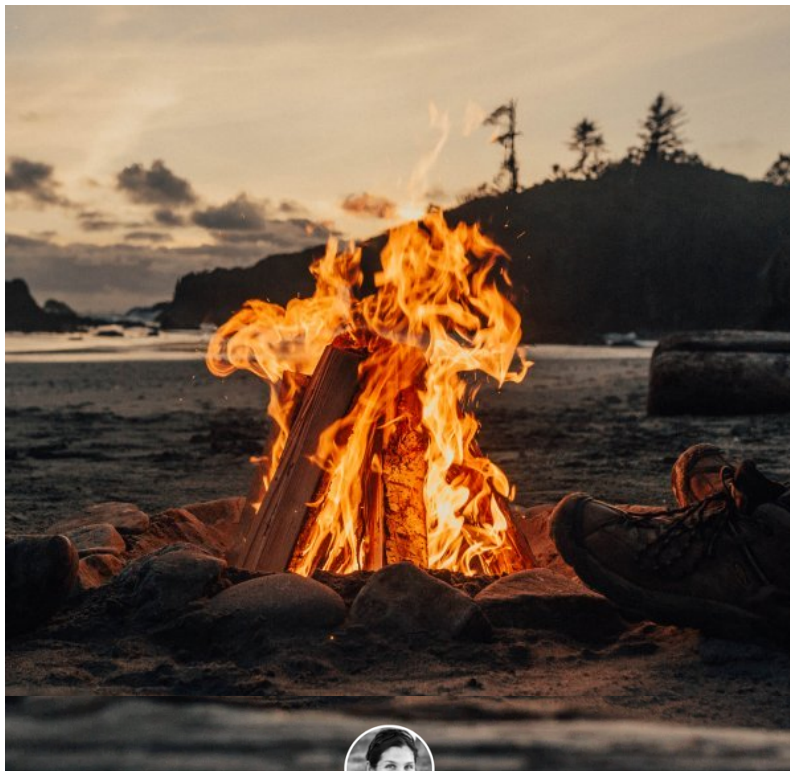


Outside

The 7 Best Uncrowded Beach Campsites

Serene places to pitch a tent—where it's just you and the ocean



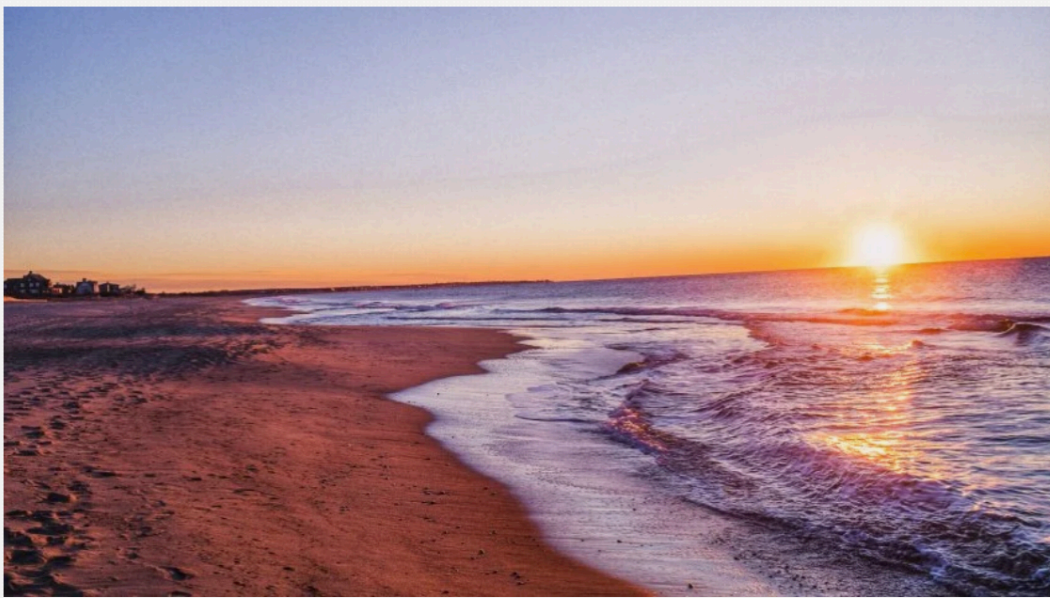
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As the country begins to reopen, we'll keep publishing news to help you navigate the state of travel today (like whether [travel insurance covers the coronavirus](#)), as well as stories about places for you to put on your bucket list once it's safe to start going more far-flung.

While most beaches don't allow camping, if you know where to look, you'll find quiet places to pitch a tent right on the sand. The best parts of beach [camping](#) are the sounds of crashing waves lulling you to sleep and morning strolls along the shoreline at low tide. As state and national park campgrounds start to reopen, here's where to go to find empty campsites with [ocean views](#).

Best for Camper Vans



(Photo: Courtesy Rhode Island Tourism)

East Beach, Rhode Island

Three miles of pristine coastline make up [East Beach](#), a barrier beach with tidal sand flats located outside the town of Charlestown, Rhode Island. The 20 rustic campsites (\$28; [reserve online](#)) are designated for RVs, campers, and vans only—there's no tent camping here—and offer access to Ninigret Pond, which has excellent fishing on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. There's limited parking for day visitors, so East Beach sees fewer crowds than other spots in the area. *Before you go, [check here for the latest](#).*