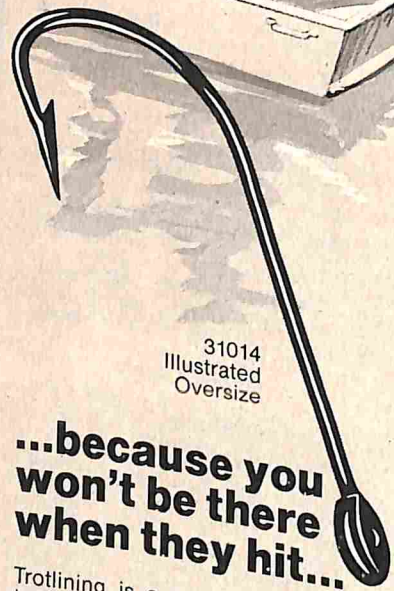


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As you can readily surmise, lightning is not to be regarded lightly.

### South Carolina Camping Guide

South Carolina has some 16,000 campsites in 28 state parks, 23 federal campgrounds and at 85 privately-owned campgrounds. And it is a state worth a visit, especially if you have a yen to get out and camp in the spring.

Most of the action in camping in South Carolina is in the Myrtle Beach-Grand Strand region where there are 9,154 campsites. It is a region that offers the visitor plenty, especially if he likes fishing or golfing.

You may obtain a free brochure that lists all the campgrounds and what they offer in the way of facilities. Write to South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Box 71, Room 13, Columbia, S.C. 29202.

You will find variety in camping in this state. You can be on a beach or you can set up your unit in mountain areas such as at Whitewater Falls. Or you can camp and go for trout on the Chattooga River.

Not to be overlooked is the well known Santee-Cooper lakes region, which is famed for striped bass and also largemouth bass. If you get into this region be sure to visit the Santee Cooper Counties Promotion office in Santee, S.C. Ask for Dan Upton and tell him I sent you. He will direct you to lodging or camping spots and he can give you some tips on where to fish in this region. It is one of my favorite places in North America.

I also like the Myrtle Beach region, which is gaining fame as the "Camping Capital of the World."

Camping fees at inland state parks are \$3.75 a day per family for each site on a year-round basis. At coastal areas, camping fee is \$3.75 per site from September 1 to March 31 and \$5.50 per site from April 1 to August 31. No advance reservations are taken.

That \$5.50 fee seems\* to be a little high, but inflation seems to be the name of the game these days.

### How to Get Info on States

If your travels or camping will be taking you to other states, it is easy to get information on them.

Almost every state has excellent folders and leaflets and maps on their recreation facilities. If you use a universal address like this to a specific state you usually can get what you want. Just write Department of Parks, c/o The State Capitol and the name of the capitol city and state.

Try this if you do not have a better address.

Campers should not overlook National Forests and National Parks

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either, especially in this Bicentennial year.

For parks information, write National Parks System, National Parks Service, Washington DC 20240.

National forests also offer camping and there are some 187 million acres in these forests. To get information, write Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

Another good source for camping information is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314. There are some 10 million acres of land and water at nearly 400 Corps lakes projects where you can enjoy camping and water sports. Be sure to specify the area in which you are interested.

### Backpackers Get Warning

Lightweight cooking stoves, such as the ones used by some backpackers, can be dangerous if used for cooking inside a tent.

This warning comes from an article in the New York State Environment newspaper. Findings by a study group from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, pointed out such stoves give off carbon monoxide.

It also was discovered that the amount of carbon monoxide produced can be three or four times greater if the flame impinges on a pan as against having the flame not touch the pan.

Dr. Joseph Kohler and Dr. Robert Wagner, both winter mountain climbers and members of the chemical engineering faculty at Worcester Polytech, conducted the experiments. They sent their findings to stove makers.

They conducted their experiments to determine if there was any kind of stove that could be used inside with ventilation in relative safety.

The thing to keep in mind is that lifting the pan enough to prevent flame impingement reduced the carbon monoxide to around 10 to 15 parts per million. The same stoves when used with the flame touching the pan produced more than 100 ppm of carbon monoxide.

All stove styles showed a marked improvement in safety when the pan was raised to clear the flame, with the exception of alcohol-burning stoves which produce relatively high carbon monoxide no matter what the relationship between the pan and flame and even with no pan.

The stoves, of course, can be used outside without any danger.

### Campers Are Due to Hit Road Again

In 1976, camper optimism is back and more people will be hitting the road to go camping. They may not travel as far as they used to go, but they are going.

This was shown over the Christmas holidays in Florida where campers al-

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