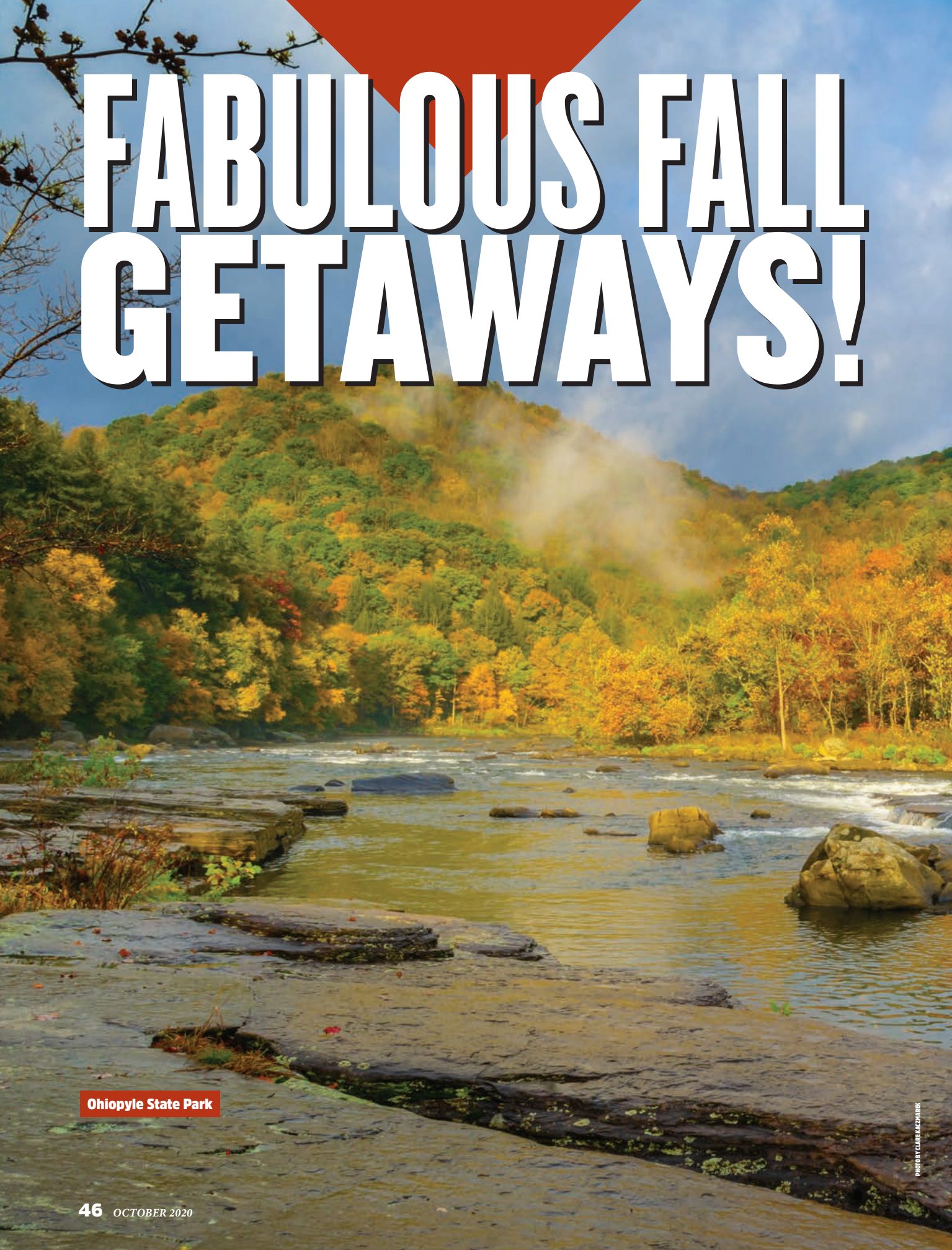


FABULOUS FALL GETAWAYS!



