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Planning your next vacation in the great outdoors?

Why not consider bringing your RV to one of New York's beautiful state parks? Life on the open road can be even more memorable for you and your family with a visit to a scenic state campground, including most that are accessible to RVs, all located among the most picturesque settings in North America.

A large majority of state park campgrounds can accommodate RVs, with many offering electric and/or full hook-up sites, which can make your stay easy and enjoyable. Whether for a weekend getaway or annual summer vacation, we have 60 RV-friendly properties from Niagara Falls to the Thousand Islands to Long Island offering a wide range of landscapes, amenities and experiences for all ages and interests.

And arranging a stay at a New York state park is easy! Reservations can be made from one day to nine months in advance by calling **1-800-456-CAMP** or visiting **newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com**. The destinations highlighted here are some of the top spots for RV'ing in the Empire State. Book your next adventure today!



Finger Lakes & Central New York

For those travelers drawn to magical sunsets and wine country, **Sampson State Park** on Seneca Lake is a must-see. Located in the Finger Lakes in close proximity to several popular wine trails, the park has more than five miles of waterfront on the lake's eastern shore and nearly 300 electric sites that can host 40-foot RVs. Paired with beautiful views and abundant outdoor sports and activities, the park is the perfect destination for an RV vacation.

Visitors enjoy swimming at the beach, boating, biking, hiking or fishing. The park has ball fields, tennis, horseshoe, volleyball and basketball courts, and a large play area. Other features include a 103-slip marina with multiple ramps for launching, fresh water filling and sewage dumping stations, a restaurant/camp store, picnic areas and pavilions. The park's facilities are almost entirely accessible to disabled visitors.

For military history buffs, Sampson once served as a naval training station and Air Force base, and the park's heritage has been preserved at a museum established by Navy and Air Force veterans in the former base's original brig. For anglers, **Seneca Lake** is the largest and deepest of the Finger Lakes, and famous for its trout fishing, with an annual National Lake

Trout Derby held on Memorial Day weekend.

Green Lakes State Park, just outside of Syracuse, is exceptional for its beautiful glacial waters. Both Round and Green Lakes are rare meromictic lakes meaning there is no fall and spring mixing of surface and bottom waters. The result is jaw-dropping hues that are evocative of the Caribbean that you don't often see in upstate New York. With full hook-up in the Pinewoods Loop, RVers can experience the incredible scenery and make the most of all that the park has to offer.

The park has more than 20 miles of trails that circle the lakes, and the bathhouse offers amenities adjacent to the popular sandy beach. Golfers can take advantage of the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole course with a newly renovated clubhouse. Even if hitting the links isn't your passion, the views of the lakes and surrounding parkland while dining at the clubhouse terrace can't be beat!

Visitors can also enjoy biking, boating, fishing, hiking, picnicking, cabins and campsites. Park facilities include food concessions, a playground, showers and dumping stations.





Hudson Valley

With 50-amp service in each loop, and ten pull-through sites, the recently-opened **Schodack Island State Park** on the eastern shore of the Hudson River is the perfect destination for RV campers.

Just minutes from Albany the 1,052-acre park includes seven miles of Hudson River and Schodack Creek shoreline offering excellent fishing. If birding draws you, the park has been designated a State Estuary, and a portion of the park shelters a Bird Conservation Area (BCA) that is home to bald eagles, cerulean warblers and blue herons that nest in the cottonwood trees.

Eight miles of multi-use trails wind through a variety of ecological communities. In addition, the park has a bike trail, picnic pavilions, boat launch, playground, volleyball nets, horseshoe and a kayak/canoe launch site. Weekend entertainment, programs and events are held throughout the season drawing campers and locals.





Long Island

Planning a trip to the Big Apple? Enjoy the hustle and bustle and sights and sounds of New York City, then seek some quiet just 70 or so miles east to **Wildwood State Park** on the North Shore of Long Island. With the convenience of large pull-through sites, the park is a haven for campers with bigger rigs who seek an enjoyable outdoor vacation among 600 acres of forest, two miles of beach and high bluffs overlooking Long Island Sound.

