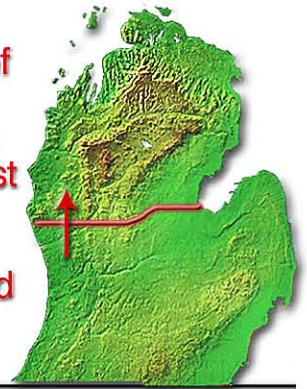
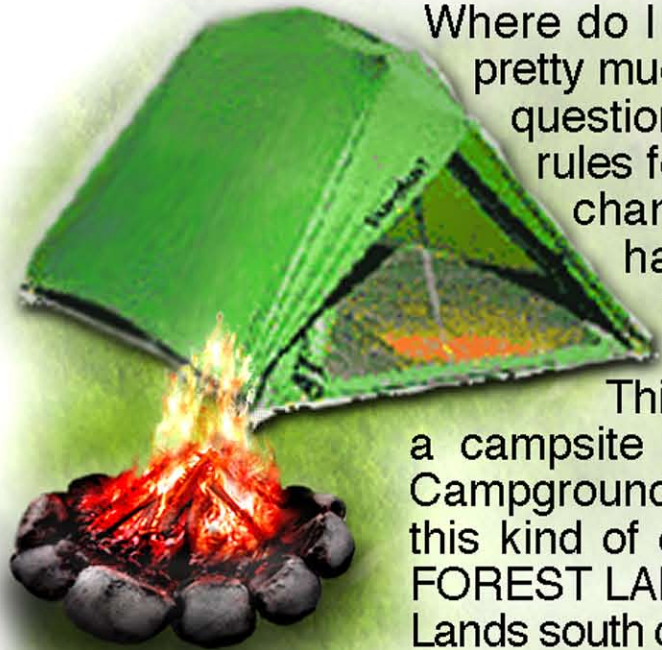


The Article below is from a recent HIKING MICHIGAN NewsLetter, so the info is up to date. The only problem here is that there is no State Forest Land until you get up to about the middle of the lower Peninsula. Then it all can happen. These Back country camping permits can be acquired at many of the larger DNR Headquarters. The one located on the old State Fair Grounds at 8 mile rd, and Woodward is your best local chance. I have gotten these back country, Camping permits to be able to Canoe Camp and to Backpack and just set my Camp almost anywhere. Following the simple guide lines the DNR has spelled out in the Article below.

**NORTH of
the
RED Line
starts most
of State
Forest
designated
Land**



THE RULES for CAMPING ANYWHERE in MICHIGAN RIGHT from the DNR RULE BOOK



Where do I go in Michigan to be able to just camp, pretty much where I want to? I have been asked this question on many occasions over the years. The rules for backwoods Camping in this State have changed over the years as well. Recently I had the opportunity to get my hands on the official Rules for what the State DNR refers to as "Dispersed Camping". This of course refers to someone setting up a campsite in a place other than an official State Campground. The following State Rules concerning this kind of camping, is only for camping on STATE FOREST LANDS. We have no designated State Forest Lands south of an imaginary line drawn across the center of the lower peninsulas, east to west. So the following Rules do not apply to State Recreation Areas, State Parks or Wildlife lands. Only State Forest Lands.

Dispersed Camping

You can camp anywhere on State Forest Property as long as:

- *the property is not posted "No Camping"*
- *you are more than one mile from a designated State Forest Campground*
- *you follow all State Land Rules*

*You must also post a Camp Registration Card (PR 4134) at your campsite. To obtain a Camp Registration Card, contact your local DNR Office or e-mail us at DNR-FMD-TREES to request copies be mailed to you. ***

*** We are unable to fax or e-mail the permit because it is printed on two-part perforated weatherproof card stock.*

Check the official Michigan DNR web site at: WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/DNR