

**The RV SIMPLE LIFESTYLE**

**'RETIREES ON THE ROAD'**

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Semi & Full-Time RVers! Great For SENIORS!

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## **Introduction**

First, I have lots of powerful information concerning living an alternative lifestyle on the road. I've written several books – some chapters are repeated in the books because I want each segment of my readers to get that critical information. However, I place a strong emphasis on the information the title and subtitle describe.

Secondly, I'm not a professional writer and do not have a degree in English. However, I'm almost sure you'll be able to understand most or all of my sentences.

My mission is to get this powerful information out as much as possible. The small amount of money I received from my books does not pay me to get professional (expensive) graphics or hire book editors, etc.

Fortunately, most of my readers accept this and benefit from my books anyway. I'm not here to impress you – I'm here to spread the word and give you truly valuable information.

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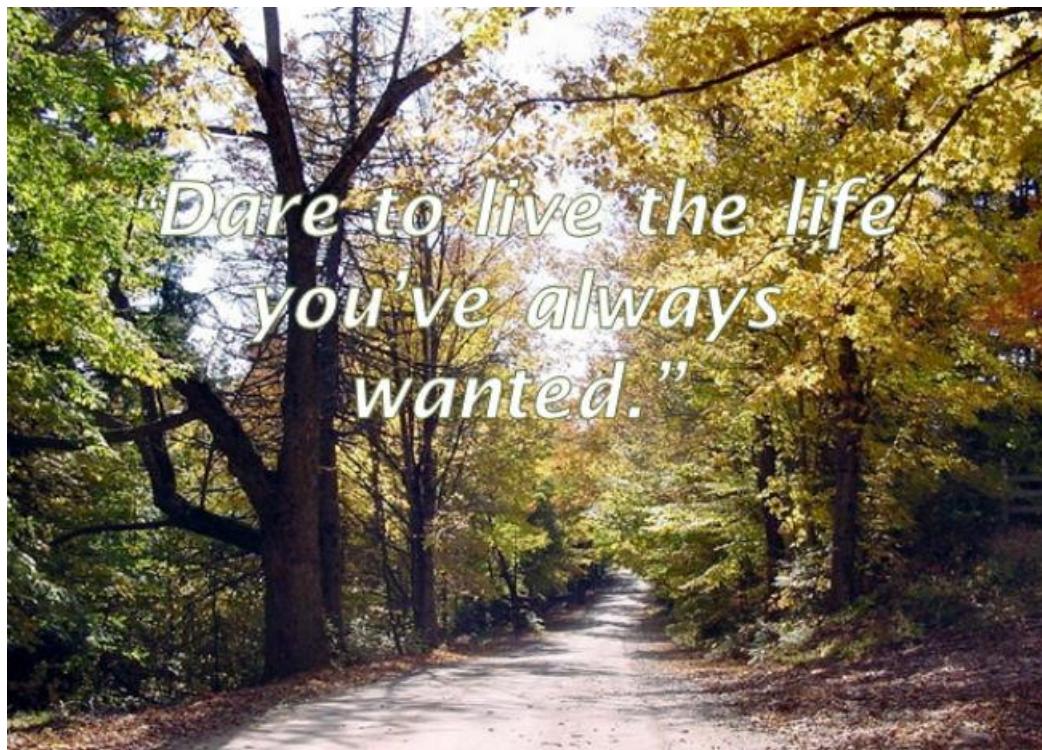
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***Harold***

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## **Chapter One**



### **Why is the RVing Lifestyle a Good Idea?**

First, let me tell you that I'm not a professional writer, not a professional editor, and I do not have a degree in English. However, I believe most of my sentences are understandable, and I think you'll benefit from the information inside this book. I will also share many links to websites that will help you as well. Some of the websites are difficult to find, so I made it easier for you. I listed them all inside this book. These websites helped me – so, I'm sure they will also assist you as well.

I've written several books about the road's independent lifestyle; however, I also wanted to include a quality beginner's guide specifically for semi and full-time retirees.

The number of people retiring is almost staggering. Millions of baby boomers are fleeing, and those with an adventuresome side seek to downsize and hit the road for various reasons.

