

Try Private Campgrounds If State Parks Crowded

Michigan has at least 100 privately owned campgrounds which remain undiscovered by most campers. These grounds have room even when most of the 13,000 sites of 57 state parks are full, according to Automobile Club of Michigan. It is estimated that at least 32,000 persons were turned

away from state parks over the recent Fourth of July weekend, while many private parks nearby were unfilled. There are approximately 8,100 campsites at 110 private parks in the state, according to a listing compiled by Auto Club. Many of these parks had vacancies over the Fourth of July

while almost every Lower Peninsula state park was jammed. PRIVATE PARKS vary in size from under a dozen sites to 600 sites. Twenty-eight parks listed on the accompanying Auto Club map have 100 or more sites.

Daily fees at private parks range from \$1 to \$5. Facilities range from minimal to deluxe, with clubhouse and heated pool. Other services sometimes available at private but not at state parks are supervised children's play area, sewer and

water hookups at sites, horse, bicycle, boat, and motor rental. With few exceptions, there is no daily entrance fee or seasonal fee charged at private parks. Auto Club points out that it is best to check private parks in advance before arrival even

if a reservation is not necessary. A few private parks do not allow tents or dogs and are not open on a year-around basis.

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DIPLOMATS, GOVERNMENT GIRLS, tourists and natives now enjoy 32 sidewalk cafes, serving everything from traditional aperitifs to steak-and-kidney pie. Even on one of the capital's hot, sun-drenched days, habitués prefer the terraces to air-conditioned interiors.

In New York, city officials relaxed strict license regulations to encourage outdoor restaurants. At last count, 52 cafes were flourishing in the metropolitan clamor of Manhattan and as far afield as Queens.

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