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Where can a vacationer enjoy camping facilities, excellent hunting and fishing, while witnessing the pageant of a colorful and ancient pattern of life?

Indian reservations are the answer. Today, many tribes include recreational facilities in their plans for the economic development of their lands. Tourists are warmly welcomed to such areas, and, each year, the tribes play host to increasing number of visitors of all ages.

To whet the traveler's appetite for Indian life, two publications will soon be issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U. S. Department of the Interior. Both will be available from the Superintendent of Documents.

Vacationing with the Indians (30¢) is primarily a guide to campgrounds on the reservations. Listings are given for 17 States and 42 reservations, including facts about location of campgrounds, available facilities and services, fees and regulations, and restrictions on pets. Each section opens with a capsule description of the reservation and the kinds of Indians that live there. For the visitor who doesn't like to “rough it" the booklet indicates more elaborate-- sometimes even luxurious--accommodations.

The second BIA publication, American Indian Calendar, (20¢) lists outstanding events that regularly take place on the reservations through the year. It includes ceremonials, rodeos, fairs, feasts and celebrations, as well as noteworthy exhibitions of Indian art and crafts where visitors may watch artists at work and purchase authentic Indian products.

For Americans who benefit from President Johnson's advice and explore the vacation delights of the United States, these two publications should be kept handy in the glove compartment if the trip swings through Indian country.