

America's Best Camping Spots

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ing bags, and waterproof maps of the main canoe routes. All this is inexpensive, and it's high adventure, too.

■ **Adirondack Forest Preserve, N. Y.** Most campers find it hard to believe that this splendid bit of upside-down country still remains so undeveloped so close to all the Eastern centers of population. Actually more than half the citizens of America live within a day's drive of this preserve, via turnpike traveling. A number of camp sites are available except during August when the demand is heavy.

■ **Glacier National Park, Mont.** Just to drive across Going-to-the-Sun Highway through Glacier is a memorable experience, but to camp in the park is even more rewarding. Besides the magnificent scenery, there's good fishing, a vast network of hiking and riding trails, good pack-tripping deeper into the high country, and abundant wildlife to study. Other scenic areas are within easy driving in Montana (Flathead Lake, Bob Marshall Wilderness) as well as in British Columbia and Alberta.

■ **Michigan's Upper Peninsula.** Midwesterners have long known about this cool and scenic portion of Michigan surrounded by the Great Lakes. But with the new Straits of Mackinac Bridge, it's available to anyone. The state has numerous campgrounds, and camping rights can be obtained on many private lands for a small fee. The Peninsula has hundreds of lakes with good fishing. The iron and copper ports along the Superior shore line are interesting. And Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior must be reached from here.

■ **Lassen Volcanic National Park, Calif.** California's other parks (Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon) are far better known, but Lassen is an "undiscovered" bonanza for serious campers. It's an excellent outdoor laboratory to study geology and the structure of the earth. Extensive hiking trails lead to fishing lakes and vast sweeps of high country created by erupting volcanoes. Other fine facilities exist in National Forest lands just adjacent.

■ **Padre Island, Tex.** Here's an unbroken strip of land similar to Hatteras at the extreme southern tip of Texas—from Corpus Christi to Port Isabel. It offers unlimited camping but only one established camp site, at the southern end. Excellent fishing is available in Brazos Santiago Pass and in the Laguna Madre all year long. This is also a top-notch shell-collecting area, and there are many spots of interest nearby in the Rio Grande Valley.

■ **Custer State Park, S. Dak.** In their haste to reach more celebrated regions farther west, Eastern vacationers hurry past the Black Hills, where much history was made and where campers can

have the time of their lives. It's great country for hiking and riding. There's good fishing in a number of lakes, and buffaloes still roam at large here. Also in the vicinity are the famous Mount Rushmore stone carvings and the color-

ful gold towns of Lead and Deadwood. Any list of good camping areas must include Yellowstone National Park, a matchless area of natural beauty abounding with wildlife, but extremely crowded through the summer; Grand Teton

National Park, exquisite mountain country, but often quite crowded; Uinta Mountains, Utah, with more than 1,000 lakes; strange Crater Lake, Ore., and surrounding National Forest lands; Olympic National Park, Wash., and sur-

rounding forest lands; Lake Mead National Recreational Area, Nev., a top boating and fishing area, too; Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, Dinosaur National Monument, Utah. Some of the East's best camping areas

include Shenandoah National Park, Va., and the Blue Ridge Parkway, where campgrounds are available but frequently congested during midsummer; White Lake Campground, N. H.; Baxter State Park, Me., in a beautiful wilder-

ness; West Virginia's state parks (Holly River, Watoga, Douthat); Everglades National Park, Fla.; Great Smoky Mountains National Park, best in early summer and fall, extremely crowded in July and August.

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