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Best Places to Live + Play

National Geographic *Adventure* announces this year's top 50 adventure towns, state-by-state. Text by Dan Koepfel

Illustration: 50 Best Places to Live + Play

For our September 2007 issue, contributing editor Dan Koepfel spent months tracking down and compiling a list of this year's top adventure towns. With an ideal mix of terrain, activity, and opportunity, each of the action hubs he found could inspire a complete and total life change.

Here's our first ever guide to the best mountain, urban, coastal, wilderness, and small towns in every state, where you can live the adventure dream daily.

The 50 Best Adventure Towns, State-by-State

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- Wenatchee, Washington
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Rockland, Maine

Mystic, Connecticut

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Gainesville, Florida

Overland Park, Kansas

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Hot Spot* - See extended coverage of these noteworthy towns in our September issue.

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