



# Create Your Own State Park Camping Area

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Many of Maryland's State Parks offer camping. Some people like to camp in a tent, while some prefer a cabin in the woods. State Parks offer a variety of different camping options. Most campsites have a large cleared area or camping pad, a picnic table, a lantern pole and fire ring.

## Did You Know?

- Many of the camping cabins at **New Germany** and **Herrington Manor State Parks** were built by the **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)** in the 1930s.

## Activities

- ❑ **Pitch A Tent and Go Camping-** Plan a camping trip in your own park- it might be in the yard, lawn or even on the back deck, you decide! Make a list of supplies that you will need for your camping trip. You can camp out in your own backyard or if you're not up for an actual camping trip, make a blanket fort inside the comfort of your own home and pretend you are out camping.
- ❑ **Build a Campfire-** Most parks have a designated area for a campfire, typically a fire ring. Do you have somewhere outside of your house to create a fire ring and have a campfire? (If not, you can always have a pretend campfire inside!) *Kids- be sure to work with an adult to decide on the best place, keeping safety in mind at all times.* Build a fire ring and gather all of your campfire supplies. When making your campfire, start small- with the tinder and kindling, then build either a teepee or log cabin shape with your logs before you light the fire with a spark. *Remember- Never Leave a Campfire Unattended.*
- ❑ **Make S'mores-** Have you ever made s'mores? S'mores are a classic campfire recipe! If you don't have a campfire, you can still make s'mores right at home using the microwave- all you need are some graham crackers, marshmallows and chocolate! What are some other things that you can cook over a campfire?
- ❑ **Make Your Own Campfire Fun-** People gather round the campfire for fun! It's a great place to play a musical instrument, sing songs and tell stories! What is your favorite campfire song? You can also tell stories around the campfire...they can be funny, scary or silly! Share some of your favorite songs or stories with us.