Beginning RVers need a powerful book that will give you lots of good facts and not just FLUFF. I promise this book will provide you with simple but powerful information that will be beneficial.

We all know that house owners can be expensive, especially when it comes to maintaining it. Plumbing, electrical work, roofing, painting, foundation problems, and other issues can be time-consuming and costly. Some retirees are tired of taking care of a house and all the expenses involved.

Writing a check for property taxes is one check that is difficult to write for most. Most house owners will admit – the dream of house ownership is a myth – nobody owns their house. House owners actually lease their house from the county (government) forever or until the house is sold.

Nearly every CPA or accountant will reveal that owning a house is not the American dream it once was – it's not an asset but rather a liability.

House ownership keeps people almost stuck in the town in which they live – at least temporarily. If they leave for any length of time, their house is left empty and subject to burglary or vandalism. Or they must find a trustworthy house sitter to take care of their house while they're gone.

Traveling part-time or full-time and being a house owner usually does not work out very well. Most retirees admit – it's best to make a decision. Be a house owner and live to protect their home until they die – or sell it and become an RVer and gain freedom!

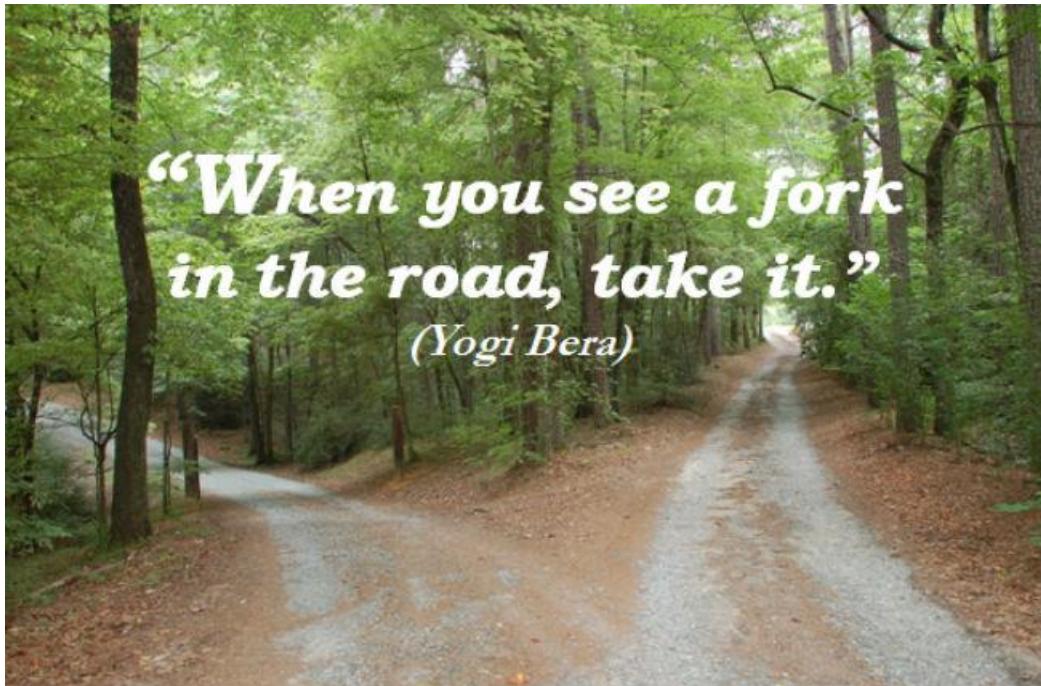
A particular breed of healthy retirees chooses to be RVers – primarily due to the reasons I provided. The RV lifestyle is a simple life once you know the pros & cons. Your health is the most critical aspect of life. If your health is reasonably excellent or manageable, then the RV lifestyle may be for you.

If you're at retirement age or collecting social security, this retirement income is usually enough to live a good and simple life as an RVer. Most people collect \$1,000 to \$1,5000 per month on social security. A retired couple retired is usually about \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month. To be a

full-time RVer, it is suggested to have an emergency fund of about \$3,000 to \$10,000.

