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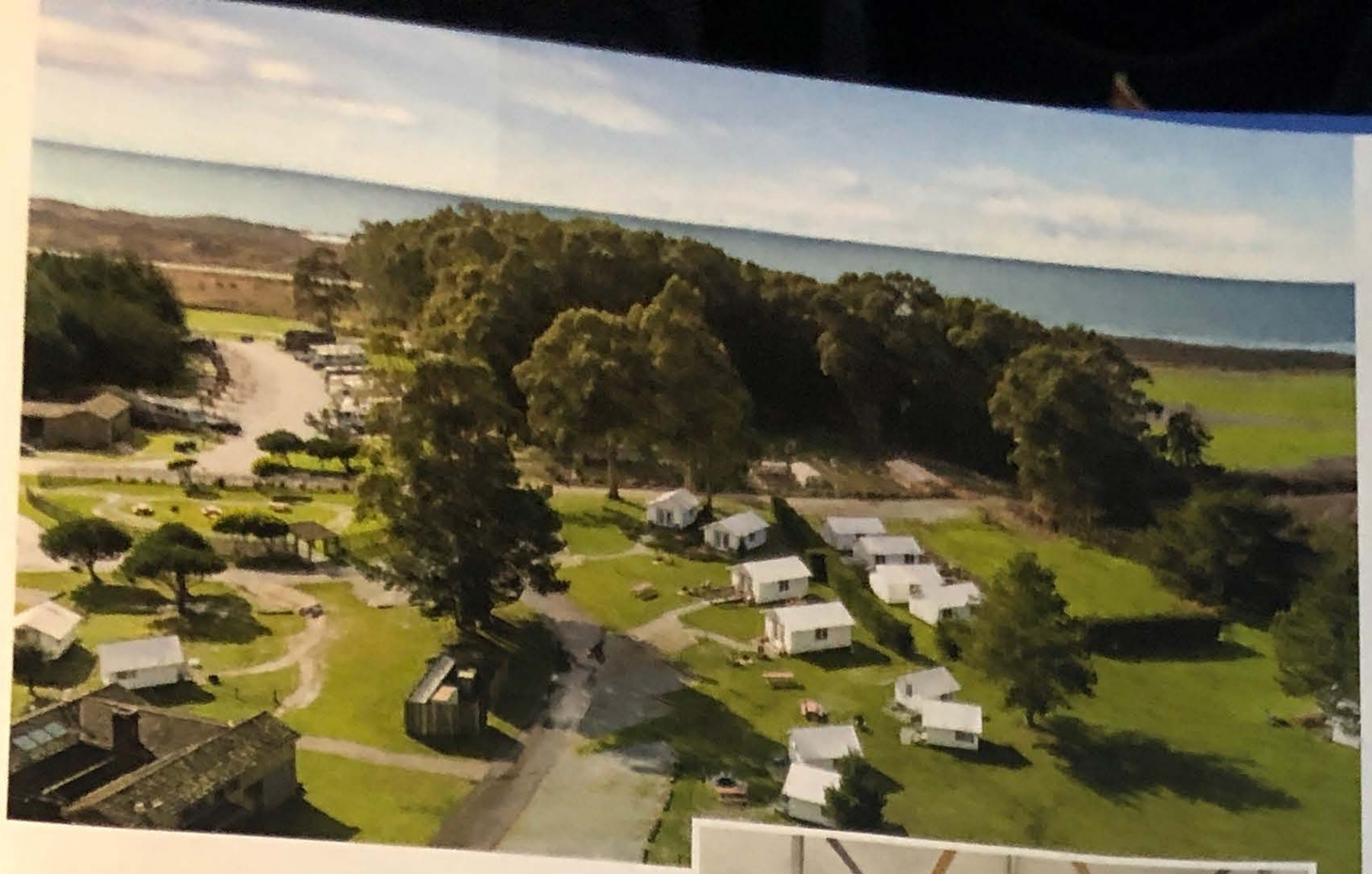

» *From top: Costanoa offers a recreation-rich setting and comfortable beds (inset). El Capitan Canyon has cabins, tents and yurts. The Trailer Pond at Alta Colina is a unique vineyard-side relaxation locale.*

grab-and-go breakfasts, and offer access to the resort's spa, pools, game room and other high-end amenities.

At **Sequoia High Sierra Camp,** canvas tent cabins are tucked into a red fir forest. The property, which requires a 1-mile hike from a parking lot to access, has epic views of Kings Canyon National Park. Three daily meals are included: a breakfast buffet, a pack-your-own lunch and a casually elegant dinner at the central lodge's dining pavilion.

Safari-style canvas tents are an option at the resort **Ventana Big Sur.** "Glampsite" accommodations here include daily housekeeping that will tidy the premium linens and stock wood bundles at your fire pit while you're out exploring nearby trails. The Bath House features posh touches such as teak-enclosed showers, marble vanities and heated floors. You can also gain access to resort amenities during your stay.

Costanoa, north of Santa Cruz, is another near-coast destination with glamping, plus access to "eco-adventure resort" amenities. The tent bungalows come in four different configurations, giving singles, couples and families choices. Comfort stations throughout the grounds include hot showers, heated concrete floors, a 24-hour dry sauna and an outdoor fireplace. Nearby recreation ranges from hiking to biking to horseback riding to kayaking along the wildlife-filled coast.

At **El Capitan Canyon,** yurts, safari tents and cabins are available along a seasonal creek 20 miles up the coast from Santa Barbara. Guests can hike the canyon, explore the beach and surrounding area trails, or just relax.

For another type of environment, try the **Trailer Pond at Alta Colina,** a lovely locale that includes a small water feature surrounded by the grapevines of Alta Colina Vineyard. Enjoy wine-tasting and floating on the pond during your laid-back stay in a vintage trailer. It's one of the few places I know where you can camp out and enjoy your host's estate varietal wines (Rhône-style reds are a specialty). What better way to celebrate chic California camping than to savor the fruits of the local landscape? ✈

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MORE CALIFORNIA GLAMPING

- **Getaway,** a company specializing in off-grid tiny cabins, is booking at its new LA Outpost, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles, near the town of Big Bear.
- Near the NorCal town of Mendocino, **Mendocino Grove** has luxurious platform tents among coastal redwoods.
- **Safari West,** a Sonoma County preserve with exotic animals, offers luxury safari tents with private decks. —*J.K.R.*

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