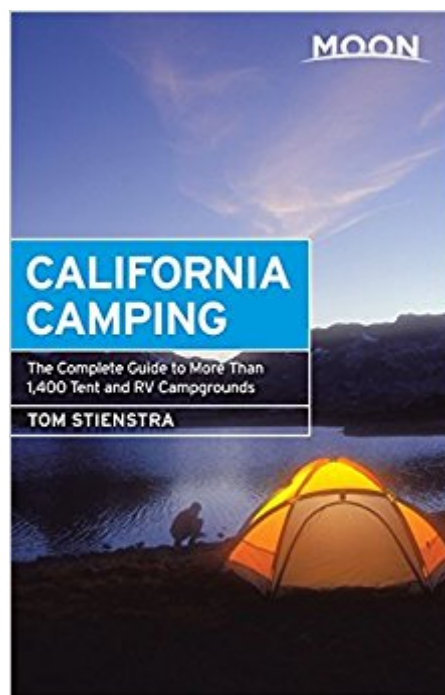




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Moon California Camping: The Complete Guide To More Than 1,400 Tent And RV Campgrounds (Moon Outdoors)



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Customer Reviews

For over 30 years, Tom Stienstra's full-time job has been to capture and communicate the outdoor experience. This has led him across California - fishing, hiking, camping, boating, biking, and flying - searching for the best of the outdoors and then writing about it. Tom is the nation's top-selling author of outdoors guidebooks. His documentary on the Tuolumne River received an Emmy in 2017. He has been inducted into the California Outdoor Hall of Fame and has twice been awarded National Outdoor Writer of the Year, newspaper division, by the Outdoor Writers Association of America. He has also been named California Outdoor Writer of the Year five times, most recently in 2007. Tom is the outdoors columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle; his articles appear on [sfgate.com](#) and in newspapers around the country. He also broadcasts a weekly radio show on KCBS-San Francisco. Tom lives in Northern California. You can contact him directly via the website [tomstienstra.com](#). His guidebooks include: Moon California Hiking (with Ann Marie Brown) Moon California Fishing Moon California Recreational Lakes & Rivers California Wildlife Moon Northern California Cabins & Cottages Moon Northern California Camping Moon Northern California Hiking (with Ann Marie Brown) Moon Oregon Camping Moon Pacific Northwest Camping Moon Washington Camping Moon West Coast RV Camping Tom Stienstra's Bay Area Recreation

We're planning a trip this summer, and this book has really helped us be better informed as to what places to camp. It tells which take reservations and which don't, what kinds of bathroom facilities are present, the elevation (important for getting an idea of temperature ranges), and so on. Also, it's well organized by region and the maps make it easy to figure out which campsites are in the area where you want to camp. Highly recommended if you're thinking about camping in California.

First of all, this book is a must for folks who camp in California. Why go in blind when someone else has been there? You may disagree with some of the authors ratings and the like but that doesn't

diminish its value at all. If you own an earlier edition I'm not sure the update is critical. Most of it seems unchanged from mine of several editions ago, but it still makes sense to own it as there may have been a forest fire that caused an update in a particular area, and campsite prices have been updated, although they change too rapidly to rely totally on any printed product. Summation: A useful update for a great tool for CA campers.

I've just completed a 30-day camping road trip with my son. We camped and hiked around northern CA using this book and the companion hiking CA book by Moon. They were invaluable. What I appreciate about this book is that it consolidates all of the various camping options into one place. Combine that with the fact that the hiking book uses that same map divisions which makes it easy to plan hikes based on where we were camping. Great job!

I am planning a trip up the California coast and sure, I could use the internet to research camping areas, but this book lays out who takes tents and who doesn't. This has saved me a lot of time weeding out useless sites. I appreciate the honesty about sites that may have issues with thieves or questionable activities. Great book with great descriptions.

It's all here. 1400 campground listings in the golden state. Organized by geographic region. A brief description of the area and maps to locate the campgrounds are included. All types from free and primitive to resort-like and pricey, and all levels in between. A large amount of useful info on services, amenities, prices and recreation available. There is a fair amount of flipping back and forth between the written descriptions and the map to locate one you find interesting. It would have been nice if the author had included a page listing all campgrounds in one area with features and prices to be compared at a glance. As it is one is almost forced to read all listings in said area to find one's choice. (Not always a bad thing) Comprehensive and well researched. Recommended.

I have to give it a high rating because we use the living daylights out of this book. We only have a limited time to camp each year and want to make the most out of our time by knowing what a spot has in store for us. The scenic ratings have been pretty spot on. It gets packed in the auto when we leave in case a place we want is full or too full of peeps. Just flip to your area of interest and you can quickly pick the next spot. In fairness to the internet, we also check out photos of the place we plan on visiting for back-up to a final decision.

Excellent resource, good material! Well organized for quick reference- a lot of care went into this

I would have given this book a five out of five star but the pages are too thin you can see the print on the other side. Great information but I wish the margin were larger so I can write my own notes.

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