

## DNR Camping Options

**State Park Campgrounds (106 in 75 state parks)** – state parks offer several types of camping experiences that vary from park to park, but below are the types available.

1. **Modern campground-electrical hookup** (20-amp to 50-amp), modern restroom buildings, sanitation stations (14,173 campsites)
2. **Semi-modern campground** – Semi-modern campgrounds feature restroom facilities but no electrical hookup and typically within the same modern campground just during times of the year when modern restroom facilities are not operational.
3. **Lodging** ([www.michigan.gov/dnrlodging](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrlodging))
  - a. **Mini-cabins** (61 total) – these one-room cabins are located within the campground and feature picnic tables and grills or fire rings. Starting at \$39/night
  - b. **Camper cabins** – Basic kitchen appliances (mini-fridge, coffeemaker, sink), beds to sleep 6-8 adults, and a private porch. Some parks may include indoor plumbing and offer additional amenities, such as use of a rowboat.
  - c. **Rustic cabins** (>60 total) – usually located in quiet, isolated areas of the state parks, these buildings can accommodate between two and 24 people with beds, a table, chairs, a propane heater or wood stove for heat. \$49-86/night
  - d. **Modern Lodges** (13 total) – these fully-furnished houses often began as the park manager’s residence and are now available for state park visitors to rent and enjoy an upscale overnight experience, complete with running water, electricity, fully-equipped kitchen, showers and more. If you’re looking to enjoy the conveniences of home while connecting to the outdoors, modern lodges are the way to go. \$80-225/night depending on weekday and park.
  - e. **Tepees** (4 total) – these traditional Native American dwellings feature a hard floor, closeable flap and cots or bunkbeds for up to four people. Some tepees are seasonal, while others are left up year-round.
  - f. **Yurts** (5 total) – These sturdy, tent-like structures are made with insulated canvas exteriors (making them a great winter camping option) and an interior of wood latticework, and topped with a skylight at the dome of the roof. Yurts include bunkbeds, a table, chairs and usually a woodstove for heat. Restroom facilities (outhouse or restroom building) are usually nearby. \$60-65/night.
  - g. **Pop-Up Campers** (8 total) – For those without their own camping trailer, pop-up campers can provide a convenient escape. These lodging options are located in the modern campgrounds and include basic amenities such as a sink, kitchen table and beds. \$45-55/night.
4. **Rustic campground** – These campgrounds usually allow only tent or small trailer camping, do not feature electricity and offer a more nature-based experience. Outhouses and potable water from well hand pumps available. (1,077 campsites/14:3 ratio of modern to rustic).
5. **Group Use Area** (41 total) – also known as organizational campgrounds, these large open spaces can be rented by organized groups (like scouts troops) for tent camping or day use. No electricity, outhouses nearby.
6. **Equestrian campgrounds** (6 total) – these rustic campgrounds are open for campers to bring their horses and horse trailers, and are typically connected to a park’s equestrian trails for easy access. No electricity or running water.

**State Forest Campgrounds (144 total with 131 being rustic)**

1. Rustic campground – These campgrounds allow only tent camping or small trailers, do not feature electricity and offer a more nature-based experience. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations. Outhouses and potable water from well hand pumps available. Some sites are paddle-in only.

**Backcountry camping** – Campers must hike or paddle to a designated remote campsite, normally a considerable distance from a parking lot or improved vehicular access route. No potable water, outhouse, picnic tables or trash disposal (6 people per site). To reserve one of these types a sites, a person must go to the local headquarter to request a site.

**Backpack/bicycle/kayak/canoe camping** – These 1-night only camps must be self-supporting/leave no trace tent campers. This means all of their camping gear is either carried on their bike, in a backpack or within a canoe or kayak AND they have no access to a motor vehicle or any other means of transportation not provided by their own body. The intent of this policy is to provide these users with a safe option to rest overnight while on their trip. Reservation for this type of camping is also done at the local headquarters.

**Dispersed camping** – Visitors can set up a dispersed campsite on state forest land as long as the property is not posted as “no camping,” as long as you are more than one mile from a designated State Forest Campground, and as long as all state rules are followed. No camping amenities are provided in such areas (restrooms, potable water, etc) and campers cannot start a fire outside of a designated fire ring. While there is no cost for this program, a person is required to pick up a permit from a local customer service center or can print one from the Department’s website.