cousin Jerry try to teach us how to fish (again), gather around the fire, share stories, and argue over how to create the perfect s'more (cinnamon graham crackers and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, obviously).

This issue is dedicated to feeling transported when we camp. From an epic road trip along the coast of California, to walking Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, to snagging a camping spot in the path of totality for the 2024 total solar eclipse, we hope the Campspot Outdoor Almanac inspires your adventures for the seasons ahead and helps you plan itineraries that are truly out of this world.



*Ellie C. Burke*

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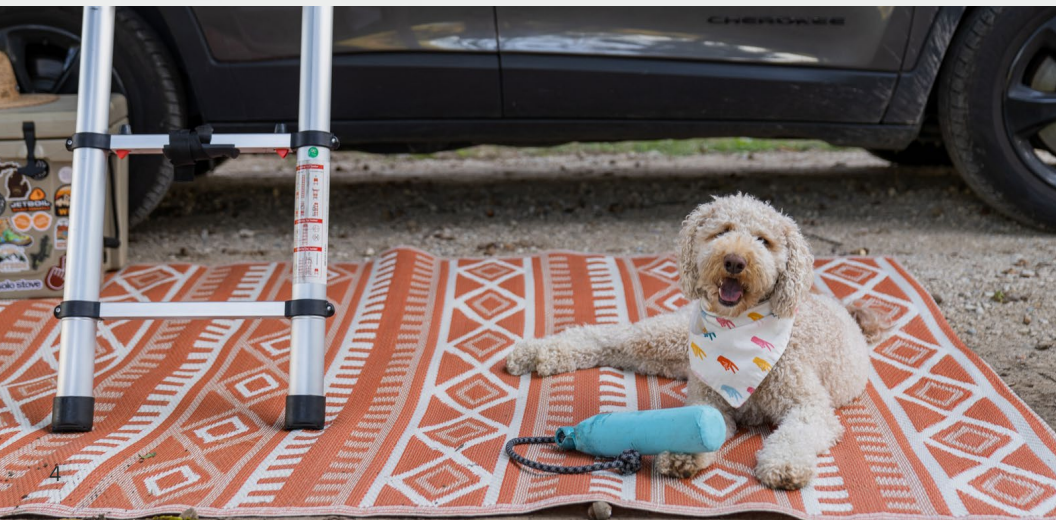
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Taurus

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Rochester, NY to  
Portland, ME

**BUCKET LIST CAMPING  
DESTINATION:** Spacious  
Skies Adirondack Peaks



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# Campspot's Calendar



## KEY DATES

- MAY 5**  
Cinco de Mayo
- MAY 5**  
Full Flower Moon
- MAY 13**  
World Migratory Bird Day
- MAY 14**  
Mother's Day
- MAY 29**  
Memorial Day

- JUN**  
National Camping Month

- JUN 3**  
National Trails Day

- JUN 3**  
Full Strawberry Moon

- JUN 18**  
Father's Day

- JUN 21**  
First Day of Summer (Summer Solstice)

- JULY**  
National Park and Recreation Month

- JUL 1**  
Canada Day

- JUL 3**  
Full Buck Moon

- JUL 4**  
Independence Day

- JUL 19**  
National Hot Dog Day

- JUL 28**  
National Waterpark Day

## TRENDING CAMPGROUNDS FOR MAY



**Indian Flat RV Park**  
El Portal, CA



**Cross Winds Family Campground**  
Linwood, NC



## TRENDING CAMPGROUNDS FOR JUNE



**Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort**  
Mt. Shasta City, CA



**Munising Tourist Park Campground**  
Munising, MI



## TRENDING CAMPGROUNDS FOR JULY



**Rose Lake Park**  
Le Roy, MI



**Glacier Campground**  
West Glacier, MT



# Campspot's Calendar

## KEY DATES

### AUG 1

National Mountain Climbing Day

### AUG 1

Full Sturgeon Moon

### AUG 10

National S'mores Day

### AUG 15

National Relaxation Day

### AUG 26

International Dog Day

### AUG 30

Full Blue Moon

### SEP 4

Labor Day

### SEP 10

National Grandparents' Day

### SEP 11

Patriot Day

### SEP 23

First Day of Fall (Autumnal Equinox)

### SEP 23

National Hunting and Fishing Day

### SEP 29

Full Harvest Moon

### OCT 9

Indigenous Peoples' Day

### OCT 9

Canadian Thanksgiving

### OCT 13

Friday the 13th! Beware!

### OCT 28

Full Hunter's Moon

### OCT 31

Halloween

## TRENDING CAMPGROUNDS FOR AUGUST



**Pietrek Park**  
Arcadia, WI



**Fairmont Hot Springs RV Resort**  
Fairmont Hot Springs, BC



## TRENDING CAMPGROUNDS FOR SEPTEMBER



**Bear Lake Campground**  
Manawa, WI



**Lake Camanche South Shore**  
Wallace, CA



## TRENDING CAMPGROUNDS FOR OCTOBER



**Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™, Cherokee**  
Cherokee, NC



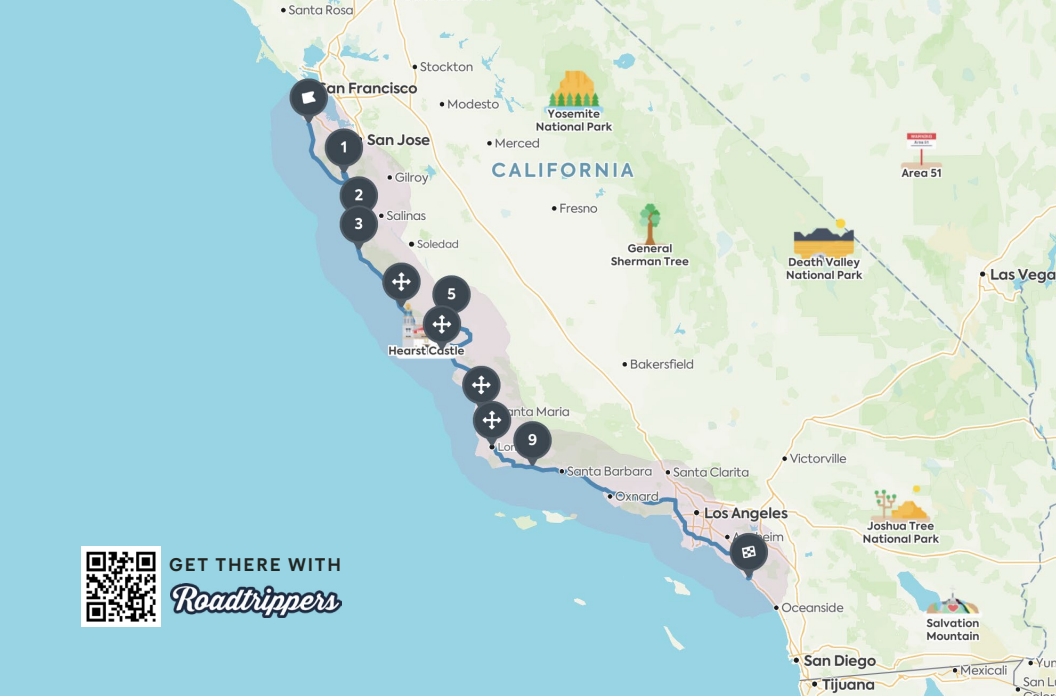
**Campground Island**  
Dover, PA





# Road Trips and Scenic Drives





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SUMMER

## Pacific Coast Highway

656 miles

Enjoy gorgeous ocean views (especially if you drive north to south) and sight-seeing stops at Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Big Sur, Hearst Castle, and Santa Barbara—then end your trip in Dana Point!

