



# 12 Stunning Family-Friendly Lodges in U.S. National Parks

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National parks have long been a top family vacation choice. The pandemic brought the benefits of fresh air and open spaces into the spotlight, further increasing the popularity of a national park vacation.

We've rounded up family-friendly lodges within the boundaries of national parks, plus some that are just outside the park. They all provide an excellent base for you to enjoy Mother Nature.

Keep in mind that accommodations inside the parks are often booked months in advance. Some have kid-centric perks like game rooms and swimming pools, while others present a digital detox. The unifying factor is a gorgeous natural setting to explore with your family.

## Rush Creek Lodge

Yosemite National Park, California



Photo: Kim Carroll

Yosemite National Park's giant sequoias and granite cliffs of Half Dome are sights to see. Rush Creek Lodge sits just outside one of the four main entrances to Yosemite National Park. It's a jackpot for kids thanks to a zip line, a nature-inspired playground and an enormous swimming pool. A glass-blowing program is interesting to try or just to observe. The indoor game room has nostalgic pinball machines, free of charge, so the kids won't be constantly asking for change. There's a coin laundry in case you need to do wash. Rooms are spacious, blending contemporary touches with a rustic sensibility. The onsite restaurant serves hearty fare that's perfect after a day in the great outdoors. [rushcreeklodge.com](http://rushcreeklodge.com)