

Camping vs. Glamping: 6 ways luxury amenities refine the great outdoors in Upstate NY

3. Fire

Camping: Build your own fire, with pre-bought firewood or kindling you collected from the campground. Flashlights or lanterns are essential once the sun goes down.

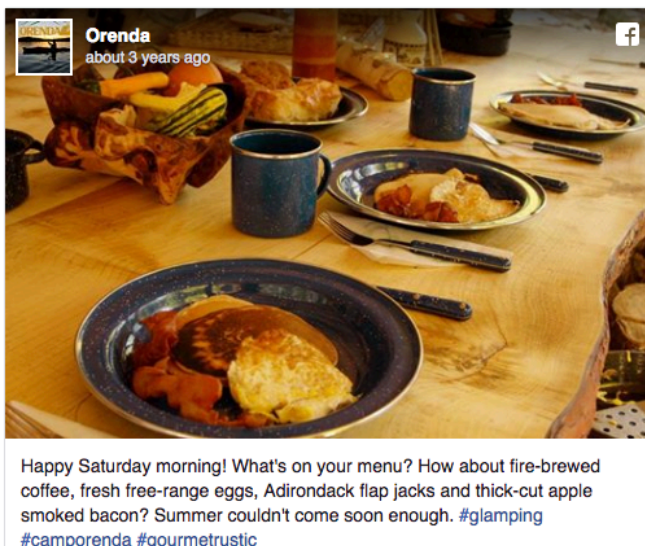
Glamping: Staff spark the fire for you, so you can have more time to perfect your s'mores under the starry skies. At [Camp Orenda in the Adirondacks](#), canvas cabins are outfitted with convenience outlets and interior lighting; WiFi is also available.



4. Cooking

Camping: Typical camping fare is cooked over the fire or on a grill. Non-perishables are a must, like canned baked beans.

Glamping: [Gourmet fireside cooking at Camp Orenda](#) includes "slow cooked pulled pork served on a fresh baked potato roll or Three Cheese Tortellini Stuffed Crimini Mushrooms with local goat cheese." Staff will pack lunch for offsite activities.



5. Bathrooms

Camping: State parks are outfitted with public bathhouses; more primitive campers just find a nearby tree (and hope they packed two-ply toilet paper).

Glamping: Being in the back-country doesn't mean sacrificing modern conveniences. [Camp Orenda](#) boasts an "open air, naturally spring fed, fully heated shower house," with plush towels and Kiss My Face bath products. At [Firelight Camps](#), the spa bath house is stocked with "everything you need to feel like you are not camping while camping."