### WHERE TO STAY



**Santa Cruz Redwoods RV Resort**

Felton, CA



**Lake Nacimiento Resort**

Bradley, CA



**Sun Outdoors Santa Barbara**

Goleta, CA





## Where to Play



### Half Moon Bay

Make Half Moon Bay your first stop when you leave San Francisco. Enjoy everything from its historic main street and cute shops to miles of beaches and many trails for hiking, biking, and bird watching. Half Moon Bay is also just a half-hour north of Año Nuevo State Park, a destination full of remote beaches perfect for spotting elephant seals. [visithalfmoonbay.org](https://visithalfmoonbay.org)



### Monterey Bay Aquarium

Located right on the coast, Monterey Bay Aquarium is almost two hours down the coast from Half Moon Bay. This renowned nonprofit organization hosts over 200 exhibits and 80,000 animals and plants. Check out one of their newest exhibits, "Into the Deep," and see glowing jellyfish, fanged fish, and octopuses.

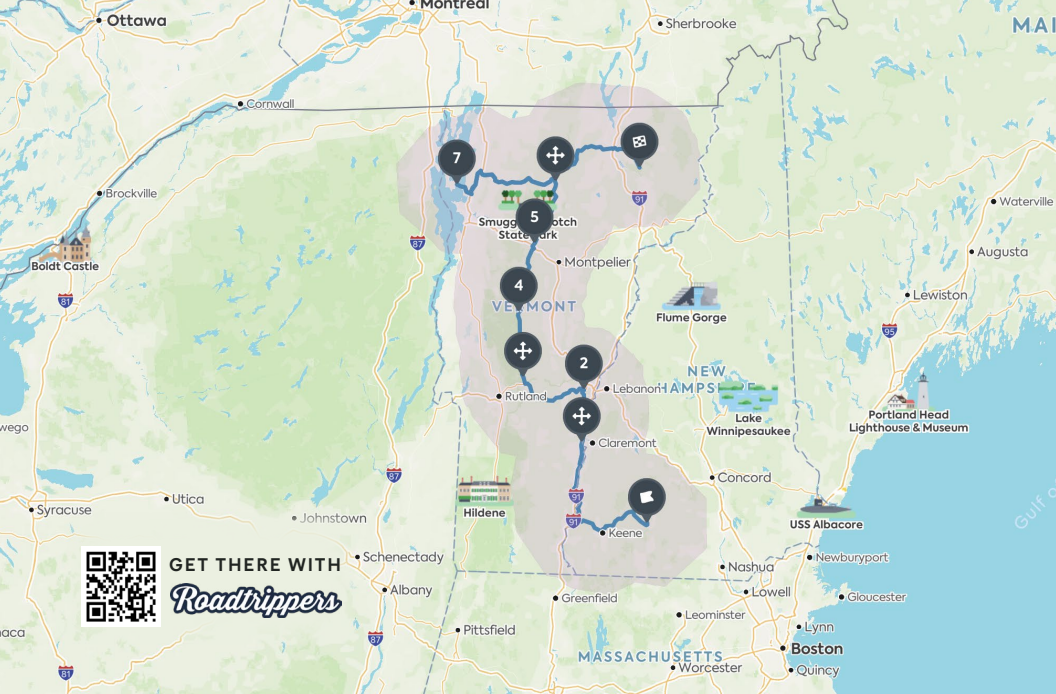
[montereybayaquarium.org](https://montereybayaquarium.org)



### Bixby Bridge

Take your turn photographing one of the most famously picture-worthy spots on the West Coast. Thirty minutes south of Monterey, this bridge is one of the tallest single-span arch bridges in the entire world. While you'll notice it's much narrower than modern bridges (it's only 24 feet wide!), never fear, you can still drive your RV across.

[pacific-coast-highway-travel.com](https://pacific-coast-highway-travel.com)



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FALL

## Vermont's Scenic Route 100 Byway

216 miles

A leaf-peeper's dream come true, this winding route requires a slow pace. The full splendor of the changing leaves is best enjoyed in late September and the month of October. As you drive along the east side of the Green Mountains, you'll pass through 33 quaint towns and villages and plenty of spots for treats and cider.

### WHERE TO STAY



**White Caps  
Campground**

Westmore, VT



**Apple  
Island Resort**

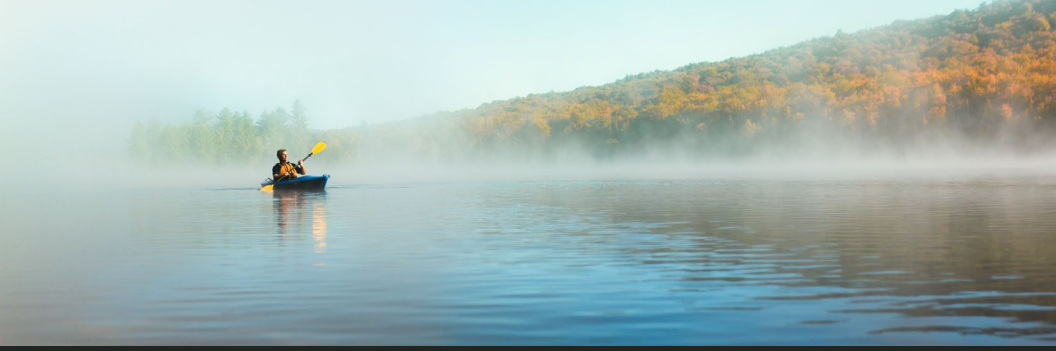
South Hero, VT



**Spacious Skies  
Seven Maples  
Campground**

Hancock, NH





## Where to Play



### Moss Glen Falls

GRANVILLE, VT

Not to be confused with Moss Glen Falls in Stowe, the Granville Moss Glen Falls are a roadside attraction with no strenuous hiking required. Get out and stretch your legs to enjoy a closer look on the boardwalk platform that's accessible via a very short trail.

[onlyinyourstate.com/vermont/moss-glen-falls-vt](http://onlyinyourstate.com/vermont/moss-glen-falls-vt)



### Ben and Jerry's Factory

WATERBURY, VT

Located right on Route 100, Ben & Jerry's Factory Tour and Ice Cream Shop is a must-stop destination on your leaf-peeping trip. Open Tuesday through Saturday, visitors can enjoy views of the Worcester Mountain Range while strolling through the Flavor Graveyard and burning some energy at the playground.

[benjerry.com/waterbury](http://benjerry.com/waterbury)

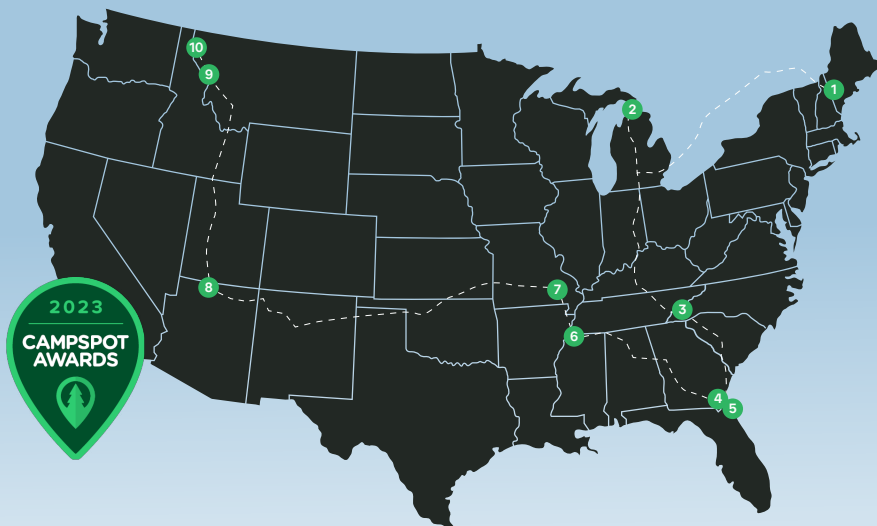


### Quechee Gorge

HARTFORD, VT

Known as "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon," this site is definitely worth the detour from Route 100. See the foliage from 186 feet in the air atop the bridge, or explore hiking and walking trails along the gorge. Quechee Gorge Village and Quechee Gorge State Park are also well in reach and worth the time to explore. [vermonttourismnetwork.com](http://vermonttourismnetwork.com)

