

Reader's Digest

The Best 25 Spots Where You Can Camp on the Beach



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Grab a backpack and your swimsuit! These gorgeous beach camping destinations are the perfect choices for socially distanced summer fun.

Calling all happy campers!

After months of being cooped up thanks to COVID-19 lockdowns, we're all more than ready to get out and enjoy ourselves. But how do we do that and still stay safe? For many eager summer vacationers, the answer is camping. According to the Camping After COVID-19 edition of the [KOA 2020 North American Camping Report](#), experienced campers, by and large, are forging ahead with their planned trips this year. But even those who never or rarely camped in the past are expressing an interest in this type of vacation right now. Among the top reasons cited are a desire to be outdoors after having to stay at home for so long (46 percent); the low cost of camping as opposed to other types of trips (41 percent); and the relative ease of social distancing while camping (37 percent).

Beach camping can take your outdoor adventure up a notch—as you watch a sunset or sunrise over the water, fall asleep to the sound of waves, and have splashy good times during the day. Even better? You can find amazing beach camping all over the country. In addition to prime spots on the coast, there are plenty of lake beaches where you can pitch a tent or park an RV. One quick note: While camping was allowed at the following spots at the time of publication, check the latest COVID guidelines for the destination before you plan your escape. And no matter where you go, [the CDC wants you to follow these 11 rules before traveling again](#).



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Charlestown Breachway Campground, Charlestown, Rhode Island

Hopping on the summer RV trend? Then drive yours on over to [the Breachway](#) to soak up the sun. Visitors enjoy water sports and, from the east side, panoramic views of Block Island Sound. Fans of saltwater fishing will appreciate the boat ramp, and when you're ready to explore off-site, the Frosty Drew Observatory, quaint shops, and seafood eateries are a 15-minute (or less) drive away. Not completely sure of what constitutes good manners in an RV-only campground such as this one? Read up on [the unspoken etiquette rules of RV camping](#).



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East Beach/Ninigret Conservation Area, East Beach, Rhode Island

If you really want to avoid crowds on your beach-camping adventure, [this three-mile barrier beach](#) is a great choice. Thanks to the limited day parking available, it's easy to stay 15 or 20 feet away from other beachgoers. [The campground](#) offers only 20 sites for rent, so even there, you won't be bumping elbows with many other vacationers. This is also an ideal choice for folks who want a back-to-nature beach experience—there are no snack bars, equipment rentals, or really much of anything on the beach except bathrooms. Seaweed is rarely a problem here, thanks to the waves and sandy bottom. And families with younger kids, as well as paddleboarders, will love the glass-like saltwater pond that's also at this location. Oh, and did we mention that the sunrises here are amazing?