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For Camping Newbies, Nearby Grounds Offer It All

Looking for a late summer getaway from East Providence? Here's one idea.

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Whoever said that camping is all about what you go without hasn't been to [Normandy Farms Campgrounds](#). Located off of Route 1 North in Foxboro, MA, Normandy Farms earns its self-proclaimed title as a resort, offering unimaginable amounts of activities and amenities, all for reasonable prices and a roughly 45 minute drive from East Providence.

Even the most fickle vacationer will find it easy to mark off his or her check list while staying at Normandy Farms. The grounds offer a catch-and-release fishing pond; soccer field; dog park; four swimming pools (one of them indoors); a rec center complete with sauna and video arcade; bocce, horseshoe, basket ball and volleyball courts; and free WiFi throughout the park. There's also a concierge, should you need anything, laundry facilities, showers and spa treatments inside guest's units. And that's just scratching the surface.

If you're looking for a more rugged camping experience, Normandy Farms has you covered there, too. All camping lifestyles are welcomed, from the luxury motor coach to the modest tent. If you choose to sleep under the stars in lieu of a hotel on wheels, you'll fit right in, as there's just as much diversity in the campers as there is in the activities offered.

Still not ready to jump in the car and go? Supervisor Janis Pendergast spoke to Patch about what makes Normandy Farms so unique and why people should consider making the trek."

"If [someone] wants to experience the camping lifestyle, doesn't have the equipment and are not sure they want to embrace it, we have seven rental units where they can try the lifestyle," Pendergast said.

The rates at Normandy Farms rival that of a family motel yet offer so much more. Hook-up options to power and water cost a bit more, but for those looking for an authentically rugged, hook-up-free camping experience, you can enjoy Normandy Farms from \$35 to \$50 a night, depending on the season.

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