# The Ultimate Campspot Roadtrip



## A NATIONWIDE ROAD TRIP FEATURING 2023'S BEST CAMPGROUNDS IN AMERICA!

1. On the Saco Family Campground
2. Indian River RV Resort
3. Stonebridge RV Resort
4. Pecan Park
5. Okefenokee Pastimes Cabins & Campground
6. Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resort: Memphis
7. Otahki Lake Cabins & Campground
8. Dark Sky RV Campground
9. The Nugget RV Resort
10. Kootenai River Campground

\*Order does not represent winner ranking but best road trip route



## What are your top resources for planning a road trip?

In 2019 I took my first big roadtrip across America sleeping in my Nissan Altima. This trip inspired me to live life on a perpetual roadtrip in my self converted camper van from then on. While a lot of people enjoy a spontaneous trip going wherever the road takes them, I personally enjoy a trip most when I have things planned in advance. There are so many resources I have come to live by when preparing for the perfect road trip.

I start on Roadtrippers.com and place my start and end destinations on their map. Then I use websites such as AtlasObscura, OnlyInYourState, and Pinterest to plan where I want to stop along the route. On the final days before I head out on the road I use the road trip vehicle preparation checklist in [Project VanLife's free Maintenance E-Book](#) to make sure my van is in the best condition possible!

I also always have apps like Campspot on my phone to help me find places to sleep in my van at night and apps like GasBuddy to help me find the gas station with the cheapest prices near my current location. As a solo female traveler, I take my safety very seriously and use apps like bSafe and Parachute to give myself an extra layer of protection when traveling. And of course my favorite app to have for a road trip is Spotify because there is no feeling like driving the open road with the windows down and vibing to the perfect road trip playlist.



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# The Ultimate Guide to Michigan Camping

An illustration of a person wearing a red hat and a grey long-sleeved shirt, relaxing in a black and red hammock strung between two large trees. The campsite is on a sandy beach with waves in the background. A blue tent is partially visible on the right side of the image.

## Fast Facts

**101**

No. of Campspot  
Campgrounds in  
Michigan

**5,306**

No. of Campspot  
Campers hailing from  
Michigan

**103**

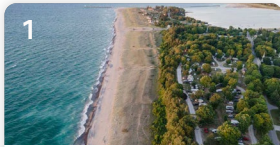
State Parks and Recreation  
Areas in Michigan  
[michigan.gov](http://michigan.gov)



# Trending Camping Destinations

## Michigan Campgrounds With the Most Advance Summer Bookings

As of February 28, 2023



1

### Woodland Park Campground

Grand Marais, MI



2

### Munising Tourist Park Campground

Munising, MI



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### Dune Town Camp-Resort

Mears, MI



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### Rose Lake Park

LeRoy, MI



5

### Weko Beach Campground

Bridgman, MI



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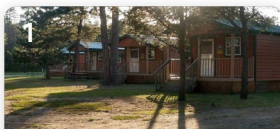
### Triponds Family Camp Resort

Allegan, MI



## Michigan Campgrounds With the Most Advance Fall Bookings

As of February 28, 2023



1

### Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Grayling

Grayling, MI



2

### Weko Beach Campground

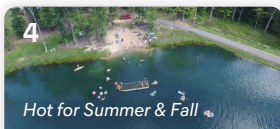
Bridgman, MI



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### Camp Dearborn

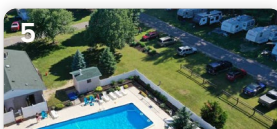
Milford, MI



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### Triponds Family Camp Resort

Allegan, MI



5

### Woodchip Campground

Byron Center, MI



6

### Lakeshore RV Campground

St. Ignace, MI



# Top Outdoor Adventures



## Stargaze in Dark Sky Preserves

Six of Michigan's state parks are home to dark sky preserves and are incredible areas for stargazing. Michigan also has three internationally designated dark sky parks. Did you know you can see the northern lights from Michigan? They're best experienced from August to April, so be sure to try and catch a glimpse if you're visiting in the fall. [michigan.gov](https://michigan.gov)



## Explore Isle Royale National Park

Located in the wayyyy northwestern bit of Michigan, summer and early fall are the best times to visit this national park, as the island is closed between November 1 and April 15. Whether you're a hiker, boater, or looking for some good ol' family fun on the water, this slice of paradise has it all. Divers can even explore the most intact shipwreck collection in the national park service! It is a remote location, though, so plan accordingly.

[nps.gov](https://nps.gov)



## Hunt for Morel Mushrooms

Safely practiced mushroom foraging can be a great family activity that encourages exercise and exploration! Michigan is home to thousands of wild mushrooms, but hunting for the morel is perfect for beginners because of its easier identification. Visit [michigan.gov](https://michigan.gov) to read up on tips for getting started, and to find helpful maps.



## Take a Tour of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Fear not, you won't accidentally disturb actual slumbering bears while on a jaunt down this national lakeshore. You will see a giant dune that looks like a sleeping bear though! This renowned part of Michigan is home to miles and miles of sandy beaches. Come for the spectacular dunes, coastal villages, and relaxing walks, but stay for the bird-watching, lighthouses, shopping, and museums!

[sleepingbeardunes.com](https://sleepingbeardunes.com)

# DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

## Grand Rapids, MI

We'd be remiss if we didn't highlight Campspot's primary stumping grounds, Grand Rapids! Be sure to catch a glimpse of the Campspot logo at the corner of Weston Street SW and Commerce Ave SW on your way to grab a bite at Two Beards Deli. Grand Rapids is a perfect place for foodies and fans of art and beer.

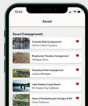
### Where to Camp




#### Steamboat Park Campground

This park features 65 full-hookup campsites, most directly along the river with a sandy shoreline bottom. Enjoy entertainment right in the park with a boat ride on their reproduction paddle-wheel riverboat, The Grand Lady. Perfect for enjoying time with friends and family, a picnic lunch, and live music.

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Don't forget to save Steamboat Park  Campground in the Campspot app to build your 2023 camping bucket list!

### Fun Fact

Grand Rapids was recently nicknamed "Beer City, USA" as it's home to over 40 breweries!  
[michigan.org](https://michigan.org)

### Where to Eat

Founders Brewery  
235 Cesar E. Chavez Ave  
SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
\$ | [foundersbrewing.com](https://foundersbrewing.com)

### Where to Explore

Frederik Meijer Gardens  
& Sculpture Park

This sprawling 158-acre botanical garden is a relaxing haven in the summer and fall. With over 200 sculptures on display, beautiful gardens, and horticulture exhibits like "Butterflies Are Blooming," this park's combination of art and nature is a must-see for anyone spending time in the Grand Rapids area.  
[meijergardens.org](https://meijergardens.org)



## Ask an Expert

### What are the best Michigan beaches to visit in the summer?

Michigan, the “Great Lake State,” is hugged by four of the Great Lakes and home to more than 11,000 inland lakes; which means you’re never more than six miles from a body of water and your next beach destination.

Visiting Lake Michigan and Lake Huron means finding golden sand beaches, rock hunting, lighthouses, and freshwater. On Lake Michigan, popular beaches include Grand Haven, Ludington, Frankfort, Silver Lake, St. Joseph, and the spectacular Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The sunrise side of the state, Lake Huron, holds many of Michiganders’ favorite beaches including Lexington, Port Austin, Tawas City, Alpena, and Cheboygan.

Heading inland, Lake St. Claire, Torch Lake, Houghton Lake, Gun Lake, Walloon Lake, Hamlin Lake, and Glen Lake are just a few of the best lake beaches to hit this summer for their smaller crowds, good fishing, and time in the sun.



