COMFORT CAMPING IN ALBERTA

Enjoy the great outdoors in Alberta with a much shorter packing list this summer. Your accommodation choices include comfort camping, a yurt, oTENTik or tipi. For a more traditional camping experience, you can rent a tent, sleeping bag and all of the gear.

Comfort Camping

Have you ever stayed in a tent that was already pitched, had a wood floor, heating, real beds, not to mention a barbecue and pots, pans and dishes? Throw in a private deck and welcome to Alberta Parks comfort camping. Some campgrounds even include the pillows and bedding, creating more room in your car for the important supplies like top grade Alberta steak for the barbeque, marshmallows for roasting and hot chocolate to sip on while stargazing. Comfort camping tents sleep up to four people.

- Dinosaur Provincial Park

 Brooks Comfort Camping
 albertaparks.ca/dinosaur/information-facilities/camping/
 comfort-camping
- 2 Miquelon Lake Provincial Park
 Camrose Comfort Camping
 albertaparks.ca/miquelon-lake/information-facilities/
 camping/comfort-camping
- Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park
 Writing-on-Stone Comfort Camping
 albertaparks.ca/writing-on-stone/information-facilities/
 camping/comfort-camping
- 4 Wyndham-Carseland Provincial Park
 Carseland Comfort Camping
 albertaparks.ca/wyndham-carseland/informationfacilities/camping/canvas-wall-tent

Yurt

Gaze up at the star filled sky from the comfort of your cozy queen size bed. A vented skylight is just one of the perks you'll appreciate in an Alberta Parks yurt. Your own private wooden deck, with covered barbeque and lounge chairs, is another. Yurts are insulated, round, canvas tent-like structures, furnished with beds, a couch, kitchen table and chairs. Simply pack your, bedding, towels and toiletries. The kitchen is also stocked with all the utensils and dishes you'll need to barbeque and enjoy your home-cooked meals. Just bring the groceries – and ice cream – as all will remain perfectly cool in your fridge/freezer. Yurts vary in size and sleep 4 – 8 people.

5 Pigeon Lake Provincial Park

Pigeon Lake - Yurt albertaparks.ca/pigeon-lake/information-facilities/ camping/comfort-camping







oTENTik

Parks Canada brings the comfort of home to the great outdoors. oTENTiks are the perfect combination of tent and A-frame cabin. You'll still hear the wind gently rustle the trees and birds chirping at dawn, while feeling snug and secure in your wood frame accommodation with hardwood floor, canvas walls and electricity. oTENTiks offer a separated living and sleeping area, featuring two queen-sized beds, a double bed and a table and chairs. As with traditional camping, you'll need to bring sleeping bags, stove, cooking equipment, dishes, utensils and deck chairs. oTENTiks sleep up to six people.

Two Jack Lakeside Campground

Banff - oTENTik

pc.gc.ca/voyage-travel/hebergementaccommodation/otentik.aspx

7 Whistler's Campground

Jasper - oTENTik

pc.gc.ca/voyage-travel/hebergementaccommodation/otentik.aspx

Tipi

Sleep under a blanket of stars, and experience some of Alberta's cultural history, in your very own traditional tipi. With canvas walls, and a large centre opening you'll enjoy refreshing open-air camping, yet still feel sheltered from the elements. Some campgrounds provide beds, cots or sleeping mats for comfort. You'll need to bring all the camping gear, supplies and bedding. Aboriginal programming and equipment rental are available at some campgrounds. Tipis vary in size and sleep 2 – 12 people.

8 Crandell Mountain Campground
Waterton - Tipi Camping
pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/waterton/activ/activ3.aspx

9 Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site
Rocky Mountain House - Tipi Camping & Heritage Camping
pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/ab/rockymountain/
activ/camping.aspx

10 River Grove Campground & Cabins
Drumheller - Tipi Camping
camprivergrove.com/tp

11 Sundance Lodges

Kananaskis - Tipi Camping
sundancelodges.com





12 Elk Island Retreat
Elk Island - Tipi Camping
elkislandretreat.com

Old Entrance BnB

Jasper - Tipi Camping
oldentrance.ab.ca/accommodations.html

Legendary Tours
Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump - Tipi Camping
legendarytravels.net/Sub_pages/indextipi.htm

Camp Gear Rental

Several outdoor adventure companies make tent camping in Alberta simple with custom camp gear rentals. You'll have everything you need to enjoy the great outdoors, including tents and sleeping bags, lantern, cooler, dishes, chairs, kettle and coffee press. Some companies will even deliver the gear and set everything up in your campground for a small fee. Backpacking rentals and hiking gear are also available if you plan to venture into the backcountry.

University of Calgary

Calgary - Equipment Rental ucalgary.ca/outdoorcentre/rental

MEC Calgary

Calgary - Equipment Rental mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Services/Stores/Calgary.jsp

MEC Edmonton

Edmonton - Equipment Rental mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Services/Stores/Edmonton.jsp

Jasper Source for Sports

Jasper - Equipment Rental jaspersports.com/summer-rentals

Bactrax Camping Rentals

Banff - Equipment Rental campingbanff.com

Rent eh Tent

Edmonton - Equipment Rental rentehtent.com

