

35 Beach Camping Sites in the U.S. That Will Take Your Breath Away

Ocean waves are the best lullaby.



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When the hustle and bustle of everyday life starts to feel overwhelming, few things sound better than tucking away for a few days in a coastal haven—but what about going one step further, and planning a stay directly on the beach? If you want to hear the waves as your lullaby while you enjoy an outdoor playground from sunrise to sunset, there's no better way to experience the great outdoors than camping on the beach.

From the sun-kissed shores of [California's prettiest towns](#) to the untouched beauty of [the East Coast](#), the United States is home to many breathtaking beach camping destinations. Traverse the sandy shores of Assateague Island National Seashore, where wild horses roam freely, or explore the dramatic cliffs of Oregon's Cape Blanco State Park, where panoramic vistas and rugged landscapes paint a picture of rugged beauty. Or, venture down to the Gulf Coast, where the pristine beaches of the Gulf Islands National Seashore beckon with turquoise waters and abundant wildlife.

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Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina

Pitch your tent among the dunes at this [beautiful North Carolina beach camping site](#), surrounded by around 56 miles of unspoiled beaches. Take in the historic 163-foot tall Cape Lookout Lighthouse—and when it's [open for climbing](#), check out the panoramic view of the island.

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