This amount will provide peace of mind if any emergency should happen on the road. Believe it or not, most RVers seldom have any major problems. Planning and preparation is the key to successful RVing.

## **Chapter Two**



### **Thousands of Baby Boomers Are Choosing the RV Lifestyle for a Survival Option. If this is you, then you're not alone.**

People in their 60s and older may not be old enough for a nursing home, and many retirees are still healthy enough to enjoy their life. Many retirees can pay their bills, and some are fortunate to receive a nice inheritance - however, thousands of retirees are not that fortunate.

The truth is; many retirees are not prepared to live with the high cost of living today. Many can not survive well on their social security checks and do not have other income or savings.

Many retirees are forced to work for minimum wage, either part-time or full time to have just the necessities of life. This is the hidden truth of many retirees who have chosen the RV lifestyle.

Some retirees are receiving \$1,000 to about \$1,500 a month in social security checks. Many retirees can live very well with this amount while enjoying the RV lifestyle.

The RV lifestyle costs less, and it's fun, less stressful, and can be an enjoyable experience. If this life example is you, then you're not alone – join the club!

Most people have a family that can help support them. However, most semi-retired and retirees must work out their financial situation and survive the best they can.

Here are a few reasons some retirees are RV dwellers.

1. Living out of an RV is affordable while on Social Security.

At the age of 62, average Social Security benefits equal a little over \$12,000 per year. However, some people only receive \$400 to \$500 per month. The amount people receive is all over the map – but nobody living only from Social Security is considered wealthy. However, while living the RV lifestyle –nobody would know your financial situation.

2. Many people lost nearly everything during the “Recession.” Stocks, investments, houses, etc. The Recession simply wiped out many people’s retirement savings.

Individuals in their 60s were or are carefully preparing for their old age retirement, suddenly lost much of their savings, home values went south. They were left with almost nothing but despair and disappointment.

Furthermore, those looking forward to their retirement years were probably taking care of their ailing parents and trying their best to get their children out of the nest. All of this is financially draining.

3. Full-Time Work is Sometimes challenging for those 55 or older.

Those who are 55 or older are not considered to be great hires for companies. Those 55 years or older who need work is sometimes tough to find. The unemployment rate was only about 4% in 2018 – unemployment is still high for 55 -64 or older people – about 12%.

4. Amazon understands and knows this large population of RVers who need job assistance. Amazon’s Camperforce provides a place to park and work. Some RV-dwelling retirees get temporary jobs in Amazon’s warehouses.

**Many retirees opt-out of HOUSE OWNERSHIP in exchange for lower living costs and enjoying the RV Lifestyle.**

Workcampers often take temporary jobs at Amazon's fulfillment centers across the country. Workcampers can park their RVs for FREE and earn about \$11 or more per hour plus over-time. Amazon has what they call a job circuit.

Workcampers travel around the country fulfilling orders at high-demand fulfillment centers – mainly during the holidays.

**5. By Working as Workcampers – it Helps Semi-Retirees Pay Bills.**

Inside this book – I also list several websites where private campgrounds and national parks look for people to work at their campgrounds. There are all kinds of workcamper opportunities.

**6. Workcampers (work camper) plan their life by the seasons. Sometimes work opportunities will decrease as the temperature drops. Many RVers head for warmer parts of the country – and are often called snowbirds.**

When temperatures drop below freezing, then RV dwelling can be a challenge. Workcampers know where to go. Many will go to the Sonoran desert in Quartzsite, Arizona. Hundreds of thousands of RVers camp on the public lands to soak up the warm sunshine and live cheaply. They save their money.

**7. Life has a way of throwing us curve balls on occasion – it's up to us to turn lemons into lemonade. The RV lifestyle is one way of doing it.**

Thousands of baby boomers also lost their pensions or had to file bankruptcy due to the recession – then, life made it almost impossible to save for retirement years. Many experts say that 41% of baby boomers have absolutely no retirement savings - 30% of individuals heading into retirement still have a ridiculous mortgage to pay.

These ugly factors combined force baby boomers to sell their homes, buy an RV, and search for work on the FREEDOM road.

