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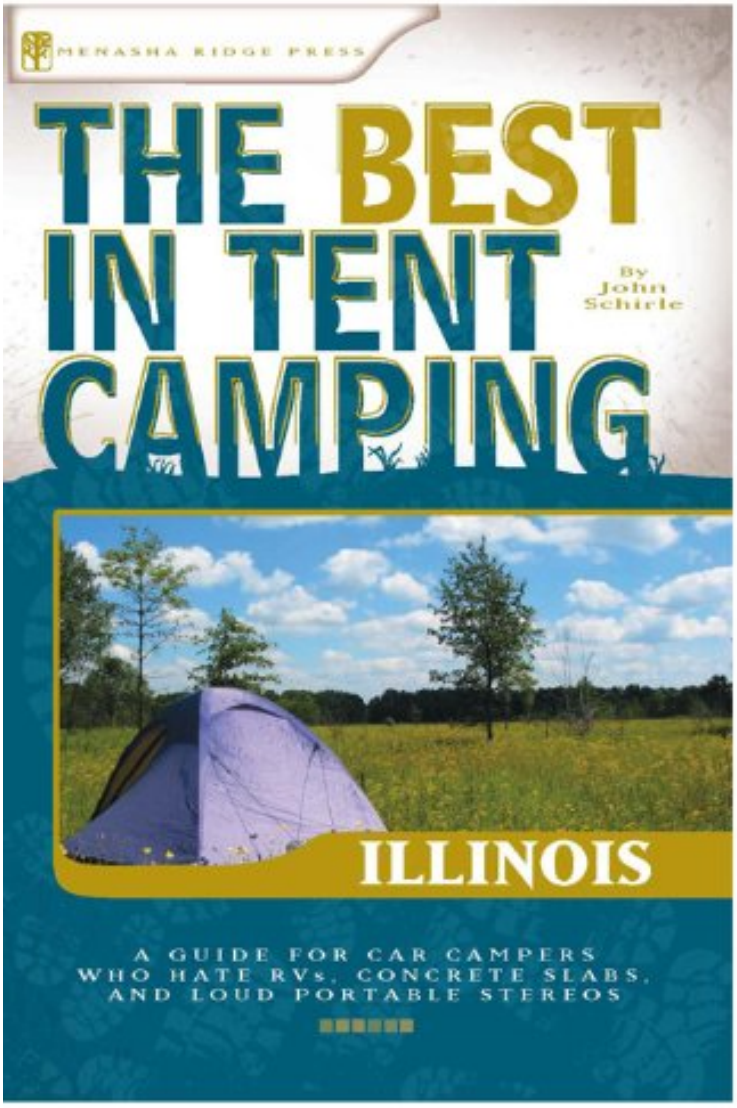

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Concrete Slabs, and Loud Portable Stereos (Best Tent Camping):

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Just what I was looking for...By J. BernsteinI have lived in Illinois ten years, and have yet to camp here (life gets in the way of recreation sometimes). Now that my son is old enough to camp, I was looking for inside information on places to camp which would not be overrun with RVs -- I want him to experience camping as I have experienced camping. Trying to find information on quiet, isolated sites (surprisingly difficult to find such information online), I stumbled across this book on . I ordered it, and decided that this may be the best eleven bucks I have spent in a long time.The author divides the state by region, and gives detailed tips and information on 50 campgrounds throughout Illinois (all of which appear to be on state or federal -- rather than private -- land). He also breaks the sites down by "best for" categories, such as "best for hiking" "best for beauty" "best for privacy" and more.What I particularly like is the practical advice the author gives. For example, in discussing the Apple River Canyon State Park, the author lists the particular campsites in each loop which offer good space, shade and seclusion. You will find such excellent information for just about every one of the 50 campgrounds. This is just what I was looking for, as I have no experience with any of these campgrounds.I have not visited any of the sites yet, but if the advice in this book proves as useful as it appears, this book is a must-have. I will try to update this review after I have tried out a couple of the sites.UPDATE: I just returned from Apple River Canyon State Park, and can say that the author nailed the description of the park. This park is one beautiful place, and exactly as described in the book. The park was empty; my party was the only one using the first loop, and there were maybe four other parties using the second loop -- meaning that five of fifty sites were occupied. We essentially had the park to ourselves, although we did run across one other party hiking the quiet and beautiful trails. I even took the book's advice and headed over to Mississippi Palisades Park for a day trip (and made it back to the campsite with ample time to build a fire, prepare supper and relax before sundown).In sum, if you are not already familiar with Illinois as a camping destination, you should do yourself a favor and pick up this book. However, do not visit Apple River Canyon State Park, because I want it all for myself!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very good reference for those of us who prefer quiet camping ...By LindaVery good reference for those of us who prefer quiet camping without generators running and loud music or parties going on. Was taking a trip to Illinois and knew that I rely on the Wisconsin version of this Guide a lot with much satisfaction. Rates Parks for scenery, cleanliness, and sites for spaciousness and privacy.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Prairie State Camping AdventuresBy Leslie S.I have had my eye on this book for quite some time and finally decided to purchase it. I am so glad I did! The detailed descriptions of the camping sites combined with maps and information on other nearby attractions make this resource the perfect guide for the amateur or experienced camper. With over 40 sites described, this resource will provide plenty of camping adventures for years to come.

For the outdoor enthusiast, Illinois has it all: rivers to canoe, lakes to fish, trails to hike and bike, and plenty of quiet places to camp. This indispensable guide is aimed at the tent camper who wants to enjoy these things up close. Unlike other guides that merely list all campgrounds, The Best in Tent Camping: Illinois profiles in detail the 50 best sites in the state for campers who seek the serene and secluded. Here is essential information about each campground (including season, facilities, rates, directions, GPS coordinates, and websites), as well as a description of the campground, the best sites, and nearby activities such as hiking, canoeing, fishing, and mountain biking. The guide covers well-known parks as well as some campgrounds that are local secrets that can't be found on Internet searches.

"...if you are among those who still enjoy the fun of tent camping, there's a new book to consider." - Jeff Lampe, Wild Things, the Journal Star"For those who like the quiet and solitude of nature and want to find the best places to enjoy them." - Chris Young, State Journal-Register (IL)