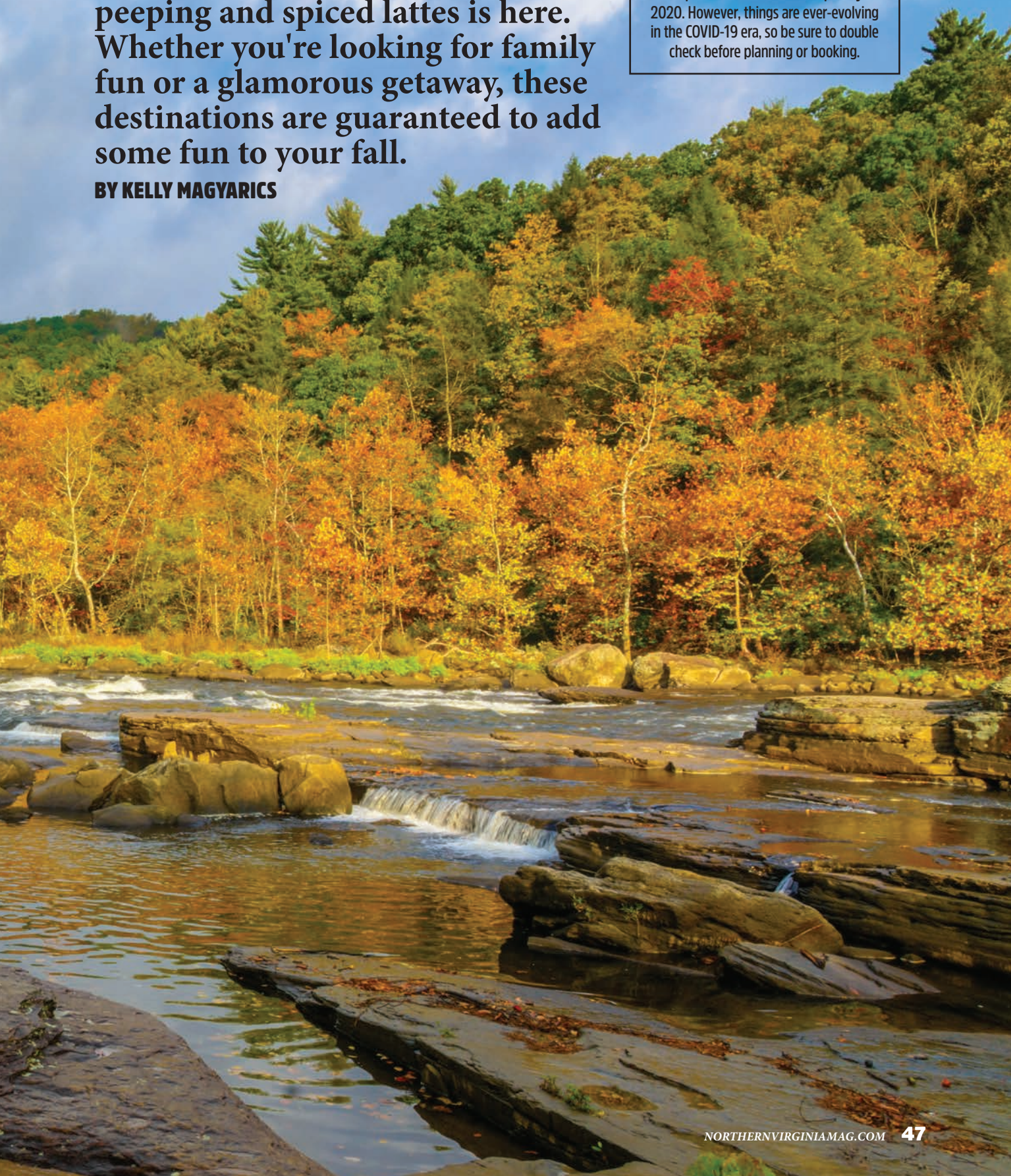
Ohioyle State Park

The summer heat has subsided and the season of pumpkins, leaf peeping and spiced lattes is here. Whether you're looking for family fun or a glamorous getaway, these destinations are guaranteed to add some fun to your fall.

BY KELLY MAGYARICS

Editor's Note:

As of press time, the following places were open or scheduled to be open by fall 2020. However, things are ever-evolving in the COVID-19 era, so be sure to double check before planning or booking.



FOR: FAMILY CAMPING

QUAKERTOWN IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Drive time from NoVA: 3.5 hours



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Lake Nockamixon

Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, kids activities, a wine trail and a charming old-world shopping village means there is something that appeals to every member of the family.

STAY HERE

The warm and welcoming **Little Red Barn Campground** has been owned and operated for more than 45 years by the Roeder family and is a great choice for families who want to dip their toes into camping. Select a flat tent site or a spacious, grassy or wooded RV site with a picnic table and fire ring or one of three comfortable rental trailers. There's plenty to do on-site, including a game room with a pool table, volleyball and basketball courts, horseshoe pits, wagon rides and a playground, as well as free Wi-Fi, a general store, hot showers, a laundry room, golf cart rentals and a pavilion. // 367 Old Bethlehem Road, Quakertown, Pennsylvania; littleredbarncampground.com; rates start at \$40 for tent sites and \$45 for standard RV sites

DAY 1

Before checking in, hit the **Quakertown Farmers Market and Flea Market** (quakertownfarmer-smkt.com), a Bucks County tradition since 1932, with more than 150 farmers market departments and 120 indoor and 450 outdoor flea market vendors. Stock your site with fruits and vegetables at **JG Produce**, fresh fish at **Zangaris Seafood** and steaks to throw on the grill at **Fredericks Meat**. (Snag some extra spicy spears and pickled green tomatoes at **B's Pickles**.) Make a lunch stop at **The Coop**, known for its addictive chicken wings and deep-fried, spice-coated jo jo potato wedges.

Kids and adults alike will marvel at the stalactites and stalagmites

at **Lost River Caverns** (lostcave.com), a natural limestone cave so named because the source and mouth of the river that formed its five chambers has yet to be discovered. Equally captivating is the **Da Vinci Science Center** (davincisciencecenter.org), with two levels and more than three dozen hands-on, STEM-focused exhibits and activities about engineering, electricity, physics and forces of nature. One of the most popular lets guests hone their other four senses as they crawl through a pitch-black, 72-foot-long tunnel.

Drive to the nearby town of **New Hope**, a quaint locale on the Delaware River regarded in the 18th century as the halfway point between New York and Philadelphia, where travelers would stay overnight and be ferried across the next morning. Stroll through the shops at the brick-pathway-lined **Peddler's Village** (peddlersvillage.com), where you'll find trendy boutiques, curated home goods, art galleries and tasting rooms. Stay for burgers and stone-fired pizza at **Buttonwood Grill** (facebook.com/buttonwoodgrillpv) or contemporary cuisine at **Earl's New American Restaurant** (earlsnewamerican.com), and let the kids expend their remaining energy with games and a six-story maze and obstacle course at **Giggleberry Fair** (giggleberryfair.com).

DAY 2

Grab a quick breakfast in your cabin and get a jump on the day by making the short drive to **Nockamixon State Park** (dcnr.pa.gov/stateparks), home to the namesake lake formed by a dam on **Tohickon Creek**. Swimming is not permitted, but there are six public launching boat ramps, hiking trails ranging of various lengths, mountain biking, horseback riding, disc golf and great bass fishing. Fly fishing aficionados might want to also check out **Tohickon Creek** (buckscounty.org) or **East Branch Creek** (perkiomenwatershed.org) for more angling opportunities.

After dining on a casual lunch at **Beckers Corner** (facebook.com/beckerscorner), parents can treat themselves to a glass or flight of wine at any of the eight family-owned wineries that are part of the **Bucks County Wine Trail** (buckscountywinetrail.com). Download the wine trail and plot your course ahead of time. Highlights include an Alsatian-style riesling at **Sand Castle Winery**, whose founders were raised in Czechoslovakia; chambourcin at **Buckingham Valley Vineyards**, one



Earl's New American Restaurant

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Peddler's Village



Sand Castle Winery



Rose Bank Winery

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of Pennsylvania's first farm wineries; and French-inspired offerings at **Rose Bank Winery**, founded on a tract of land originally deeded to William Penn.