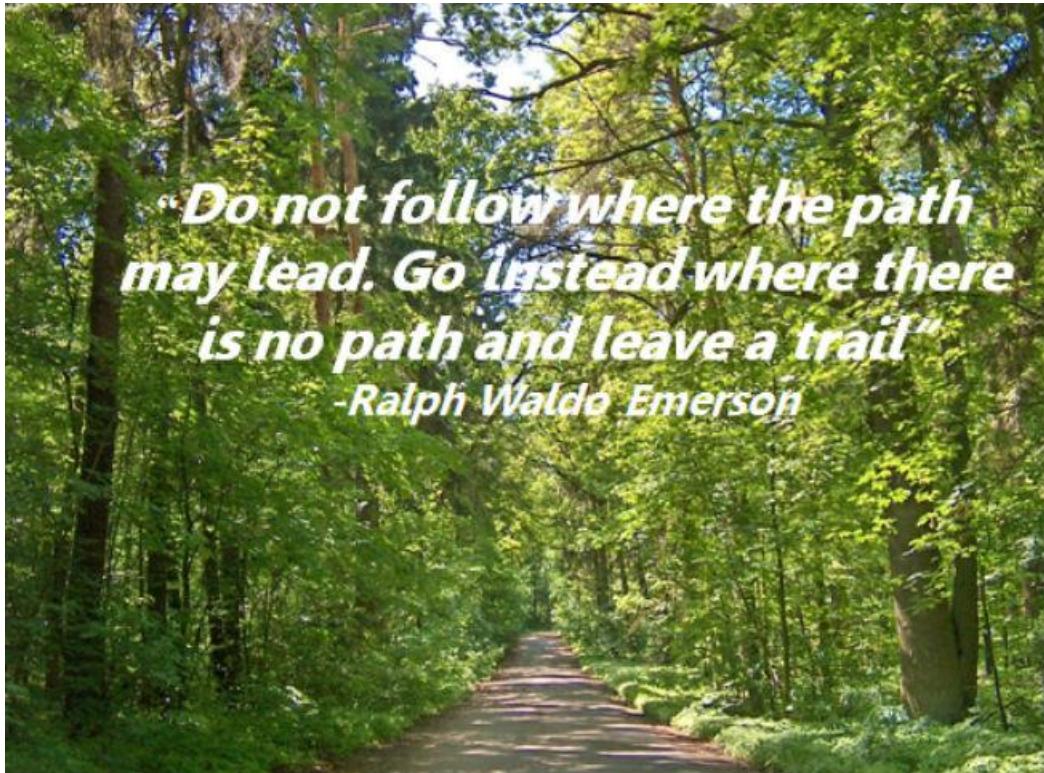
**8. Wal-Mart Stores are Usually Good at Allowing Over-Night Stays in their Parking Lot – however, you should call first to make sure.**

9. Nomadic RV dwellers do plan to live in a permanent location eventually. Common sense dictates that eventually, the nomadic lifestyle will come to an end.

Most of us try not to think about getting too old to travel – but the RV lifestyle can permit those who are semi-retired (workcampers) and retirees to plan for the day when a permanent location may be necessary – possibly for medical reasons.

Until then, we stay as healthy as possible and keep moving on!

## Chapter Three



***“Do not follow where the path  
may lead. Go instead where there  
is no path and leave a trail”***

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### **What Type of RV is Best for My Situation**

Many retired RVers will use the funds from their house to purchase an RV, accessories and usually have an emergency fund in the bank. Depending on your finances – it will usually dictate the type of RV you'll own – also, your likes and dislikes will come into play.

As you know, it best to live a debt-free life while living the RV lifestyle. The less stress we have, the better.

#### **Class A**

Class A motor homes are the largest and most expensive RVs on the road. Variants include converted buses or purpose-built models. It looks similar to a bus. While some of these may be as long as 45 feet, no special CDL license is required to operate one legally.

Standard perks include a laundry machine and drier, ice makers, full bath and shower facilities, and TV. They also have plenty of storage for cargo. Campers can stock their RVs with enough supplies to stay on the road for long periods.

