

Things To Do When You're Camping

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From finding a camp spot to laying out the camp grounds, to gathering fire wood to having that first night's camp fire with hot dogs or marshmallows over the fire with scary stories and seeing more stars in the sky than you thought existed, just the camp site itself is a source of endless fun for everyone in the family.

However, the campground is just the beginning of the allure of camping. National parks and state parks are full of free or inexpensive activities which are sure to create fond memories for your kids for the rest of their lives. Let's take hiking as an example. Really, it doesn't sound like it's that cool since you're pretty much just walking around. However, getting to hike across streams, play on scenic outlooks and climbing on rocks will make what sounded at first like a simple walk a great adventure.

Generally speaking, the park you're staying at is going to have a lake. Sure, there are some where there isn't one, but usually there will be at least one. And lakes offer a whole host of activities on their own like swimming, boating, and fishing. Swimming in a lake can make the local swimming pool seem like a boring place indeed.

And if you don't own a boat yet you still want to go boating, frequently you still can. Many parks offer boat rentals and the rates tend to be reasonable. And while you're out on the boat you may as well try your hand at fishing. You never know what you might catch. And heck, even if you don't catch anything you still can have a great time.

If you're still looking for more activities then take a trip to the visitor's center of the park. Most parks, especially national parks, are well staffed with park rangers who know the place like the back of their hand and tend to have some great suggestions for what to do. Plus, going around the visitor's center can be an adventure itself.

Make sure you don't leave the visitor's center without talking to the park rangers. Find out if they are doing any tours or nature walks soon and then find out how you can go along. It'll not only be fun for your kids but you'll probably find yourself having a good time as well.

You will be further amazed at how economical most of these recreational opportunities are and how the kids will chatter for days if not months about their experiences they had discovering the environment, enjoying nature and becoming closer as a family. There are few recreational offerings that can compete with camp out activities like these and you will be glad you didn't miss out on the fun and adventure you and your family can have together in camp grounds around the country.

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