If you don't feel up to cooking by your campfire, **La Campagna Ristorante** (lacampagnabucks.com) is one of the area's top restaurants with a crowd-pleasing menu. Share calamari fritti, caprese salad and plates of vongole and pernacchio, penne pasta and grilled chicken, sausage, mushroom and roasted red peppers in tomato sauce. Afterward, grab dessert at **Rosemarie's Italian Ice** (215-512-2114), whose staff doles out water ice, soft serve ice cream, frozen yogurt and hand-dipped ice cream, which can be topped with Philadelphia Eagles sprinkles if you like.

DAY 3

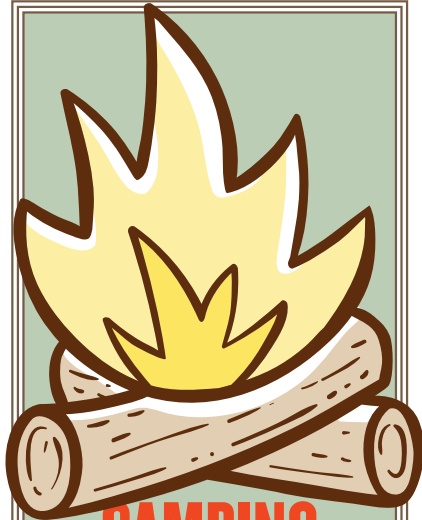
Channel your inner artist at the **Crayola Experience** (crayolaexperience.com/easton) in Easton, the hometown of the company crafting the drawing and coloring tools beloved the world over. Create a customized coloring page from your family picture captured in the photo booth, use drip art to make a swirly masterpiece, "catch" digital melted wax (and even bounce it off your head), see a 1,500-pound crayon dubbed "Big Blue" made from melting down crayons sent in from all over the globe and leave time to shop in The Crayola Store, offering the world's largest selection of the company's products and souvenirs.

Lunch options abound in this town from gumbo, shrimp and grits, po'boys and

other Cajun specialties at **The Bayou** (databayoulv.com) to a whole guacamole menu and tons of creative, flavorful tacos at **Mesa Modern Mexican** (mesamexican.com). Work off your meal with a walk through the **Easton Public Market** (eastonpublicmarket.com), a community-supported market that's an outgrowth of the **Easton Farmers Market** (eastonfarmersmarket.com) where you'll find food vendors, a farm stand, a demonstration kitchen and a community room. Take home a few edible souvenirs like truffles or macarons from master chocolatier Jean-Paul Hepp at **Chocodiem** (facebook.com/chocodiem), blueberry-cream-cheese-stuffed brioche from **The Modern Crumb Bakeshop** (themoderncrumbbakeshop.com) and applejack brandy from **Eight Oaks Farm Distillery** (eighthoaksdistillery.com).

Peddler's Village





CAMPING ESSENTIALS

Make first-time camping memories by toting along these fun items for families:

- Handy lighting like solar or battery-powered string lights can be used to adorn tents for late-night reading and headlamps or glow sticks are handy for bathroom runs.
- Squirt guns, bubbles, Velcro catch-and-toss games, insect-collecting kits, car and camping bingo are all low-tech, easier-to-pack toys and games.
- Metal marshmallow roasting sticks (instead of branches) and ready-to-toast s'mores kits make everyone's favorite campfire treat effortless.
- A versatile pie iron can be used to whip up pizzas, hand pies for dessert and egg sandwiches.
- Bring along the ingredients for walking tacos (sauteed seasoned taco meat, toppings, individual bags of corn chips and salsa) for an easy, crowd-pleasing dinner.



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FOR: A CABIN-IN-THE-WOODS CAMPING EXPERIENCE

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Drive time from NoVA: 2 hours



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Allegany County

Leaf-peeping opportunities aplenty, wineries and breweries with a mountain-view backdrop and an ice cream trail for dessert enthusiasts: You'll definitely be surprised by what the state's tourism bureau dubs "the mountainside of Maryland."

STAY HERE

Surrounded by rugged mountains, **Rocky Gap State Park** encompasses more than 3,000 acres of public land, including overlooks, sheer cliffs, a rhododendron-dotted hemlock forest and the 243-acre **Lake Habeeb**, fed by Rocky Gap Run and renowned for having the bluest water in Maryland. Two hundred seventy-eight campsites include 30 equipped with 30-amp hookups, 15 mini cabins that sleep four to six people, an eight-person yurt and a family group site. On-site you'll find bathhouses, an aviary, a nature center, playground trail access, a snack shack and a camp store. // 12900 Lake Shore Drive, Flintstone, Maryland; dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands; rates start at \$21.50 per night

DAY 1

On the way to Rocky Gap, stop and spend some time in **Frostburg**, a small college town with big-time charm whose Main Street makes for an easy shopping jaunt. Grab a bright, crisp, Hario pour-over coffee from **Clatter Cafe** (clattercafe.com), then check the racks for the latest clothes and accessories at **Madison Paige Boutique** (madisonpaigeboutique.com) and add to your vinyl collection at **Yellow K Record Store** (facebook.com/ykrstore). Do a tasting at **Toasted Goat Winery** (toastedgoatwinery.com), Maryland's only combination distillery, brewery and winery, then stay to linger over a hearty bowl of corn and crab chowder, a juicy burger or baked brie.

Once you've settled into your home for the next few days, explore the leaf-



Lake Habeeb



Dan's Rock

COURTESY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

peeping opportunities in **Rocky Gap State Park**, whose variety of trails are all fine for foliage spotting. The moderate 5.3-mile **Lakeside Loop Trail** encircles **Lake Habeeb**, crosses over four foot bridges and goes by the shoreline and through the woodlands. The short but scenic quarter-mile-long **Canyon Overlook Trail** offers an incredible view of the 1-mile-long gorge, and a 5-mile-long challenging **Evitts Homesite Trail** climbs 1,000 feet in 2.5 miles taking you through hemlock, mountain laurel and rhododendron and the easy-breezy paved **Touch of Nature Trail** is good for any skill or fitness level.