The Class A RV is usually the most expensive to maintain. It is usually intimidating to maneuver in the mountains and usually will be restrictive when on narrow roads. Some camping sites will be a hassle if it is difficult to leave the campsite to run small errands. The fuel is more expensive as well.

While these may be impractical for many, they are an excellent option for long-haul travel. They are increasingly popular with retirees and those interested in living on the road full time.

### **Class B**

This class is usually called the camper van. They are typically built on a standard full-sized van chassis and feature a raised roof so most people can stand up without bumping their heads on the ceiling.

Due to their small size, they are the easiest to drive, maneuver, and park. It is also possible to take one of these on quick day trips or to run errands. They can usually comfortably accommodate one or two travelers.

This type of RV is usually fully self-contained. Campers enjoy access to a refrigerator, sink, hot water, showers, toilets, air conditioning, and heating. While still initially expensive to purchase, they are much more economical to operate.

Interior space in a camper van is much smaller, and you'll have to get used to sleeping in a smaller space. It is best for only one or two people. The sizes of the appliances are also much smaller than most are used to—no space for TV or shower, etc., and less space for storage.

### **Class C**

Midsized RVs range from 20 to 33 feet. These RVs are usually built on top of existing truck and van chassis and are typically intended for those

on a limited budget. These will have many of the same advantages and considerations as class A but at a lower overall cost.

This RV version will offer more living space than the confining class B motorhomes and many of the same amenities of class A. They will usually have toilet and shower facilities, an adequate kitchen, and plenty of places to sleep.

Some of the larger models feature a master bedroom, and Couches and tables convert into beds. The overhead compartment above the cab can be used for storage or additional sleeping quarters. Due to the compartmental design of the cab, it is easy to gain access through the side doors.

The class C motor homes can be every bit as challenging to drive as the class A. They also easier usually to park in some restricted campsites. Travelers often tow a particular vehicle for excursions and errands.

The fuel costs are slightly better, as are the maintenance and insurance; however, these are still relatively expensive to operate compared to class B.

### **Towable RVs**

When selecting the type of RV best for your situation, it is essential to balance the capabilities, costs, and needs. Towable RVs offer many advantages over full-sized motor homes.

They are less expensive, more reliable, and provide the convenience of detaching the (truck) vehicle that can be used to explore an area or run errands.

A severe enthusiast will consider the variety of options available on the market before making a decision.

### **Travel Trailers**

These are large portable containers filled with living spaces and many conveniences. They are constructed on top of a standard trailer frame. Trailers can be kept simple or filled with every luxury imaginable.

They may have their water supplies, kitchens, bathrooms, and small refrigerators. Sizes can vary, and some are outfitted with sections that expand to provide campers with even more interior space to expand the width.

The main advantages of a traditional travel trailer are the variety of towing vehicles that you can use. These RVs connect with a standard ball hitch receiver. They can be pulled with any truck, van, or SUV rated to handle the weight capacity.

Like all trailers, they can be challenging to maneuver with. It may also be nearly impossible to drive in reverse while it is attached. All trailers should be level, and the setup and removal of the tow vehicle can cause problems if not level.

## **5th Wheel Trailers**

The 5th wheel trailers are very similar to the standard travel trailer, with one major exception. They feature a gooseneck connector that attaches to the tow vehicle.

Towing the vehicle is simpler. The gooseneck extends over the back of the towing truck and connects from the bottom of an overhanging section of the trailer. There is more leverage from the center of the truck to make maneuvers easier.

These connections are much stronger and easier to manage than generic ball hitches.

The biggest concern with these trailers is the type of vehicle that must be used for towing. A truck with an open or flatbed is mandatory. It is illegal for anyone to ride in a towed vehicle, and cramped quarters in a truck cab over long hauls may become unbearable. These vehicles may also be less pleasant for exploring surrounding areas than other passenger vans or SUVs.

## **Folding and Tent Trailers**

Folding camping trailers are some of the smallest towable RVs used. They feature collapsible compartments. Some are built with hard

composite walls that fold down, and others are constructed out of durable tent canvas.

These trailers are great for the occasional camping adventure. They are lightweight and easily maneuverable. Small trucks, station wagons, and full-sized sedans can be used to tow this rig. They offer the bare essentials of survival and make general camping much more comfortable.