#### David Lorenz

Vice President, Travel Michigan  
[michigan.org](https://michigan.org) | [@puremichigan](https://twitter.com/puremichigan)





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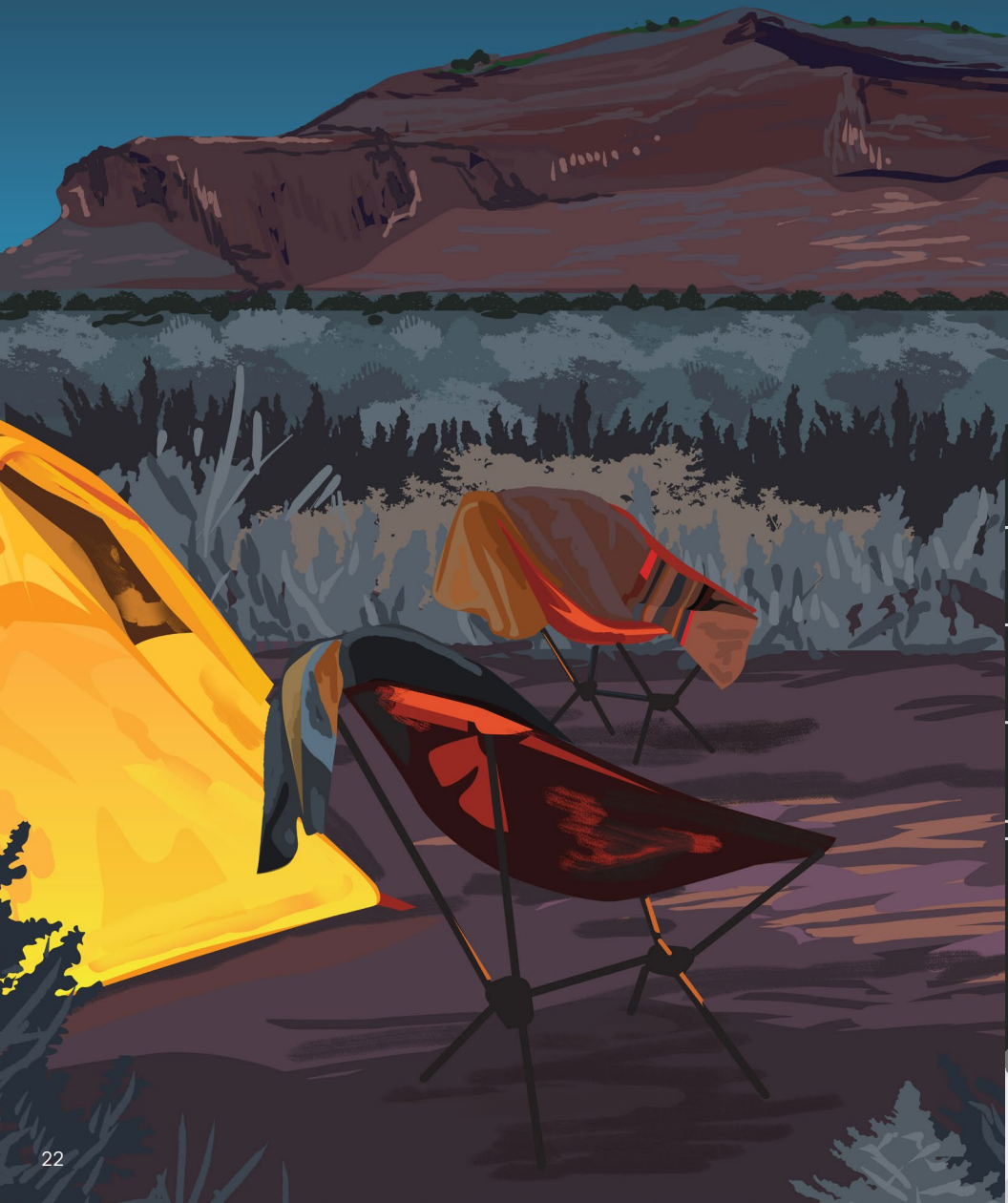


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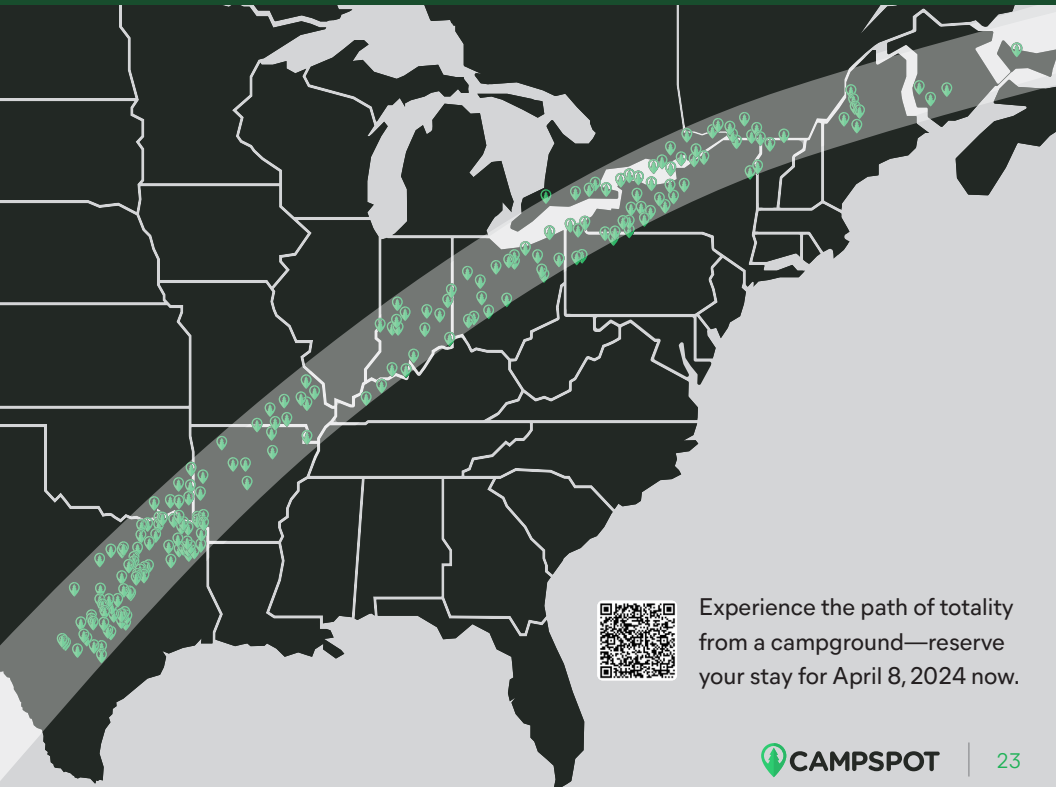
# Astrotourism Escapades



## UPCOMING 2023 CELESTIAL EVENTS

APRIL 22	Lyrid Meteor Shower	SEPT 29	Full Harvest Moon
MAY 5	Full Flower Moon	OCT 14	"Ring of Fire" Annular Solar Eclipse
JUN 3	Full Strawberry Moon	OCT 28	Partial Lunar Eclipse
JUL 3	Super Buck Moon	OCT 28	Full Hunter's Moon
AUG 1	Super Sturgeon Moon	NOV 3	Jupiter Opposition
AUG 11 & 12	Perseid Meteor Shower	NOV 27	Full Beaver's Moon
AUG 27	Saturn Opposition	DEC 13 & 14	Geminid Meteor Shower
AUG 31	Super Blue Moon	DEC 27	Full Cold Moon

## Snag Your Campspot for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse



Experience the path of totality from a campground—reserve your stay for April 8, 2024 now.