Swimmers can take advantage of the cool waters of the Sound, and picnickers can relax at shaded picnic tables as their children enjoy the nearby playground. Visitors can fish and use the hiking trails. On select evenings movies are shown and campers can enjoy an evening of line or square dancing. Each campsite has a picnic table, and dumping stations are nearby. Other amenities include food concessions, a nature trail, 12 miles of marked hiking trails, basketball courts, ball fields and showers.





Niagara Region & Western New York

Experience a natural wonder with your family this summer! Just a few miles north of the majestic Niagara Falls is **Four Mile Creek State Park**. Explore the popular attractions at nearby **Niagara Falls** like the iconic **Maid of the Mist** boat trip and the **Cave of the Winds' Hurricane Deck**, then return to the quiet beauty of the park with its campsites along the shores of Lake Ontario – some of which can accommodate up to 50-foot rigs.

Take in the spectacular panoramic views, hike the park's trails that wind along the bluffs and see the wildlife near the creek's marsh. Other activities include biking, fishing, picnicking and nature and recreation programs led by park staff. The sites have dumping stations and showers, with the park offering concessions, a camp store, laundry facilities, a playground and more.

Golden Hill State Park is also within an hour's drive of Niagara Falls and situated on the Lake Ontario waterfront. The park features the landmark **Thirty Mile Lighthouse** with the full-service lighthouse cottage available for rent year-round. If the stunning views aren't enough, the park offers fishing, boating, shoreline hiking, picnicking, nature walks and walking tours of the lighthouse site.

The park has a boat launch area, sites with and without electric, restrooms with showers, a dumping station, pavilions, picnic tables, a playground and playing fields.

Renowned as the "Grand Canyon of the East," **Letchworth State Park**, located about 35 miles southwest of Rochester, leaves visitors spellbound. It's easy to see why it was named as the Best State Park in the nation just two years ago. The Genesee River roars through the gorge, over three major waterfalls, between cliffs as high as 600 feet in some places. Surrounded by lush forests, hikers can choose among 66 miles of hiking trails with some eye-popping scenic views along the way. Additionally, the park includes daily programs at the new **Humphrey Nature Center**, Native American history, along with guided walks and tours, a summer lecture series, whitewater rafting, kayaking, hot air ballooning and a swimming pool.

The park can accommodate up to 50-foot rigs, and it has dumping stations and showers, food concessions, a gift shop, group campsites, a museum, a nature trail, picnic tables and pavilions, playing fields, playgrounds and fine dining at the Glen Iris Inn. Annual events at Letchworth that draw thousands of visitors from all over include the Red, White and Blue Balloon Festival on Memorial Day weekend and the Letchworth Arts and Crafts Show held Columbus Day weekend.





Thousand Islands



Known for its world class boating and fishing, the Thousand Islands is the largest camping region in New York with 22 state campgrounds. **Cedar Point State Park** in the charming village of Clayton is a popular spot, offering excellent camping along the St. Lawrence River, with full hook-up sites, fishing, boating and swimming. The beach is sheltered and sandy, and there are docks for boats, a fishing pier and picnic grounds. The park offers boat rentals, dumping stations, a marina with a pump-out station, picnic tables and pavilions, a playground, playing fields and showers.

Clayton is home to the Antique Boat Museum and it's also conveniently located near other state parks and historic sites, and attractions such as historic Boldt Castle and Singer Castle. Alexandria Bay, Cape Vincent and the Canadian border are all close by.

Wellesley Island State Park is the largest camping complex in the Thousand Islands region. Within this rustic paradise, fishing is excellent – particularly for muskie in autumn. To accommodate boaters, the park has a full-service marina and four boat launches. A sandy beach on the river offers great swimming and sunbathing. Full-hookup sites for campers and a popular nine-hole golf course are available.