Due to the nature of these designs, it is difficult to store anything in them. Supplies and equipment must be carried separately. The folding joints and canvas sections are prone to wearing out and may eventually develop leaks. Tent-style trailers expose campers to more of the elements.

## **Chapter Four**

### **Fixed and Variable Traveling Expenses for Most RVers**

Some fixed expenses you will want to calculate include how much you will spend on:

- RV payment (if you have one)
- Entertainment
- Food - groceries and restaurants
- Gas or diesel
- Propane
- Laundry
- Campground fees
- Internet
- Health insurance
- Clothing
- Phone
- Communication – Mail Forwarding Service
- Household items such as toilet paper, soap, etc.
- RV insurance
- RV maintenance and repairs

Here are a few suggestions on how to save money while on the road.

There are many ways to save money while RVing. Nearly all RVers have different amounts of spendable income or money. Some RVers are frugal and enjoy getting the best bargain possible, and want to save money. Some RVers are not as frugal and do not think of prices as much.

No matter what your budget is – you can usually make the RVing lifestyle work for you.

#### **The many different ways to save money include:**

Choose campgrounds and RV parks that only have amenities you plan to use because you'll probably be paying more for them. Generally, the more services and amenities a campground has, the more it's going to cost.

Campsite fees can be expensive. However, there are ways around that expensive if you're frugal or on a lower budget. State parks are a great low-cost option, as are many RV parks. [Go to this website and check out all the campgrounds.](#)

Travel at the posted speeds. Fuel is usually one of the largest parts of an RVer's budget. Traveling at posted speeds cuts down on fuel consumption.

Limit your impulse purchases – plus, it will keep your RV from getting too cluttered with useless stuff. I always tell people to do only purchase their NEEDS and forget their wants.

Make meal preparation a shared experience. Shop local farmer's markets for fresh in-season options, try new foods, and share meal preparation with campground neighbors.

Cooked-by-you means healthier eating because you control the ingredients. Dining out is fun, but it can be expensive, especially for those on a low budget and living a frugal RVing lifestyle.

### **Earn money on the road.**

If you are not fully retired but want to RV travel for a majority of the year, there are many ways to fund your travels.

Seasonal and part-time jobs are available at campgrounds, national parks, online, remotely through your full-time job, and so on. Working while you travel is great because you don't have to wait until retirement to have fun on the road. Many camp work jobs seek couples.

There are many ways you can live the RV lifestyle – it is not only for the idle rich. By setting an RV budget, creating a monthly travel budget, finding ways to save money while on the road, and earning money while on the road, you should have no problem living and enjoying the RV lifestyle.

Here's a list of camp job websites where Camp Job ads are posted. I provide this list in another publication – but I want you to have it also.

### **[See Work Camp Jobs.](#)**

## **Chapter Five**

## **RV Insurance – What Type To Get**

Why choose specialized RV insurance? Because you want to protect your investment and each other.

What's Special About Specialized RV Insurance? An RV will be your house on wheels. Specialized RV insurance is a unique blend of auto and homeowner's insurance coverage, yet the price is typically comparable or less expensive than standard auto insurance. The extent of coverage is the significant difference between a standard auto policy and an RV-specific policy.

As you and your insurance agent put together your customized RV package, keep the following coverage in mind for combination into a comprehensive policy.

Most RV specialty policies automatically cover items like awnings, antennas, external racks, and satellite dishes for no additional charge. Additionally, two dollies and trailers are often included in the coverage.

### **Additional Discounts:**

Be sure to ask about all discounts offered by an RV specialty insurance carrier. Membership in an RV club, supplemental braking systems, or completion of a safe driving course is just some of the discounts available on a state-by-state basis.

## **How Do I Find a Specialized RV Insurance Provider?**

There are a variety of ways to find the specialized RV product best suited to your needs. RV clubs, the Internet, and many RV dealerships can put you in touch with one of the national companies that specialize in coverage for RV owners. You can also visit [Industry Suppliers](#) and select Insurance from the drop-down.

