

## 7 Glamping Spots Near National Parks for Older Adults

Elevate your experience at picture-perfect destinations, including Yosemite, Joshua Tree and the Grand Canyon

Roasting s'mores around the campfire, [dark skies](#) filled with millions of stars and days spent hiking through redwood forests or red rock canyons. These are the nostalgic images that motivate travelers to plan a visit to one of the 429 parks in the [U.S. National Park System](#).

Those who want to spend as much time in nature as possible find that [glamping](#) offers the best elements of [camping](#), plus an actual bed to sleep in at night. Nearly 8 million people went glamping in the U.S. in 2023, according to a report by camping platform The Dyrft, and it has become a favorite for outdoor lovers of all ages.

Among campers 50-plus, 13 percent tried glamping for the first time in 2023, and 32 percent were interested in trying glamping in 2024, according to Kampgrounds of America.

It is easy to see why this glamorous camping style appeals to older travelers. You don't need all the gear that camping requires, and glamping facilities provide guided hikes and other ways to make visiting a national park easy. In addition, these properties appeal to [multigenerational groups](#) traveling together, so [grandparents can share outdoor experiences with their grandkids](#).

Here are seven glamping properties near national parks, with an array of Airstreams, tree houses, geodesic domes, Conestoga wagons and cabins for your next outdoor adventure.



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### Firefall Ranch at Yosemite, Groveland, California

If your national park plans involve visiting [Yosemite](#), book a few nights at Firefall Ranch, just outside the park's northwest entrance. The 300-acre property opened in May 2024, and guests can stay in private cottages or villas that sleep up to eight people. Accessible cottages and villas are available for visitors with mobility restrictions, and the property is primarily flat.

If you want to see the highlights of Yosemite, including Bridalveil Fall, El Capitan, Tunnel View and Half Dome, but don't want to deal with the park's reservation system, book a guided tour with Firefall. You'll have a first aid-certified guide leading the way, allowing you to leave all the stress behind to enjoy the experience. *Prices at Firefall Ranch start at \$450 per night.*