One of the main attractions of the park is the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, which features a museum, varied habitats such as wooded wetlands, three miles of shoreline and miles of trails for hiking including an accessible trail, nature education and daily programming.

The park offers cabins, cottages and campsites, dumping stations, showers, food concessions, picnic tables, a playground and playing fields. Laundry facilities are also available at the camp store. The park has facilities for group camping and twelve vacation rentals, which are fully outfitted cottages with porches from which renters can enjoy the sunset.

Located farther up the St. Lawrence River is **Robert Moses State Park** which straddles the mainland and Barnhart Island near Massena. Visitors reach the park through a tunnel under the Eisenhower Lock. The park is sizeable and expansive, offering space for 50-foot RVs. The park is notable for hosting some of the best fishing in the Northeast along with its marina, boat launch and boat rentals, picnic areas, a swimming beach, tennis courts, playgrounds and more. The nature center has an array of programs and the park's nature and hiking trails wind through fields, forests and wetlands, with overlooks showcasing spectacular views. Most park facilities are accessible.





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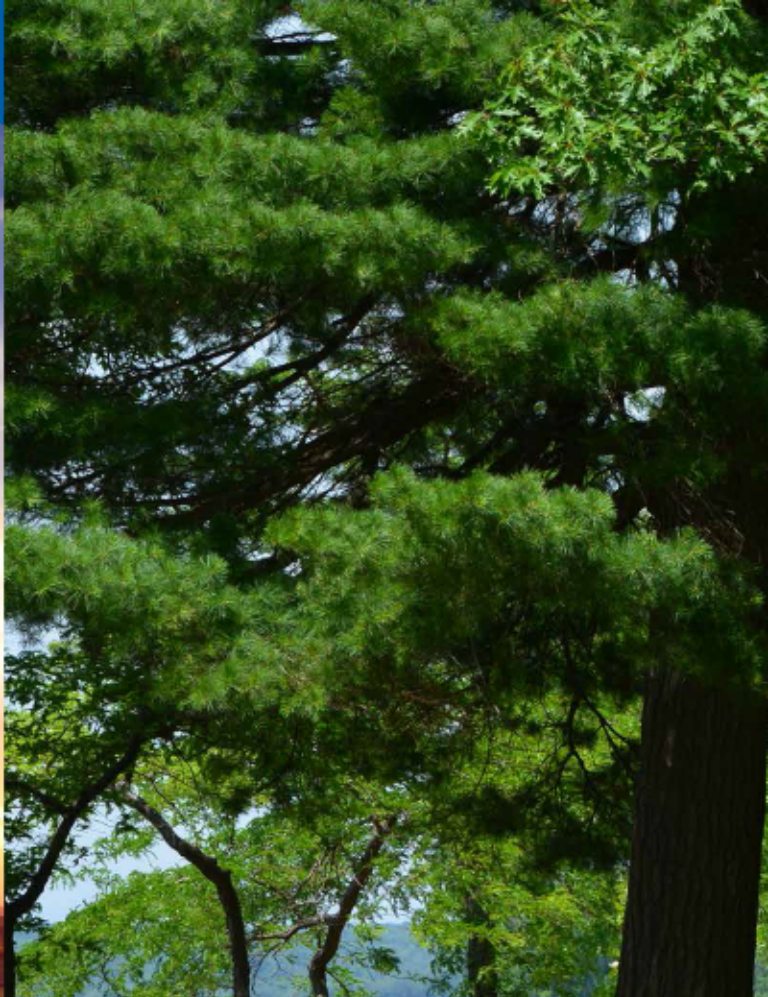
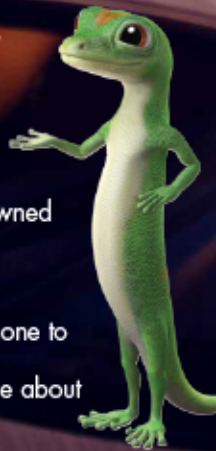
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