

Seven Other Ways to Get Back to Nature Without Pitching a Tent

Camp Like a Canadian HUTTOPIA WHITE MOUNTAINS

ALBANY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Canada has so much of the Great Outdoors that our neighbors to the north consider a summer cabin on a lake a birthright. Quebec-based Huttopia brought family-centric cabin camping to the White Mountains in 2017. This year, the company added five more two-bedroom wooden chalets to its original mix of 87 tents and five chalets. The accommodations lean more toward comfort camping than glamping. Real beds with fresh linens go a long way toward creating happy campers. "Trappeur" wall tents, which sleep up to five, also feature full indoor plumbing and small kitchens. Amenities reflect the young-family demographic. The community has a supervised swimming pool as well as a private beach on Iona Lake, and campers can rent canoes and paddle boards. The Airstream bar and grill

serves wine, beer, and pizza—and since Huttopia hails from Quebec, French crepes. The adjacent terrace has Wi-Fi for sending "wish you were here" e-mails to friends back home.

57 Pine Knoll Road, 603-447-3131, canada-usa.huttopia.com.

Tents \$65-\$260 per night, chalets \$175-\$350 per night.

Family Ties NORMANDY FARMS FOXBOROUGH

Three generations of the Daniels family operate this 400-site luxury RV resort on the rolling pastures and wooded glades of their 1759 farm, which might explain why Normandy Farms is so attuned to the different generations who stay there. Boomers gravitate to the six luxury cabins (one wheelchair accessible), while Gen Xers and millennials are captivated by the coolness factor

of the three 24-foot-diameter luxury yurts. With full baths and kitchens, the cabins feel like ski country condos, while the yurts have slightly fewer amenities - only one TV and no dishwasher. Both options sleep up to six, though pricing for the campsites is based on double occupancy. The sprawling park features four swimming pools (one adults only); a recreation building with massage room, sauna, yoga classes, and an arcade; a disc golf course; and a fenced dog park with a kennel for Rover when campers are out sightseeing. A slight step down, the resort's three safari tents are closer to a traditional camping experience, but with a queen bed, microwave, and mini-fridge. They share the park's bathhouses with the traditional tent camping sites.

72 West Street, 866-673-2767, normandyfarms.com. Cabins and yurts:
June-Labor Day weekly \$1,795; spring and fall weekends \$525, weekly \$1,150, midweek \$125 per night. Safari tents: \$125 per night midweek, \$225 per night on weekends, holidays, and peak season.

Cape Cod Charm BOURNE SCENIC PARK BOURNE

Location, location, location. This expansive wooded campground on the mainland side of the Cape Cod Canal has been a fixture since 1951. Although Bourne Scenic Park boasts 439 tent and RV sites, it also has five rustic wooden lodges and five rustic wooden cabins available for comfort campers on a one-week minimum during peak season, twonight minimum in the spring and fall. Both have four bunks and a full or queen bed. The "cabins" are essentially wooden tents, though they now have low-wattage electricity-enough to charge your phone but not enough to run appliances. The "lodges" are handsome small houses with heat, air conditioning, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV, outdoor shower, and ingenious incinerating toilets. Park amenities

include two swimming pools, but

the big appeal is the proximity to

the canal. Fish, just watch the boats

go by, or cycle down the bike path to Scusset Beach.

370 Scenic Highway, 508-759-7873, bournescenicpark.com. Rustic cabins: \$80 per night, \$480 for seven nights. Rustic lodges: \$142-\$179 per night, \$852-\$1,176 per seven nights.

Mountain Highs STERLING RIDGE RESORT JEFFERSONVILLE, VERMONT

Set in a sugar maple forest about 4 miles north of Smuggler's Notch ski area, this woodsy complex of 24 log cabins offers a quintessential Vermont escape. The property is crisscrossed with walking trails through the woods and there's an in-ground pool for a refreshing dip. Most people use Sterling Ridge as a base for hiking, rock climbing, and touring the northern half of the Green Mountain State. Each cabin is a little home, right down to Wi-Fi and cable service, a fully equipped kitchen (no dishwasher in the three studios). and full linen service for the bathrooms and beds. Willow, a gregarious Bernese mountain dog, often greets guests, and dogs are welcome in most cabins for an extra fee.

155 Sterling Ridge Drive, 802-644-8265, sterlingridgeresort.com.

Studios \$155-\$205, one-bedrooms \$205-\$285, two-bedrooms \$225-\$305, three-bedrooms \$265-\$370.

Walks in the Woods SAVOY MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST

FLORIDA, BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Perched atop the first mountain barrier west of the Connecticut River, Savoy Mountain State Forest in the town of Florida has a lot in common with Thoreau's Walden. It feels wonderfully remote, but it's not really that far from civilization. Most campers opt to pitch a tent here, but four rustic log cabins will provide a more Thoreauvian experience. Three of them sleep four, with a table and chairs, and a wood stove for heat and cooking, while the fourth sleeps five and has electricity. The juice is handy, since you might want your

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