

More lands open to winter camping

Winter camping enthusiasts interested in enjoying all the luxuries of a self-contained recreational vehicle and still conserve fuel should visit one of Michigan's private campgrounds with winter storage facilities, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"The growing popularity of parking camping units on a permanent site not only has become a convenience for winter campers; it has helped motorists cut recreational gas use since the unit doesn't have to be transported back and forth each time it is used," stated Joseph Ratke, Automobile Club touring manager.

"A total of 101, or 67 per cent, of the 116 private parks open for winter camping offer storage facilities with rates ranging from \$10 monthly to \$300 for the season," added Ratke. "This is an increase of 25 over the 76 private parks open for winter camping during the 1972-73 season."

None of Michigan's 63 state parks offering winter camping—a drop of

four from last year—has storage plans.

"ALL CAMPERS should voluntarily reduce gas consumption by 25 per cent to lessen the possibility of more drastic measures, such as gas rationing or steep gas taxes," Ratke advised. "Such measures would severely restrict outdoor recreational activity in Michigan."

The number of private parks offering winter camping has increased from 20 to 116 during the last five years, and a major reason has been the variety of services available.

Eighty-nine, or 77 per cent, of the private facilities have heated shower and toilet buildings while 39, or 34 per cent, have heated activities buildings. None of the state parks has heated facilities or running water near campsites due to a shortage of bottled gas.

Portable water at state campgrounds is available only at headquarters buildings or pump houses, which

are located a considerable distance from most of the campsites.

One hundred nine private parks operate seven days a week, and all but two have electrical hookups at campsites. A few of the parks even offer sauna baths.

MANY PRIVATE facilities also cater to the outdoorsman with various types of recreation provided on the grounds.

For example, Haas Lake Park, near New Hudson in southeast Michigan, has 80 acres open to snowmobiling plus two good-sized inland lakes for fishermen.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort, near Traverse City, has nearly every type of winter recreational activity nearby, including special snowmobile safaris every Friday and Saturday throughout the winter.

Camping also allows snowmobilers, skiers and ice fishermen to cut the cost of a weekend significantly. While

most motels charge between \$14 and \$24 nightly per couple, the nightly fee for camping generally ranges \$2 to \$6 at a private park to a maximum \$2.50 at state parks.

The camping family can save considerably on meals as well because most recreational vehicles have kitchen and dinette facilities.

Campers seeking private park accommodations will find that eastern

Michigan has the largest number, 48; west Michigan has 46; southeast Michigan, nine; the Upper Peninsula, 13.

PERSONS USING recreational units this winter should be sure they are properly winterized with auxiliary heat. Unwinterized camping units can be made comfortable in sub-zero weather for between \$100 and \$150.

Storm windows can be added to most units. Clear plastic sheeting can be utilized to reduce window heat loss by taping it to the frame from inside the trailer.

Electric or catalytic auxiliary heaters can be used for extra warmth. Normally, a good heater can be purchased for less than \$50. Sleeping bags or electric blankets also can be used for extra warmth.

Colson's repentance is between him and Lord

"Colson's experience is like the conversion of Saul on the Road to Damascus."

—Sen. Harold Hughes

QUESTION: "Do you or do you not believe, Mr. Colson, that repentance is one of the fruits of the spirit by which Jesus said his disciples would be known?"

"Yes," replied Charles W. Colson, former special counsel to the president of the United States, during an exclusive interview with this columnist.

His gently pious voice suggested no possible connection with the man known as the White House's resident tough guy and master of the "dirty tricks" division.

Moreover, he proceeded to manifest one fruit of repentance.

When asked if either of his grandmothers was still alive, he quickly explained:

(A) Both of his grandmothers are deceased.

(B) He has "long regretted" his having said that for the sake of Richard Nixon's campaign he "would walk over my grandmother if necessary."

Relieved indeed to learn that this former officer of the U.S. Marine Corps regretted his previously expressed willingness to "trample elderly ladies, I sought for further fruits of the spirit:

"What specific things that you have done in the past do you now feel repentant about?"

I had in mind the numer-

ous aspects of the Watergate

stitch with which Colson had been intimately identified. But he replied rather blithely: "I wouldn't get into that. That's between the Lord and myself."

By striking contrast to all of this confidential repentance, "Convert" Colson chose the White House itself (at a prayer breakfast, at which he was, predictably, spotted entering by the press) to announce the details of how he had found Christ.

QUESTION: "Do you, like Sen. Hughes and St. Paul, plan a radical break with your past in order to devote yourself to the ministry?"

COLSON: "I have no plans other than to continue practicing law; perhaps also to spend some time helping people. We'll have to see how."

"Convert" Colson's new life in the Lord is apt to be far better financed than St. Paul's or Sen. Hughes', however. For in answer to my question as to whether the law firm of Shapiro and Colson is not handling legal matters for the Teamsters Union, Colson replied: "Oh, sure. A great deal of busi-

ness."

6-foot-3, 200-pounder, who was arrested for breaking the nose of Father John Bank, who was assisting the United Farm Workers. That was May 30, 1972, in Coachella, Calif. — two months after the beginning of Colson's conversion — along with the Teamsters.

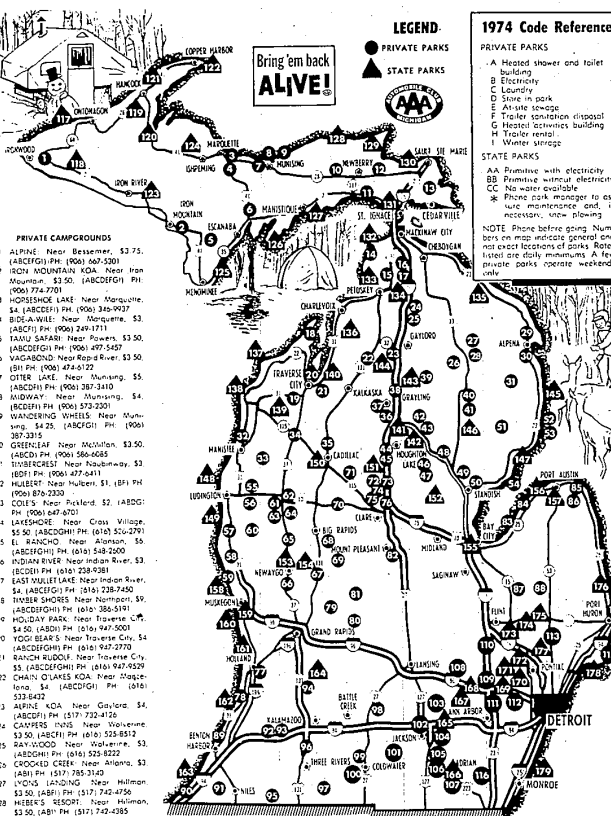
"I haven't heard about that," answered Colson.

Contractors group picks F.R. Kruse

The Carpenter Contractors Assn. of Detroit has elected Frank R. Kruse, president of Kruse Co., general contractor, as 38th president of the 72-year-old organization.

The association, headquartered at 33485 Longwood, Farmington, also elected Harold Franz, Wharton Insulation Co., vice president; John Sommer, Owens Corning Fiberglas Co., treasurer; Robert Domagalski of Seaford, Inc., Robert Novak of Crawford Door Co. and Louis Gollon of Lerner-Linden, Inc., directors.

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