

## Finest Campground in the USA

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"The Pampered camper"

I am only making a statement that has been proved because this campground has been picked several times as the finest campground in the USA, plus it is listed among the top 7 as the best places to camp in the "world". With that resolved I can tell you during our more than 34 years of camping Betty Ann and I have visited hundreds and hundreds of campgrounds all over this beautiful country we live in. We have marked our thoughts about each campground we visited in our log book. Sometimes what we "discovered" was very different from what we saw on those campground directories, but during those many years of camping we have revisited several of those special campgrounds we felt were top shelf.

I refer to this campground as "The Country Club For Camper's" and this past week we had friends whom we had told about this wonderful campground who were going spend a week enjoying all we had told them about our special campground. We decided to take a few days and go with them just to prove "Normandy Farms Resort Campground" was everything we had told them. Arriving at the entrance, it was even more impressive than the last time we had

stopped about three years ago. We spent almost a week enjoying the amenities offered by Normandy Farms Resort Campground. The office and store were filled with supplies for the camper, the ladies can wonder about in the gift shop area while we checked in and got set up. In a matter of a few minutes we were headed to our campsite directed by a "ranger" who not only made sure we found our campsite but, we had parked in the perfect spot to be able to easily hookup to water electric and sewer. The campsites are very large and pull thru, plus level and each site has a phone connection in case you decided to spend a longer time you can have your own phone for your computer or just to call your "poor" friends back home who are not campers.

Once we quickly finished setting up, we decided to give our friends a complete tour of everything offered at Normandy



Farms Resort. They had already seen the office and store now it was off to the even more impressive main lodge. The 20,000 square foot lodge has an adult lounge area where you can sit and relax or watch a football game on their wide screen TV, tables are set up in case you want to play cards or write a note to any of those "poor



folks" who aren't campers. They also have a computer station where I checked my email at home. This loft also has an area where you can set up a party or just a quite lunch. Leaving the adult loft we went down to the main floor where tables and chairs are set up for bingo, card games and any other activity to keep their campers busy. There is an area set aside for the kids who also need their own space and place to enjoy their camping. Walking around to the back of the main lodge we checked out the indoor pool which is heated, here we saw two saunas and a steam room. This indoor pool allows children "only" if they are with an adult. This was not completed on our last trip but was well under construction, now it was

complete. Next to this area we entered the "workout" room which has all kinds of equipment designed for a complete workout. Of course while using the equipment they have a TV in the corner so campers can watch their "soaps" or the guys can see a football game while still getting in shape.

Outside the lodge we showed them two more swimming pools with lounge chairs for folks to just take a dip, enjoy the sun and relax. Walking back to the lodge we found the "Kampers Kitchen" a complete camper's delight, where you can enjoy fine lunch or dinner at a very reasonable price. Next to this area tents were setup as during the summer season activities for the kids such as ceramics or tie-died tea shirt or many other planned things to keep the kids busy while you enjoy one of the three outdoor pools or the sauna.



Leaving the main lodge I had to show them my "secret place", it was the "Park Perk" where you can enjoy a warm cinnamon bun, maybe a toasted bagel or sip a cup of their many special coffees while mom gets a little more sleep. Walk-

ing around we discovered each site was perfect with the lawns mowed; gravel was raked to make your set-up as easy as possible. Before any camper was taken to their site it was checked by one of the many rangers to make sure the entire area was spotless and ready for another camper.

This camping resort is a family owned and operated. It was founded by Norman and Janet Daniel's who have passed away, but their children Dan, Bob & Janis make sure everything is done to make your stay as fantastic as possible. They hold training programs for their over one hundred employees to make sure each one knows that the campers who stay with them must be "Pampered Campers". Every camper is considered a special guest and must be treated that way. Pets are welcome; they even have doggy areas designed just for them. The restrooms are spotless and are cleaned several times each day. With over 400 campsites and hundreds of campers this is a must. The washing machines and dryers are also top shelf, as we had been on the road for about a week we tried them out.

Lowell Moyer one of the campers who was with us in his RV had a water leak in the middle of the night and was flooded. With wet carpets, even the compartments under his unit had water in them. We headed for the office early the next morning and they offered us a water vac to help get rid of as much water as possible allowing the carpets to dry faster. They not only offered the water vac, it

was delivered to his campsite by one of the rangers in a matter of about five minutes.

Of course we wanted our ladies to be on vacation while enjoying the amenities as much as possible, so we headed for the office to ask about the best place to eat. We were given several choices and the ladies decided we had better stay a few more days to make sure they had the opportunity to taste test each one of those great places our host had suggested.

Well, our week had come to a close and we truly were "Pampered Campers" we had enjoyed toughing it out at the finest campgrounds any of us had ever visited. As the two campers we came with were pulling out of the campground a voice came over my CB radio "We better put this on the list of places to return next camping season"

Directions to get to Normandy Farms Campground:

Located near Foxboro, Mass.

We drove east on route 78 to route 287 north. We connected to

Route 1-95 and stayed on route 1-95 until we got to route 495 in

Mass. We headed north one exit on route 495 and at exit 14a we Headed north on route #1. Only go two stop lights and make a Right turn on to west street and go about 1.5 miles the Campground is on the right.

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