
EDITOR'S NOTE

WHEN I ASKED CONTRIBUTING editor Michael Ray Taylor if he'd like to go camping in his favorite spots across the country and then write about them, he took about one nano-second to say yes.

Taylor has camped everywhere from caves 1,000 feet below the ground in New Mexico to a village in southern China supposedly off-limits to foreigners, so he is highly qualified to write our section on uncommon camping (page 25). But his most unusual camping experience was on a mountainous ridge in Jamaica. There, he and some fellow cavers were surrounded by hostile natives who thought the group was with the CIA or Drug Enforcement Administration. Once convinced that Taylor and company were just cavers, the Jamaicans lowered their razor-sharp machetes and let them go by.

Adventures like Taylor's are what *America* is all about, whether the venue is Jamaica or alternative-music clubs on New York's Lower East Side (page 18). Whatever your idea of travel and adventure is, just go out and do it. And let us hear from you.

—Virginia Hostetter
Editor

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