After all that exertion, you've more than earned an amazing dinner at **Alle-gania** ([facebook.com/alleganiarestaurant](https://www.facebook.com/alleganiarestaurant)), a farm-to-table BYOB spot with a menu influenced by Appalachia. (Think deviled eggs topped with fried morels, all things pickled and organic, free-range chicken pot pie.) End the evening with a nightcap at **Corner Tavern Café** ([cornertaverncafe.com](https://www.cornertaverncafe.com)), a hip, retro, morning-until-late-night spot with microbrews and killer cocktails like a Rosemary Sour with Corner Creek Bourbon, lemon, sugar, egg white and muddled rosemary.

DAY 2

Fuel up with a morning cup of joe at **Base-camp Coffee Company** ([facebook.com/coffeebasecamp](https://www.facebook.com/coffeebasecamp)), Cumberland's own coffee roaster. Set out for a scenic drive on part of the **Great Allegheny Passage (GAP)**, ([gaptrail.org](https://www.gaptrail.org)), a 150-mile nearly flat converted rail trail connecting Cumberland, Maryland with Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During your ride, you'll encounter Insta-worthy views and iconic structures. Look for mile marker 0 in Cumberland (where the GAP meets the C&O Canal Towpath National Park that leads to DC), a fossil-filled bone cave where the Smithsonian excavated the Mason-Dixon Line in the early 20th century.

Puccini Restaurant ([puccinirestaurant.com](https://www.puccinirestaurant.com)) is housed in the Hinkle House, which dates back to 1819 and was used as a hospital during the Civil War's Battle of Folck's Mill. Today, it's a perfect place to lunch on one of 13 wood-fired pizzas baked in the restaurant's brick oven. Purists might prefer a margherita or veggie-lovers, while curious palates may be piqued by a pickle-topped pie. Allegany County occasionally runs a **Tap and Pour Beverage Tour** ([mdmountaininside.com/](https://www.mdmountaininside.com/)



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blog/mountain-maryland-tap-and-pour-tour), but you can always explore and taste on your own as well. **1812 Brewery** ([1812brewery.com](https://www.1812brewery.com)) is the county's first and only farm brewery with fun suds like Squatch Sour and Humdinger Hazy IPA, while **Dig Deep Brewing Co.** ([facebook.com/igdeepbrewing](https://www.facebook.com/igdeepbrewing)), located next to the intersection of the GAP and C&O Canal Towpath, makes a fabulous trail stop for a pint of Cloudy with a Chance of Wheat

Hefeweizen, live music and a plate from its rotating lineup of food trucks.

Dine in or order dinner to take back to your cabin from **Seoul House** ([facebook.com/seoulhousedowntown1](https://www.facebook.com/seoulhousedowntown1)), an authentic Korean restaurant in downtown Cumberland serving specialties including several kinds of bibimbap, bulgogi, Korean-style ramen and samgyetang, a whole chicken stuffed with rice, ginseng, chestnut, jujube and vegetables.

DAY 3

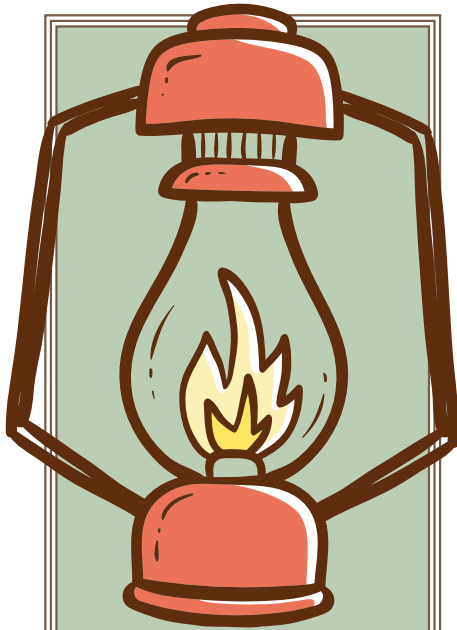
Get up early to pick up a dozen fresh-from-the-oven doughnuts from **M&M Bakery** ([facebook.com/m.mbakeshop](https://www.facebook.com/m.mbakeshop)) in downtown Cumberland, where the options range from glazed to custard-filled to cake to jelly, as well as other pastries like maple logs or elephant ears. Pack a picnic lunch, jump in the car and drive to **Green Ridge State Forest** (dnr.maryland.gov), which at almost 49,000 acres is the state's second-largest state forest. It has more than 50 miles of hiking trails ranging from 4 to 18 miles, some of which are suitable for day hikes. Purchase a map and guide at the **Green Ridge Headquarters** and choose your own adventure. Hikes vary in terrain and some have stream crossings or steep climbs, and visitors are encouraged to wear orange blaze during hunting season.

The National Road (fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/back0103.cfm), a 620-mile highway built between 1811 and 1837, also referred to as **Cumberland Road**, was the United States' first major highway built by the federal government and served as the main route for anyone headed west. If you haven't already come across it during your travels, the obelisk built for the 200th anniversary that marks where it began makes for a great photo op—you can find it on Green Street at Riverside Park. Speaking of attractions to spot on the side of the road, make a few dairy pit stops on the **Allegany County Ice Cream Trail** (mdmountainside.com/blog/allegany-county-ice-cream-trail). Its seven locations range from roadside stands to diners to ice cream parlors, all of them locally owned. If you care to consider a banana split or hot fudge your dinner for the drive home, there is no judgement here.

Lake Habeeb



COURTESY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



CAMPING ESSENTIALS

Eschewing the tent for a cabin? You'll be glad you packed these niceties for gourmet meals-in:

- A French press or pour-over coffee maker, grinder and gourmet beans will make your mornings so much more enjoyable.
- Dunk crusty bread and pickles in ooey-goey cheese, steak or seafood in hot oil, or strawberries and pineapple chunks in melted dark chocolate with an electric fondue pot.
- Your favorite wine opener and acrylic stemware will make wine time divine.
- A battery-powered blender is a must-have for morning smoothies and happy hour margaritas.
- An InstaPot can be a dinner savior when your afternoon excursion takes longer than you thought.