# 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Campgrounds

STAY IN THE PATH OF TOTALITY ON APRIL 8, 2024



**Hidden Grove  
RV Resort**

Honey Grove, TX



**Ranch 3232**

Johnson City, TX



**Summit  
Vacation &  
RV Resort**

New Braunfels, TX



**Sandy Springs  
RV Park**

Streetman, TX



**Austin  
RV Park**

Austin, TX



**Austin  
Lone Star**

Austin, TX



**Northside  
RV Resort**

Waxahachie, TX



**Sandy Lake**

Carrollton, TX



**Patriot RV  
Park - Waco**

Waco, TX







### Heaven's Gate RV Park and Retreat

Muse, OK



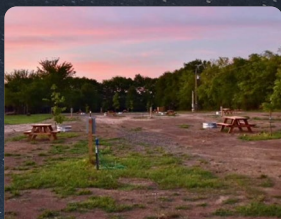
### Ozark RV Park and Cabins

Mountain View, AR



### Pig Trail Lodging

Ozark, AR



### Whispering Springs Retreat

Belleville, AR



### Presque Isle Passage RV Park and Cabins

Fairview, PA



### Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Chautauqua

Jamestown, NY



### Weedsport Speedway

Weedsport, NY



Spots will go fast! Book your trip now for April 8, 2024 to experience the total solar eclipse. For a full list of campgrounds in the path of totality, visit:



## DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

# Terlingua, Texas

Terlingua is a dark skies region in Texas, which means the area has low light pollution and the conditions are ideal for stargazing. Terlingua is also known for being a ghost town (aka the perfect location for campfire stories) as well as the home to the famous Chisos Mining Company, the original chili cook-off, and the Terlingua Trading Company.

[visitbigbend.com/terlingua](https://visitbigbend.com/terlingua)

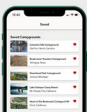
### Where to Camp



#### Roadrunner Travelers Campground

This campground is smack dab in the center of all your major exploration opportunities. Check out Big Bend National Park, Big Bend Ranch State Park, and Terlingua Ghost Town while you're here.

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Don't forget to save Roadrunner Travelers Campground in the Campspot app to build your 2023 camping bucket list!



### Fun Fact

Apart from the ghost town and history of this location, Terlingua is also famous for its annual chili cook-off and was called the "Chili Capital of the World" by the Chili Appreciation Society. [tshaonline.org](https://tshaonline.org)

### Where to Eat

Starlight Theatre  
631 Ivey Road  
Terlingua, TX 79852  
\$\$-\$\$\$\$  
[thestarlighttheatre.com](https://thestarlighttheatre.com)

### Where to Explore

Big Bend National Park  
According to [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov), nights are "dark as coal" in Big Bend National Park. Visit for canyon views, bird watching, and species diversity galore.



## Ask an Expert

### What's the best way to safely view an eclipse?

Viewing the eclipse requires eye protection for all phases—except during totality for those who are in the path when it is safe to view the sun with your naked eye. So, it is important that safe solar glasses are used to watch the eclipse. Vendors for those glasses are listed on the American Astronomical Society special eclipse website, [eclipse.aas.org](https://eclipse.aas.org), and are also available through Galileoscope at [galileoscope.org/eclipse](https://galileoscope.org/eclipse).

Similarly, there are filters and other accessories that can make the eclipse safely viewable through binoculars or telescopes. Those accessories are available from a wide range of telescope and astronomy vendors. If you engage amateur or professional astronomy groups, they will no doubt have the right equipment for watching the eclipse.

Both of the upcoming eclipses—the annular eclipse in October of '23 and the total eclipse in April '24 will be livestreamed by The Exploratorium, with support from NASA. Those live streams are a fun way to watch these eclipses move across the country, and also provide the opportunity to watch the eclipse even if the weather isn't accommodating where you are on eclipse day!



#### Douglas Arion

Executive Director, Mountains of Stars  
Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy at Carthage College  
Co-founder of Galileoscope

[mountainsofstars.org](https://mountainsofstars.org) | [@mountainsofstars](https://twitter.com/mountainsofstars)

# The Ultimate Guide to North Carolina Camping



## Fast Facts

67

No. of Campspot  
Campgrounds in North  
Carolina

3,923

No. of Campspot  
Campers hailing from  
North Carolina

41

State Parks in  
North Carolina  
[visitNC.com](http://visitNC.com)

# Trending Camping Destinations

## North Carolina Campgrounds With the Most Advance Summer Bookings

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**1**  
**North Pointe  
RV Resort**

Selma, NC



**2**  
**Cross  
Winds Family  
Campground**

Linwood, NC



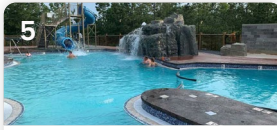
**3**  
**Riverwalk on  
the Yadkin  
RV Park**

Jonesville, NC



**4**  
**Oak Hollow  
Campground**

High Point, NC



**5**  
**Yogi Bear's  
Jellystone Park™:  
Asheboro**

Asheboro, NC



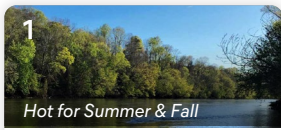
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**Grumpy Bear  
RV Park and  
Campground**

Bryson City, NC



## North Carolina Campgrounds With the Most Advance Fall Bookings

As of February 28, 2023



**1**

*Hot for Summer & Fall*

**Riverwalk on  
the Yadkin  
RV Park**

Jonesville, NC



**2**

**Steel  
Creek Park  
Campground**

Morganton, NC



**3**

**Zooland Family  
Campground**

Asheboro, NC



**4**

*Hot for Summer & Fall*

**Cross  
Winds Family  
Campground**

Linwood, NC



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**Byrd's Branch  
Campground**

Elkin, NC



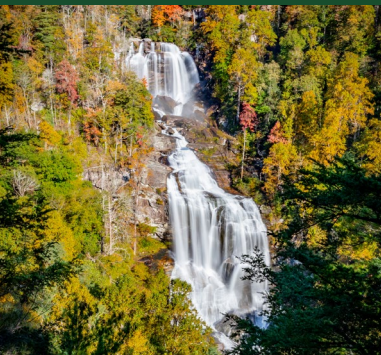
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**Yogi Bear's  
Jellystone Park™:  
Cherokee**

Cherokee, NC



# Top Outdoor Adventures



## Hike the “Land of the Waterfalls”

Transylvania County in western North Carolina boasts an astronomical number of waterfalls (over 250!) in its vicinity. This includes Whitewater Falls, one of the tallest waterfalls in the eastern part of the United States. Grab a guide book or your favorite hiking app and create your own waterfall bucket list. Just don't forget snacks! [transylvaniacounty.org](http://transylvaniacounty.org)



## Zipline Through Blowing Rock

A popular destination in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Blowing Rock is a great place to take the family ziplining as several companies offer lines and excursions in the general area. Some even offer cliff jumping! Sail through the trees, walk over wobbly bridges in mid-air, and try to keep your eyes open so you don't miss anything North Carolina has to offer. [blowingrock.com](http://blowingrock.com)



## Drive the Blue Ridge Parkway

A 469-mile road that meanders through North Carolina and Virginia, “America's favorite drive” offers a great way to witness North Carolina's beautiful fall foliage. It starts in North Carolina near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and passes right by Cherokee, Asheville, and Blowing Rock, providing much to experience along the drive. From the Folk Art Center at mile 382 to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, this scenic parkway has something for everyone. [blueridgeparkway.org](http://blueridgeparkway.org)



## Reach New Heights in Statesville

Known as the “Hot Air Balloon Capital of the East,” and an established ballooning center since the 1960s, Statesville provides hot air balloon rides with views of Pilot Mountain, Charlotte, and Winston Salem. Park your RV at a nearby campground, grab the most daring in your party, and gain a new perspective on your surroundings that you'll never forget. [lostinthecarolinas.com](http://lostinthecarolinas.com)

## DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

# Old Fort, North Carolina

Located only about 25 miles east of Asheville, Old Fort is a small town surrounded by Pisgah National Forest, making it a dream hiking destination. It's easy to access and also known for its pre-Revolutionary War history and proximity to waterfall trails. Yes, please! [romanticasheville.com](http://romanticasheville.com)

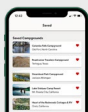
### Where to Camp



#### Catawba Falls Campground

Situated right on a flowing river, Catawba Falls Campground is an awesome spot to rest your rump if you're looking for some epic hiking and history. Explore nearby attractions like Little Switzerland, Mountain Gateway Museum, Lake James Park, and, you guessed it—Catawba Falls!

