

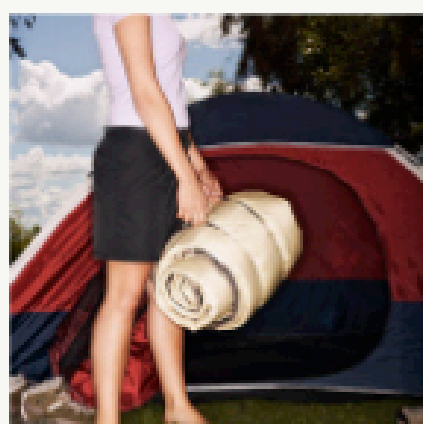
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LOCAL BITE – CHICAGO

CITY BREAK: MICHIGAN CAMPING

Feeling Tents?



The Bite

Relax...by camping out in Western MI's Manistee National Forest, where you can hike, bike, canoe, and swim - without the hefty price tag and carbon footprint of a hotel stay. Rent gear like a **tent** at REI (if you need it) and pitch it at Lake Michigan Campground, which has 10 restrooms (though no showers - see freshening up tips [here](#)). Get your ice, plus wood for your grated fire pit at the ranger station, then catch some rays on the sandy stretch of Lake Michigan (half mile from camp); **canoe** along the wide and lazy Manistee River; and/or hike up the 140-foot-high **Nordhouse Dunes** at sunset. After, grab a few licks of locally made House of Flavors ice cream and chill.

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If 10,000 Chicago Bites opt for a tent instead of a hotel room for 1 night, we'll save up to 11,000 bathtubs of water used just to clean hotels (not guests).

Wanna Try?

Manistee National Forest, MI, 4 1/2 hours by car.
Lake Michigan Campground; 25 **reservable** spots and 75 first-come, first-serve sites; (231-723-0141). Camping, \$16/night; firewood, \$5/bundle; ice, \$2/bag. **REI**, 1466 N. Halsted St. (847-480-1938). Rental, 2-person tent, \$24/first 2 nights; \$9/each additional night.

House of Flavors, 284 River St. (231-887-4600). Ice cream cone, \$3/1 scoop.

Lake Michigan Campground - [Map It](#)

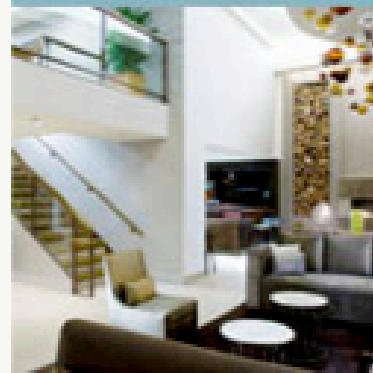
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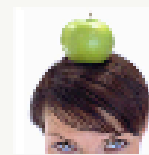
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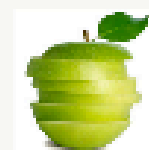
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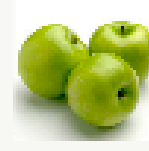
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