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FOR: THE GLAMPER
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

Drive time from NoVA: 2.5 hours





COURTESY OF LOKAL HOTEL

The Lokal Hotel

Stay in and snuggle or explore the sights of southern New Jersey from your home base: a Scandinavian A-frame cabin or a micro-resort in Cape May.

STAY HERE

Situated on the Maurice River a half hour from Jersey's shore towns, the revamped 1960s-era California Redwood A-frame Cabin operated by **The Lokal Hotel** (staylokal.com/room/a-frame-cabin-maurice-river-nj) definitely qualifies as glam camping. Its three bedrooms and two baths comfortably sleep eight and it touts a commercial kitchen, two fire pits, a huge rear deck with a wood-fired hot tub, a Green Egg for grilling, Sono surround sound and a makeshift private beach. If it happens to be booked, reserve one of eight well-appointed apartments at the property's year-round **Cape May Micro-Resort** (staylokal.com/lokal-location/cape-may-bespoke-hotel/), which has a heated saltwater pool, outdoor cooking options and outdoor areas for each room. // staylokal.com/book; from \$300 per night

DAY 1

Reserve a spot in advance on the **Cape May-Lewes Ferry** (cmlf.com), a vehicle ferry that makes an 85-minute, 17-mile scenic trip across the Delaware Bay from Lewes, Delaware to Cape May, New Jersey, shaving time and hassle off the trip and affording views of three lighthouses.

Once you arrive, spend a few hours in this charming town dotted with Victorian buildings, the southernmost point in New Jersey and one of the country's oldest vacation destinations. The pathway-lined **Washington Street Mall** (heartofcapemay.com) spans three blocks and has shops selling saltwater taffy and fudge, apparel, garden and patio accessories, wine and cigars, and you

Sea Spa at the Congress Hall Hotel



Cape May Harbor



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can sample local cuisine while hearing the town's lore and legends during a **Cape May Food Tour** (capemayfood-tours.com), which also counts as lunch. After settling into your accommodation and unpacking, tote a pair of binoculars for your stroll down to the river, a great place for spotting eagles and other birds. Head to **Joe Canal's Liquor Store** (joecanalsmillville.com) to pick up some bubbly, brews or bourbon to elevate your glamping stay. **Main's Meat Market** (690-856-8686), a butcher in Vineland, offers thick rib-eyes to throw on the grill and head to **Muzzarelli Farms** (muzzarellifarms.com), a family-owned farm and farmers market dating back to 1937, to procure the makings for a garden salad and grilled "packet potatoes." After dinner, break out that bourbon and throw a few logs on the fire pit or take a soak in the hot tub.

DAY 2

Diners and New Jersey are intrinsically linked, so a Greek omelette or Taylor pork roll and cheese sandwich along with bottomless coffee at nearby **Maurice River Diner** (themaucriverdiner.com) is de rigueur when you find yourself in these parts. Afterward, take a lighthouse tour of the region starting with East Point Lighthouse, built in 1849 to mark the mouth of the Maurice River on the Delaware Bay. Tour the fully furnished first-floor house where staff used to live then climb to the top to flip the switch that turns the light on and off. At 171 feet and 228 steps, the **Absecon Lighthouse** (abseconlighthouse.org) is the state's tallest and the third-tallest in the country—and the views and history are well worth the quick trip into Atlantic City.

Buy the fixings for a picnic at **Lillians' Market** (facebook.com/lilliansmarket), pack it all up back at the cabin and hike through the marsh to have a leisurely lunch on **Thompson Beach**, a relatively secluded spot that's under the radar.

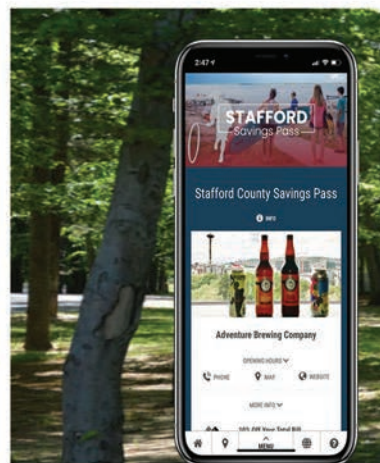
Sea Isle City is a popular Jersey Shore town, and though it gets a little sleepier in the off season, it makes for a nice evening for dinner by the water on mild nights (or inside with a view on chillier ones). Head a few blocks inland from the water to **Cafe Loren** (cafeloren.com), which, for four decades, has been serving French-inspired American cuisine using regional ingredients. Start with



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pan-seared scallops over cauliflower puree topped with fingerling and green apple hash and smoked bacon, followed by halibut served with pancetta and sweet pea risotto and ginger carrot emulsion.

That evening, screen a movie on your backyard projector and pop open a bottle of Champagne before retiring to your tranquil temporary home under the stars.

DAY 3

What would a glamping trip be without a spa day? After leisurely coffee and breakfast on the sun-filled deck, book a treatment at **Cape May Day Spa** (capemayday-spa.com). The Cape Island Body Wrap starts with an exfoliation followed by an algae body mask, heated blanket, foot and scalp massage, rejuvenating shower

and hydrating balm. During a Deep Soak Algae Bath, lyophilized algae accelerates your body's natural process of removing impurities and toxins, leading to a feeling of well-being. At the **Sea Spa at the Congress Hall Hotel** (caperesorts.com/congress-hall/sea-spa), the full-body exfoliation uses sea salt and a choice of aromatherapy oil to leave skin soft and silky.

