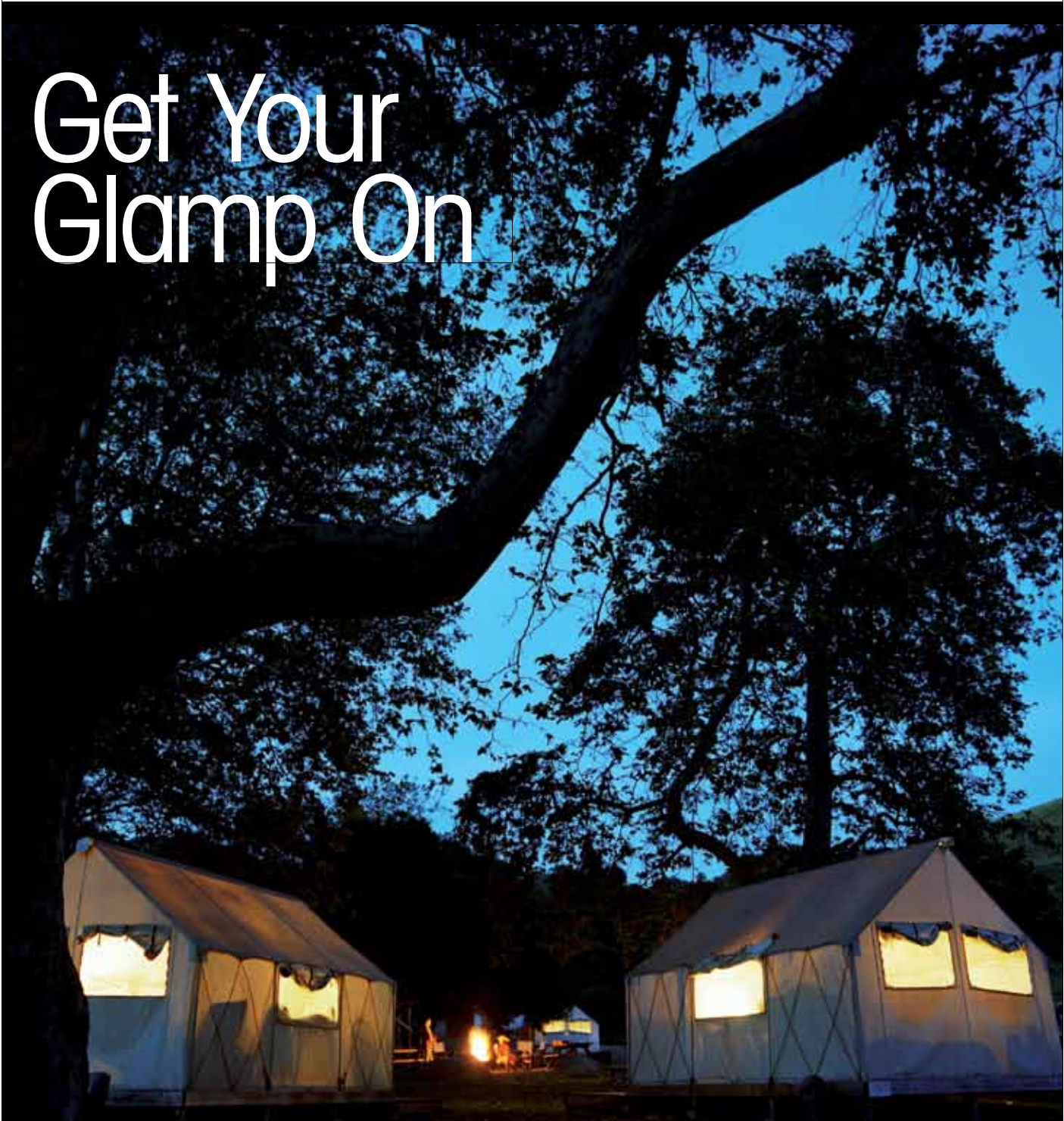


Get Your Glamp On



If escaping our concrete city for a natural paradise of hiking, stargazing and roasting marshmallows 'round the campfire is your idea of an dream vacation, but you abhor waking up in the morning on the hard and uneven floor of a tent feeling dirty and tired, then glamping is the solution for you. Luxury — or glamorous — camping, gets you the nature without the nasty. And luckily, California has plenty of options.

*El Capitan Canyon resort
photography by Steven Lam*



Costanoa

El Capitan Canyon

Just 20 minutes north of Santa Barbara, El Capitan Canyon is a romantic rustic escape among the oak and sycamore trees. Spacious cedar cabins are stocked with willow frame beds, plush duvets and kitchenettes. Many include additional amenities such as fireplaces and soaking bathtubs, and the entire campground has Wi-Fi. If you feel like “roughing it,” individual canvas safari tents still have the luxurious queen or king beds, but share communal bathrooms with neighbors. Stroll across the road to the beach to watch the sunset or cook up your dinner on the personal fire pit. During the summer, a weekly concert and barbecue fill the campground with the sounds of blues or jazz, and the smell of baked beans.

\$135 – \$350 per night | elcapitancanyon.com

Treebones Resort

It smells like a tent, but feels like a cabin — the yurts at Treebones Resort on the Big Sur coast are made of heavy tent material covering wood lattice frames with pine wood floors. The selling point? A sky dome window

at the top of the yurt so campers can watch the stars from the comfort of a cozy bed. From your yurt on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, you can listen to the crashing waves and barking California sea lions below. Two restaurants provide a variety of food options for campers, including locally grown fare and a sushi bar, so you can eat fresh fish while gazing out into the ocean waves.

\$169 – \$299 per night | treebonesresort.com



Ventura Ranch KOA

Costanoa

About 25 miles from Santa Cruz, Costanoa is an eco-adventure resort that allows guests to explore the stunning beauty of the protected California coastline. Tents with metal frames covered in canvas have electricity, sliding windows and a locking door. It’s just a short walk to a nearby “comfort station” (aka restroom) with hot showers, heated concrete floors and a dry sauna. A general store sells everything from cutlery to candles, wine to walking sticks. Adventures abound by land or by sea: Spend the day climbing some of the 30,000 acres of hiking trails, or take a kayaking whale watching tour.

\$89 – \$189 per night

costanoa.com

Ventura Ranch KOA

For a rare opportunity to camp out in a teepee, take a trip up to Ventura County. Your Sioux Indian replica teepee comes furnished with a queen and twin bed (just bring your own linens), and can sleep up to four. With no electricity in the teepees, you’ll be forced to take in the natural wonders of the area by stepping onto your private outdoor patio or embarking on a nature walk. Be sure not to miss the “In Search of Bigfoot” night adventure walk.

\$59 – \$69 per night.

koa.com/campgrounds/ventura-ranch