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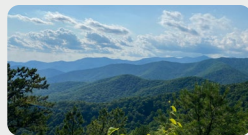
### Fun Fact

Anglers, rejoice! Old Fort happens to be an officially designated North Carolina Mountain Heritage Trout city. [romanticasheville.com](http://romanticasheville.com)

### Where to Eat

Hillman Beer Old Fort  
78 Catawba Ave  
Old Fort, NC 28762  
\$\$\$ | [hillmanbeer.com](http://hillmanbeer.com)

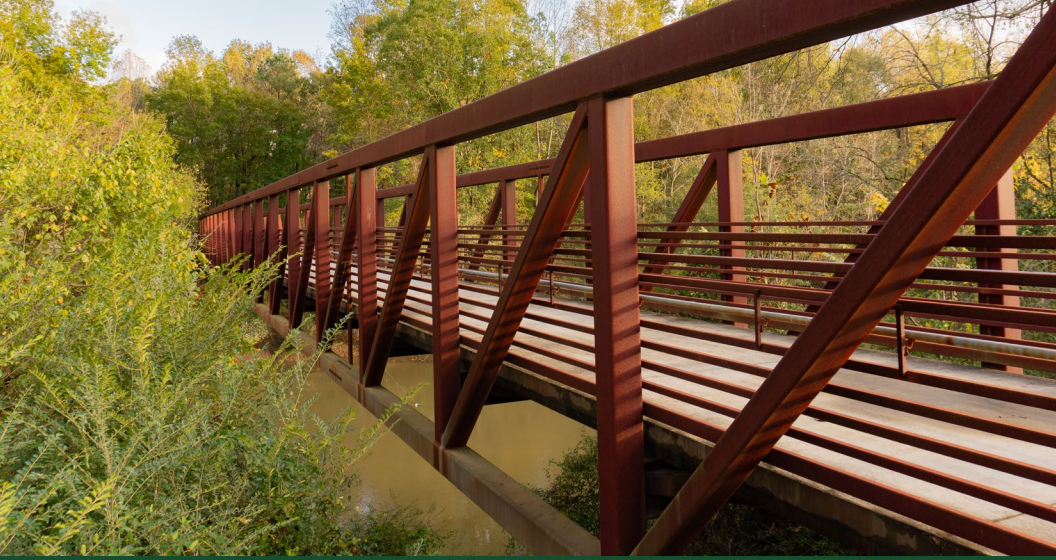
### Where to Explore



#### Black Mountain

Located less than 15 minutes away, Black Mountain has 17 hiking trails to explore. From steep climbs to stunning views to waterfall views, there's something for everyone to explore.

[alltrails.com/us/north-carolina/black-mountain](http://alltrails.com/us/north-carolina/black-mountain)



## Ask an Expert

### What are some of the best hiking trails in North Carolina?

North Carolina boasts some of the most amazing views of waterfalls, rainforests, and mountaintops accessible by foot/boat. Want to walk behind a waterfall? I recommend the rated easy yet stunning 1.5-mile roundtrip hike to Moore Cove Falls in Brevard.

Prefer to take it up a notch and see mountains for days? Check out western North Carolina's Looking Glass Rock trail, a 6.2-mile roundtrip hike that will take you to the top of the world and have you feeling like a rockstar at the end! Also, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail is a 1,200-mile trail that spans the whole state with access points every few miles. This trail is versatile from the mountains to the coast where you'll see wildlife and wildflowers, and you'll even get to paddle some of the sections like on the Neuse River.



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# Award Winning Adventures





# Award-Winning Adventures

## BEST CAMPGROUNDS IN AMERICA



**Indian River  
RV Resort**

Indian River, MI



**On the  
Saco Family  
Campground**

Brownfield, ME



**The Nugget  
RV Resort**

St. Regis, MT



## BEST CAMPGROUNDS IN CANADA



**Moonlight  
Bay Tent &  
Trailer Park**

Wilberforce, ON



**Sunset View  
Campground**

Hawshaw, NB



**Martens  
Resort**

Lac La Hache, BC



## BEST RV CAMPGROUNDS



**Carolina Pines  
RV Resort**

Conway, SC



**Sun Outdoors  
Paso Robles**

Paso Robles, CA



**Camp  
Margaritaville  
RV Resort  
Breaux Bridge**

Henderson, LA





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## BEST TENT CAMPGROUNDS



**Lake Siskiyou  
Camp Resort**

Mt. Shasta City, CA



**Sun Outdoors  
Moab  
Downtown**

Moab, UT



**Sun Outdoors  
North Moab**

Moab, UT



## BEST GLAMPING CAMPGROUNDS



**Yogi Bear's  
Jellystone Park™:  
Golden Valley**

Bostic, NC



**Smokey Hollow  
Campground**

Lodi, WI



**Sun Outdoors  
Lake Rudolph**

Santa Claus, IN

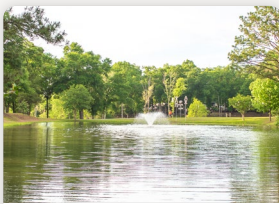


## BEST CAMPGROUNDS FOR PET LOVERS



**Canyon View  
RV Resort**

Grand Junction, CO



**Fair Harbor  
RV Park &  
Campground**

Perry, GA



**Woody  
Mountain  
Campground**

Flagstaff, AZ



# DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

## Mt. Shasta City, CA

This destination is one of California's fastest growing locations for destination vacationing. Whether you're looking to relax or enjoy extreme sports, this scenic spot has something for everyone. Hiking, mountain biking, river rafting, caving (that's a real thing), rock climbing, off-roading, bird watching, waterfall exploring...we can keep going. [visitmtshasta.com](https://www.visitmtshasta.com)

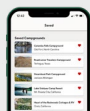
### Where to Camp



#### Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort

A four-category 2023 Campspot Award winning campground, this treasure of a destination is not to be missed if you're planning a trip to California. Surround yourself in the incredible views of Mt. Shasta and the Shasta Trinity National Forest while exploring hiking trails, the beach, a Splash Zone inflatable water park, the Lake Sis Bar & Grille, and more!

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Don't forget to save Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort in the Campspot app to build your 2023 camping bucket list!



### Fun Fact

John Muir (1874) famously said, "When I first caught sight of Mount Shasta over the braided folds of the Sacramento Valley, my blood turned to wine, and I have not been weary since." [visitmtshasta.com](https://www.visitmtshasta.com)

### Where to Eat

Alua's Thrive Bar  
315 Chestnut St.  
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067  
\$ | [thrivebar.co](https://www.thrivebar.co)

### Where to Explore

Lake Shasta Caverns  
Known as the West's newest National Natural Landmark, you can explore the caverns on a two-hour guided tour complete with a boat ride on Mt. Shasta Lake!  
[lakeshastacaverns.com](https://www.lakeshastacaverns.com)



## Clearly Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort is a destination in and of itself, but are there other nearby attractions that bring campers to the area?

We're located on the southern side of Siskiyou County, California, which as a region feels very authentic and not over-developed. We do get a lot of through traffic due to how close we are to Interstate 5. We attract hikers making the Pacific Crest Trail journey or roadtrippers driving the full I-5 route through California. We're not too far from Medford, Oregon, either. Whether we're a camper's first impression of the county during a pitstop or we're their final destination, the region is full of charming towns and stops. Downtown Mt. Shasta City is filled with local artisans, great cuisine, and activities. Local residents have a high level of pride for our county and maintain a high-quality experience for everyone who visits.