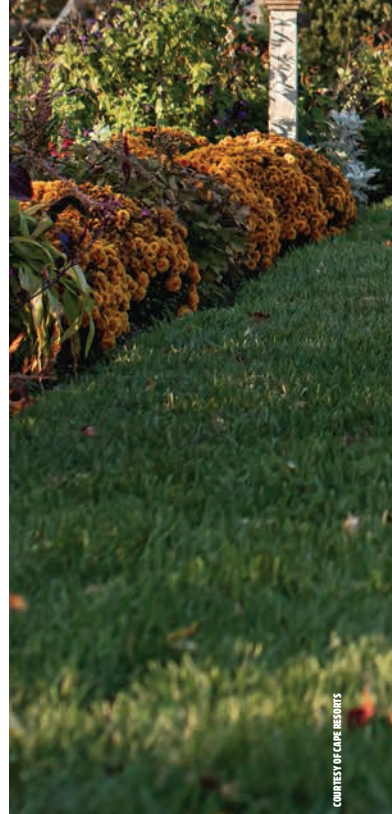
Once you are blissed out, lunch at **Beach Plum Farm Bakery and Cafe** (beachplumfarmcapemay.com), a 62-acre farm, market, kitchen and cottage accommodation. The restaurant is situated in its main Amish barn and has an ever-changing menu based on what's freshest that day. Meats are sustainably raised, poultry is pasture-raised and fresh vegetables are harvested by hand from fields. Check out **SOMA NewArt Gallery**, (somagallery.net), which highlights new regional and emerging artists through four exhibition galleries, open April through October, showcasing paintings, video installations, sculptures and paper. Finally, before heading back to the ferry terminal, take a private, 30-minute horse and buggy ride around town with **Cape May Carriage Company** (capemaycarriage.com), during which you'll hear stories and history about this beguiling beach town.



Beach Plum Farm



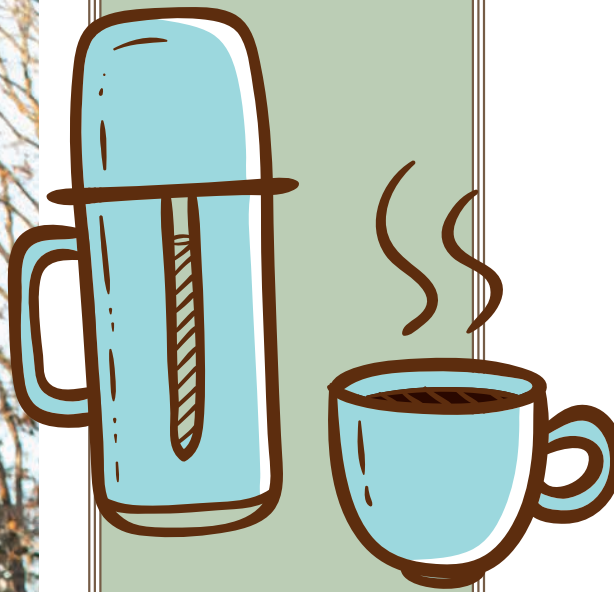
Dessert at Beach Plum Farm



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CAMPING ESSENTIALS

If glamping is your jam, indulge in these luxuries for your sojourn:

- A basket outfitted with a soft blanket, linen napkins, wine glasses, a cheese board and knives is perfect for a beach picnic.
- Your favorite scent blend delivered via linen spray, aromatic air diffuser or candles adds to the ambiance.
- A portable bar kit with a shaker, strainer, bitters, garnishes and your favorite spirits and mixers elevates cocktail hour.
- A croquet or bocce ball set is cooler than cornhole.
- After a day of not roughing it, don a pair of silk pajamas and a plush velvet robe.

FOR: CAMPERS IN SEARCH OF ROMANCE

FORT HILL, NEW JERSEY

Drive time from NoVA: 3 hours





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Cottage at Campbell Farm

A picturesque farm geared toward couples, spots to hike hand-in-hand and the chance to make hearts race while zipping over the autumnal canopy make this a swoon-worthy stay.

STAY HERE

The circa 1780s **Campbell Farm** (acottageatcampbellfarm.com) operates three sweet accommodations for couples looking to hole up. One cottage is tucked between a timber-framed barn and stocked pond and has a queen-sized bedroom, a screened-in patio and Adirondack chairs, while another touts a fireplace, a large deck and a fire pit and is adjacent to a babbling brook, surrounded by 800 acres of undeveloped land. But the coolest option might be the rustic, open-air cabin built in the middle of a meadow, where you can sit on a hickory rocking chair on the covered porch and take in the mountain views, or soak al fresco in the covered freestanding bathtub. // Fort Hill, Pennsylvania; address provided upon booking; acottageatcampbellfarm.com; \$130 per night on average

DAY 1

Designed as a weekend home for the owners of Kaufmann's Department Store, Frank Lloyd Wright's **Fallingwater** (fallingwater.org) is a masterpiece in modern architectural design melded with nature. Reserve your tickets well in advance and make this UNESCO site, deemed one of Smithsonian's "28 Places to See Before You Die," the first stop



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Kentuck Knob

of your weekend, touring the cantilevered floors built partly over a waterfall on Bear Run. Afterward, talk about your favorite parts of the house over lunch at **Yough Roadhouse Bar & Grille** (theyoughroadhouse.com), which serves up subs and sandwiches and wings and a good selection of draft beers.

Check into the farm, relax for a bit and then set off to explore **Spruce Forest Artisan Village** (spruceforest.org), an arts center that also preserves the region's heritage. At any given time, a handful of resident artists and many visiting ones showcase their work and interact with visitors in the log cabins that serve as their studios. The center hosts weavers, potters, woodturners, bird sculptors and metalworkers; check the website for information on tours and re-enactments. Before you leave, stop for a refreshing beverage or coffee at **The Cornucopia Cafe** (thecornucopiacafe.com), adjacent to the village.

Set on the bank of the Youghiogheny River is **River's Edge Cafe** (riversedgecafebnb.com), a bed and breakfast, restaurant and cafe where you can get a table for two inside the 1890s farmhouse or on the wrap-around porch overlooking the water

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and share a bottle of wine paired with bone-in chicken breast finished with a gorgonzola walnut garlic sauce and trout stuffed with spinach and broiled in white wine and butter.

DAY 2

Fill up on made-to-order breakfast sandwiches, sausage gravy and biscuits, green juices and smoothies at **Ohiopyle**

Bakery and Sandwich Shoppe (ohiopylebakery.com). Afterward, discover all there is to do at **Ohiopyle State Park** (dcnr.pa.gov/stateparks), including 79 miles of hiking trails at all levels, wildlife watching, whitewater rafting, kayaking and canoeing, trout fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding and rock climbing.

A short drive from the park is the family-owned **Bittersweet Café** (bittersweetfresh.com), where everything



Bittersweet Café



Stone House Restaurant and Country Inn

COURTESY OF THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS VISITORS BUREAU

is made from scratch, including the vanilla flavoring used in the coffee. It's all really good, but the grilled cheese sandwich served on sourdough with provolone and white cheddar—with or without dry-rubbed pulled pork—is what the locals talk about. Save room for a cranberry oatmeal apricot cookie or blackbottom peanut butter mousse pie from the sweet case. Next, continue to immerse yourself in Frank Lloyd Wright's vision with a visit to **Kentuck Knob** (kentuckknob.com), a crescent, one-story structure built from red cypress, glass, native sandstone and a copper roof and designed as a Usonian house, a term Wright used to mean "affordable for the average American." Book a walk-through or in-depth tour and enrich your visit with a walk around the exterior and the woodland trail.

Sip a cocktail at sunset on the romantic porch of the **Historic Summit Inn Resort** (summitinnresort.com), situated along the National Road in Farmington. Take in the sweeping valley view below; on a clear day or early evening, you can even see the Pittsburgh skyline. Dine at the **Stone House Restaurant and Country Inn** (stonehouseinn.com), which first opened its doors in 1822 to welcome guests seeking vim and vigor from the waters of nearby Fayette Springs. Order a New York Strip steak topped with melted blue cheese and sauteed mushrooms or sustainably raised salmon topped with peach barbecue sauce.

DAY 3

Drive to downtown Uniontown for breakfast at **Sullivan Brothers Coffee Company** (sullivanbrotherscoffee.com), like smashed avocado and roasted tomato toast, an oat bowl or omelette wrap, as well as the freshest coffee in town. Get another cortado to-go to sip while you check out the two floors of "I-need-to-have-this" shopping at **Neubauer's Flowers & Market House** (neubauersflowers.com). Located in a restored livery stable, the market sells housewares, botanicals, designer goods, greeting cards and gourmet foods. You are bound to find the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for friend and a few items for yourself as well.

Stop for lunch at **Falls City Pub**

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(fallscitypub.com), whose self-described “pub fare with a flair!” translates to fun dishes like bang bang shrimp, herb and garlic cheese curds and brisket-topped mac and cheese. Then, offset all those delicious calories on the **Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail** (dcnr.pa.gov/recreation/whattodo/hiking), the main feature of **Laurel Ridge State Park**. This 70-mile,

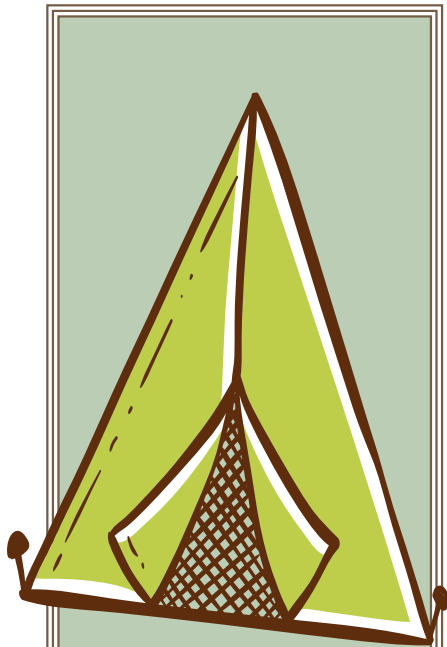
year-round trail runs from Ohiopyle to near Johnstown. Yellow blazes every hundred feet keep you on the trail while blue ones designate connector trails leading to parking and shelter areas. Mid-fall, when the leaves turn, is a great time to traverse the four counties that encompass the park by vehicle—Westmoreland, Fayette, Cambria and Somerset.



Historic Summit Inn



Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail



CAMPING ESSENTIALS

Camping with the one you love? These items will help stoke the fire.

- Before you fill that soaking or clawfoot tub, drop in a fizzy scented bath bomb to make the water feel and smell amazing.
- Made a Spotify playlist of romantic songs for the weekend? A portable speaker will make the tunes sound much better than playing them through your iPhone.
- If you are planning on stargazing on the back porch, small globe string lights will give you both a warm glow.
- Even if your accommodation includes linen service, there is nothing like the feel of high-thread-count sheets brought from home.

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FOR: THE RV CAMPER

In the COVID-19 era, RV camping has become the travel trend of the year. Allowing adventurers to skip the traditional hotel stay in favor of seeing the sites from the comfort of their own bubble offers up a feeling of safety, while still getting out of the house. If you're planning on hitting the road this fall, here are seven great spots to RV camp along the East Coast.



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BIG WATER MARINA & CAMPGROUND

STARR, SOUTH CAROLINA

Lake Hartwell, a man-made reservoir created by Hartwell Dam on the Savannah River, is one of the Southeast's largest and most popular recreational lakes. Big Water Marina & Campground is a family-owned company that's offered an ultimate RV experience with fantastic views for more than 30 years. There are 11 full-hookup RV campsites and guest amenities like free Wi-Fi, campsite fire pits, picnic areas, fishing docks, cleaning stations, watersport rentals and a tiki-style bar and grill (in-season), and visitors will enjoy hiking, swimming, fishing and sailing on the 962 miles of shoreline. A short drive away is downtown Anderson, where you can buy fresh ingredients for your camping meals at the Anderson County Farmers Market, learn how to make chocolate at CocoBon Chocolatier, tour and taste unaged whiskey at Palmetto Moonshine, South Carolina's first legal moonshine distillery, and dine on shrimp and grits, fried green tomatoes and sauteed triggerfish at the low country-inspired Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill. If you have time, swing by Split Creek Farm, whose certified goat herd produces some pretty delicious milk, cheese, fudge and yogurt. // bigwatermarina.com/campground; rates start at \$35 per night