## What are your campers' favorite amenities?

Our number one amenity is our splash zone and we have continued to put more work into it every year. The beach is where we focus a lot of our effort to put our best foot forward given the volume of day visitors and campers. If you forgot water shoes or broke a flip-flop, our general store is very convenient for guests to grab what they need and go spend the day on the water. Having a dedicated bait and tackle shop on site is a big asset for fishermen, too.



**Julie Amsdell**

General Manager  
Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort

# National Parks

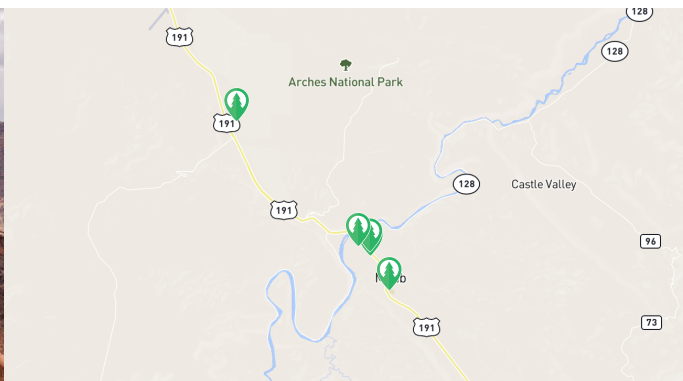




## Great Smoky Mountains National Park



## Arches National Park



## Ask an Expert

### What are must-see sights at Redwood National Park?

My must-see sights in Redwood National Park include several spots that shouldn't be missed if you are there. The Avenue of the Giants should be on every traveler's list. At 31 miles, visitors witness towering redwood trees that are some of the oldest in the world. Likewise, Tall Trees Grove is a relatively easy hike at 3.5 miles that leads to the famous Hyperion tree. Known for being the world's tallest living tree, it stands a staggering 380 feet. Finally, you can finish your day at the Klamath River Overlook, which allows you to see panoramic views of where the Klamath River meets the Pacific Ocean. Be on the lookout for gray whales, seals, and other wildlife!



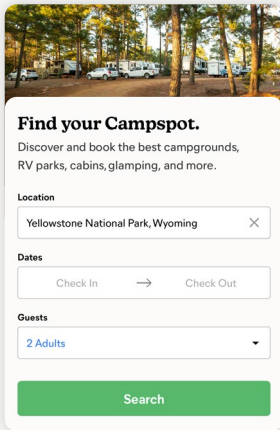
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# Top Searched National Parks on Campspot

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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming


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## Yellowstone National Park




**Valley View RV Park Campground**




Island Park, ID | 15 mi



## Yosemite National Park



**Indian Flat RV Park**



El Portal, CA | 15 mi




## Sequoia National Park




**Kern River Sequoia RV Resort at Camp James**




Kernville, CA | 55 mi



## Joshua Tree National Park



**Joshua Tree RV Campground**



Joshua Tree, CA | 4 mi



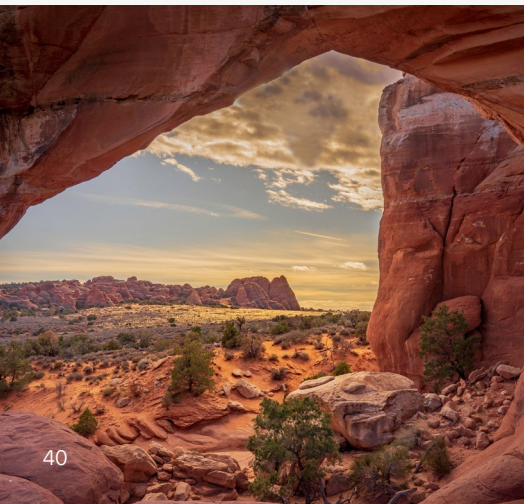
## Hot Springs National Park



**Hot Springs Off-Road Park**



Hot Springs, AR | 5 mi





# DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

## Redwood National Park

Come explore the “home of the world’s tallest trees” in Redwood National Park, where half of the world’s old growth redwoods live. The park has 200 miles of trails to be enjoyed by hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. Get your binoculars ready for plenty of flora and fauna like elk, whales, seals, and wildflowers. [visitredwoods.com](https://www.visitredwoods.com)

### Where to Camp



#### Heart of the Redwoods Cottages & RV

Located just three miles from Redwood National Park in coastal Orick, California, this campground is also super close to Fern Canyon and Prairie Creek State Park. Stay at a deluxe cottage or park your RV, and get ready to soak in the views. You might even see elk!

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### Fun Fact

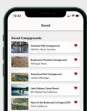
The coast redwood tree (*Sequoia sempervirens*) lives an average of 800 to 1,500 years; some have even been recorded to be up to 2,000 years old. [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

### Where to Eat

Headies Pizza & Pour  
359 Main Street  
Trinidad, CA 95570  
\$\$  
[headiespizzaandpour.com](https://www.headiespizzaandpour.com)

### Where to Explore

Trillium Falls Trail  
This 2.5-mile loop-style trail will take you through ancient forests and even provide views of a small waterfall. [redwoodhikes.com](https://www.redwoodhikes.com)



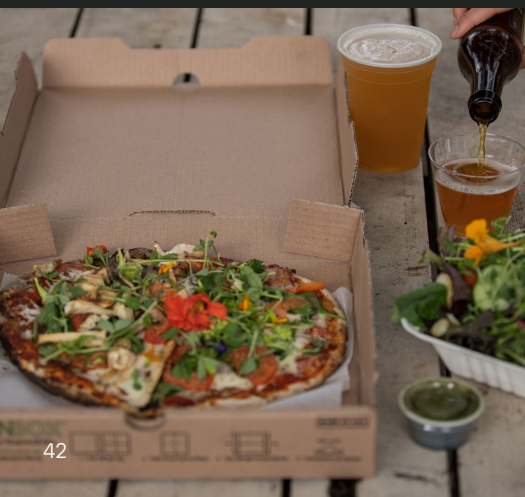
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# Camping Food and Fun



## Foodie Campground Spotlight



### Boothbay Craft Brewery

Boothbay, ME

Enjoy woodfire pizza, live music, and brews from this beautiful campground located only five minutes from downtown Boothbay Harbor.



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## 1. Sherpa Fleece

### Waterproof Blanket **\$39.00**

Meet you AND your dog's new favorite blanket! Constructed of double-sided Sherpa fleece with a waterproof lining in between.

## 2. Dog Backpack **\$69.00**

Create some space in your own pack for extra snacks (or maybe some whiskey) and let your dog carry their own food, bowls, and poop bags.

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Your furry adventure buddy can have their own sleeping bag—no more restless nights sharing a bag with your favorite tent hog! Perfect for camp, the crag, or inside your home as an extra bed.

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While big enough to fit your phone, wallet, poop bags, and over a cup of treats, the Utility Pack is still small enough to comfortably sit on your waist!

## 5. Doggie Bag **\$26.00**

The perfect way to carry your dog's food with you on every trip! The best part? No more wasting plastic plastic baggies. The portable kibble carrier also comes with a stainless steel mug.

## 6. Backpacking Bowl **\$16.00**

The top cinching feature keeps any leftover kibble or remaining water droplets contained, and the extra stretch strap lets you roll the bowl into itself for a tidy pack down. Comes with a mini carabiner as well.