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LUMS POND STATE PARK

BEAR, DELAWARE

This 1,790-acre park in New Castle County surrounds Lums Pond, an impoundment that connected the Chesapeake Bay with the Delaware River in the early 19th century. The newly renovated campground has 66 three-point hookups, as well as four-horse campsites without hookups. The pond itself is the largest freshwater one in the state with some of the best fishing around—the state-record striped bass was caught here. The Summit Marina provides 250 slip rentals and access to boaters on the Delaware Bay. Rent a rowboat, canoe, kayak or pedal boat, or bring your own. Soar over the park via two zipline courses (one for ages 10 and up and a more manageable treetop junior option for younger kids), or head to the equestrian center for a ride or lesson on the multiuse trail. Follow the trail loops through the park's nature preserve, which is a great example of a Northern Coastal Plain/Piedmont Basic Mesic Hardwood Forest. Nearby, Grain H2O is a craft bar and kitchen with great outdoor dining views, and you'll find shopping and dining on Main Street by the University of Delaware. // destateparks.com/reservations/raidentcamping; rates start at \$25 per night



ANVIL CAMPGROUND

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Awarded the National Small RV Park of the Year in 2018 by the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, this Virginia campground also offers shuttles to local attractions. Named for the owners' family history in blacksmithing, the campground is one of the longest-operating RV parks in the country. All 48 RV sites come with first-class utility hookups and top cell and Wi-Fi service—differentiating them from other area operations. There's a general store; modern, well-appointed bathrooms; a beach park with zip lines, hammocks, playground equipment, grills and picnic tables; a dog park and a relaxing area with country swings; a community fire pit; and grills. // campspot.com/book/anvilcampground; rates start at \$31.99 for campsites and \$74.99 for cabins and cottages



CROFT STATE PARK

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Used in World War II as a U.S. Army basic training center and prisoner of war camp, this state park features 50 sites available for tents or RV camping, half of which have 50-amp service and which are all spaced around a centralized bathroom and shower facility. The park is located near the shores of Lake Craig, ideal for bird-watching for hawks and bald eagles, fishing, kayaking or canoeing. Venture out to Glendale Shoals, a scenic area with a waterfall cascading over a dam, providing opportunities for wading and skipping rocks or kayaking through Class II-IV rapids, depending on water flow. (Note: Parking might be tricky for larger vehicles.) The historic Drayton Mills has been repurposed from a textile factory into a bustling spot for shopping and dining. Sample West Coast-style beers at Holiday Brewing, comfort food and handcrafted cocktails at DRAY: Bar + Grill and nosh on crispy, buttery Detroit-style pizzas at Pi Squared. And the RV-friendly Strawberry Hill makes for a nice afternoon drive to pick up fresh produce, make a lunch stop and grab some homemade ice cream. // reserve.southcarolinaparks.com; rates start at \$25 per night



CAROLINA BEACH STATE PARK

CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

At this coastal state park aptly situated on Pleasure Island, a marina gives access to the state's best fishing spots. It's easy to find a secluded campsite underneath pine and oak trees and miles of hiking trails let you experience the region's diverse flora and fauna—including the Venus' flytraps that grow wild. The campground is located in a wooded area near Snow's Cut and has 60 campsites with no hookups and 10 with full hookups; all are equipped with a picnic table and grill or fire ring with drinking water and restrooms with hot showers nearby. Carolina Beach Lake Park is an 11-acre lake and park nearby with picnic areas, walking paths, a playground and paddleboat rentals. Fishers can cast off at the adjacent Carolina Beach Fishing Pier, which has a grill and a bait and tackle shop. Dining spots in town range from Southern breakfast at Kate's Pancake House, low country seafood boils or pots to-go at Cape Fear Boil Company, crab cakes and salmon inside a 100-year-old beach house at Havana's Restaurant and Britt's Donut Shop, whose glazed doughnuts are beloved as some of the best anywhere. // northcarolinastateparks.com; rates start at \$23 per night

SKIDAWAY ISLAND STATE PARK RV CAMPING

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

There are a lot of reasons campers love staying in this state park that's part of the Intracoastal Waterway, including the fact that it's only 15 miles away from the charm of downtown Savannah and 25 miles from the beaches of Tybee Island. RV sites are large and nestled under oak trees and Spanish moss, and the trails in the area really showcase the diversity of the region's landscape, from salt marshes to palmettos to Southern red cedar trees to tidal creeks. There are 87 electric campsites all with RV hookups (some full); each has a table, fire ring and grate and amenities include drinking water, flush toilets and hot showers. On-site are three playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, a volleyball court and Wi-Fi, and guests can kayak, canoe, bike, bird-watch, view wildlife and hike. Of course, with Savannah less than a half-hour drive away, there's no shortage of things to do, including touring the Telfair Museum (the largest art museum in the Southeast), discovering Gullah culture, taking a trolley tour or riverboat cruise, strolling through the Ironic Bonaventure Cemetery and indulging in crafty cocktails and world-class low country cuisine. // gastateparks.reserveamerica.com; rates start at \$45 per night



THE CAMPSITES AT DISNEY'S FORT WILDERNESS RESORT

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA

If you are looking to blend the great outdoors with a little taste of Magic Kingdom, a site on this resort's 750 acres of pine and cypress forest might be for you. The atmosphere evokes the American frontier, complete with deer, rabbits, armadillos and ducks roaming around. Sites are available in several categories, and all can accommodate an RV and tent and also have privacy landscaping, water, cable television and electrical hookups, a picnic table and charcoal grill, with most including a sewer hookup and some allowing pets. Activities abound, from archery, horseback riding and canoeing, to pools with slides and whirlpool spas; wilderness trails with carriage, pony and wagon rides; singalongs around the campfire; guided fishing; bike, canoe, kayak and motorized boat rentals; playgrounds, volleyball and basketball courts; jogging trails; and arcades. Dining options include the Old-West-and-Deep-South-inspired Trail's End Restaurant, a food truck, Southern food to-go, a snack bar, a dinner theater and a tavern. Reservations at a Disney theme park are, of course, also available to campers. // disneyworld.disney.go.com; rates start at \$110 per night for a full hookup campsite