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CAMPING FOOD AND FUN

# Easy Camping Breakfast Burritos

BY CARLIN FRIMMEL

Serves 2

Equipment needed: Large frying pan, spatula, tongs, cheese grater (or pre-shredded cheese)



## INGREDIENTS

4 to 6 eggs, beaten

½ onion, diced

1 jalapeno, diced (remove seeds if you don't like it too spicy)

½ green bell pepper, diced

2 handfuls fresh spinach

1 avocado, sliced

½ cup shredded cheese of choice

4 to 6 slices bacon

2 to 4 medium/large tortillas

Sriracha or salsa (optional)

## MAKE IT

Cook bacon on medium-low heat until crispy. Remove from the skillet and cover until ready to assemble the wrap. Drain excess bacon fat.

Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the skillet. Sauté onions, jalapeño, and green bell peppers until softened, about five minutes.

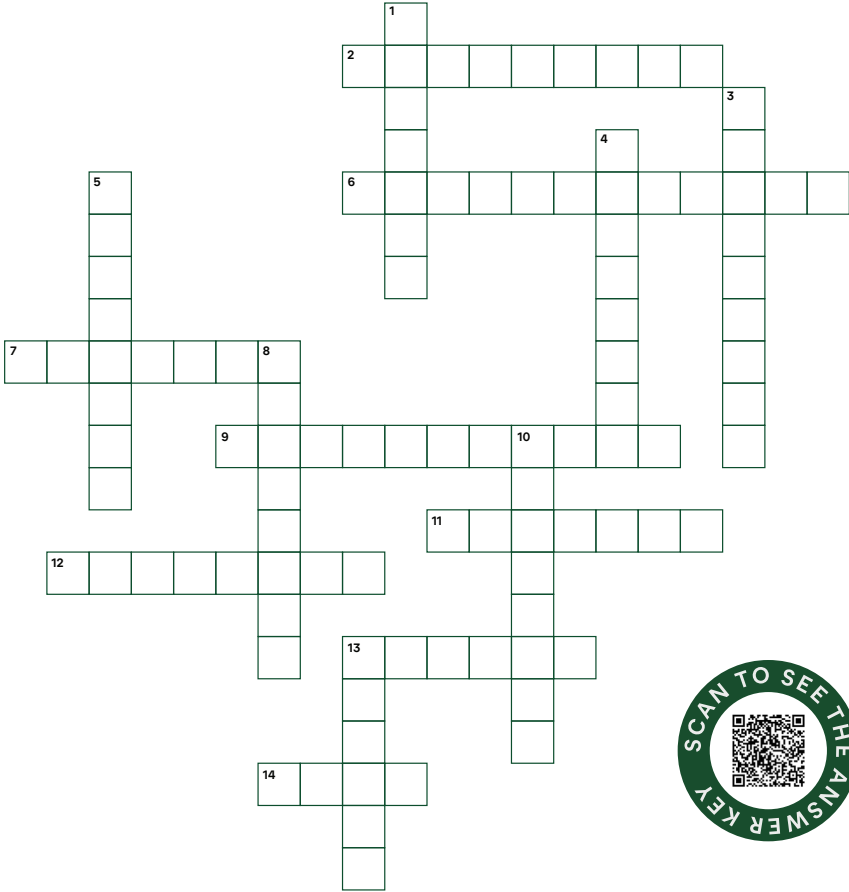
Add fresh spinach and sauté for a couple minutes until softened (optional). Alternatively, you can add the fresh spinach into the burrito at the end if you prefer. Add eggs and cook until scrambled, about 5 to 8 minutes. Add shredded cheese at the end and cook until melted. Turn off the heat.

Assemble the burritos by adding a spoonful of the scrambled egg/vegetable mixture, a couple slices of cooked bacon, some avocado slices, and desired sauces to the tortilla. Wrap tightly and enjoy!



Carlin Frimmel regularly contributes recipes to Campspot's **Camp Guide**. She also combines her passion for food and the outdoors with her outdoor food blog, **Camp Kitchen**, where she shares easy, delicious, and approachable recipes for the outdoors. Find her on Instagram at [@carlin\\_frimmel](https://www.instagram.com/carlin_frimmel), and subscribe to the Camp Guide and Camp Kitchen to make sure you don't miss a recipe!

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- The beginning or entry point for a hiking trail
- Boondocking at Walmart
- Utilities such as electric, water, or sewer
- RV camping without electric, water, or sewer hookups
- Cone-bearing shrubs and trees with leaves that look like needles or scales
- A more luxurious style of camping
- The highest point on a mountainous hike
- A round tent structure

## DOWN

- Fuel used for grilling
- A detailed plan for a trip
- A thick bandage used to prevent or protect blisters
- A toilet facility without plumbing
- RVers who head south in the winter
- Small material used to start fire
- Sticky treat with marshmallow

## How can I make sure my family has the best time on our trip—rain or shine?

With summer right around the corner, it's time to start thinking about planning your next camping trip with your family. With kids in tow, it's important to be ready to enjoy your time outdoors, rain or shine. If Mother Nature cooperates, you might find yourself outdoors hiking, exploring the area around your campsite, or huddling around the fire making s'mores as the sun sets.

### A few pre-trip tips:

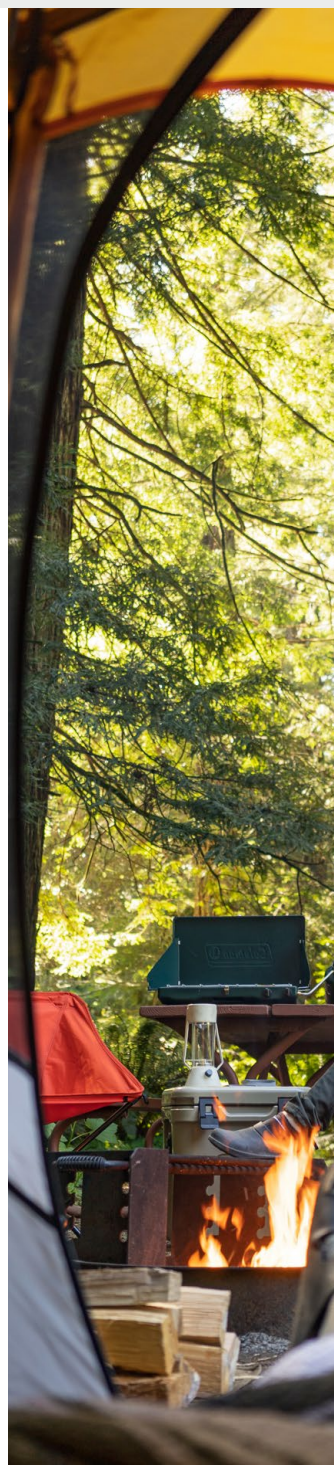
- Research hiking trails accessible from your campsite that are suitable for you and your kids.
- Make sure you have the right gear for the weather conditions, including warm clothes and a waterproof tent if you're tent camping.
- Plan your meals in advance and bring necessary cooking equipment (and snacks!).

In case it rains, come prepared with activities to keep the whole family entertained—books, games, travel chess, or even a Bluetooth speaker are my go-tos. Speaking of rain—although you can't control the weather, you can get reimbursed up to 100% of your camping reservation costs when Mother Nature misbehaves. When making a reservation on the Campspot marketplace, you now have the option to add a Weather Guarantee to your trip for eligible Campspot reservations (you'll find it during checkout). Before any bad weather occurs, Sensible Weather will watch the forecast for you and send a text message in the morning to initiate automatic reimbursement if bad weather is on the horizon. The best part is that you can still use your reservation and enjoy your day with your family knowing you didn't have to pay for bad weather. Happy camping!



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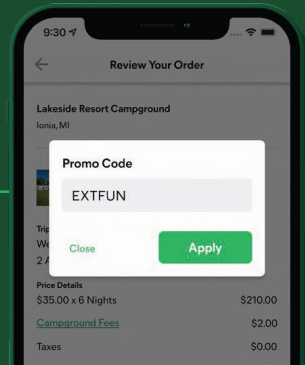
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503



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