The specific coverage you purchase may vary slightly from the descriptions listed above.

If you currently own an RV, review your policy to be sure you have the protection described at a reasonable price and compare it to others as well.

If you are thinking of buying an RV, be sure to discuss the availability of these coverages with an RV-experienced agent or insurance company. Protect yourself by adequately ensuring both your investment and the RVing lifestyle.

Also, ask about Road assistance in the event of a break-down. Talk about towing charges if necessary with the agent. You should have this!

## **Chapter Six**



**"A good traveller has no fixed plans  
and is not intent on arriving!""**

### **List of National RV Organizations and Clubs**

**You may also access these links from my website.**

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- [Airstream RV Clubs](#) has excellent information about caravans and other Airstream-related topics.
- [Aliner Owners Club](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping club.
- [Alfa Owners RV Clubs](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping clubs portal site.
- [Alpenlite Travel Club](#) – Facebook page for the RV type-specific club with chapters throughout the country.
- [Alpine Coach Association](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [American Clipper Owners Club](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping club.
- [American Coach Association](#) – for American Heritage, American Eagle, American Dream, American Tradition, and Limited Motorcoaches.

- [Apollo Motorhome Owners Club](#) – Group for Apollo motor homeowners to share repair tips, ownership experiences, and other related topics. Internet-based group. Free Yahoo account required for access.
- ARMCO RV Camping Club – Christian-based RV camping club of active retired couples in Houston, Texas. During the week, their organized RV camping trips avoid busy weekends for great camping experiences—Email Shirley Hunt at [Shirlh@wt.net](mailto:Shirlh@wt.net) for club membership bylaws and member information.
- Avion TravelcadeClub – See Fleetwood Travelcade Club.
- [Baby Boomer RV Club](#) – New RV camping group, formed June '06 and intended primarily for baby boomers, empty nesters, winter Texans, etc., located in and around Texas and the hill country.
- [Beaver Ambassadors Club](#) – FMCA chapter devoted to Beaver RVs.
- [Born Free RV Club](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping and travel club.
- [Bounders of America](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping and travel club.
- [Bounders United](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping club.
- [Campers for Christ](#) – Christian camping club with a strong Bible emphasis.
- [Camping Singles](#) – A Colorado-based camping club [tents, car, trailer, or RV] for single men and women.
- [Campers On Mission](#) – A national fellowship of Christian campers who share their faith while they camp.
- [Carriage Lifestyle Owners Club](#) – Carriage, Lifestyle, Alfa-Gold, Bay Hill, Bay View, and Tesla 5th Wheel Owners and more.
- [Carriage Travel Club](#) – vehicle-specific RV camping and travel club.
- [Casita RV Clubs](#) – RV specific club. No membership fees.
- [Circle City Campers](#) – Southern California private membership club established in 1971.
- [Classic Winnebago](#) – Information and rallys for this classic RV camper.
- [Coachman RV Owners Club](#) – United Kingdom RV camping club for vehicle-specific owners.

- [Colorado Chapters – Family Campers and RV’ers](#) – Homepage of Colorado-based chapters of the nationwide Family Campers and RV’ers club.
- [Comfort Camping Club](#) is based in St. Louis, MO area. If you like electricity and the comforts of home when you camp, this may be the club for you.
- [Cortez Motorhome Group](#) – Internet club for classic Cortez owners
- [Discovery Owners Association](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and owners club
- [Eagle Fleet RV Travel Club](#) – National organization of RV owners.
- [Escapees RV Club](#) offers a wide range of services, including magazines, mail forwarding, RV camping resources, and seminars.
- [Explorer RV Club](#) – Canada’s largest national RV camping club.
- [Family Campers and RVers](#) – Nationwide group of RV clubs.
- [Family Motor Coach Association \(FMCA\)](#) – Welcomes owners of all self-contained RVs. There are over 400 chapters of FMCA. Each chapters’ focus is different, from 4×4’s to geographic location. You should have no trouble finding an FMCA chapter right for you.
- [Fiberglass RV](#) – Not exactly a membership club, but a good resource site including forums for fiberglass-sided RV owners.
- [Fleetwood MotorHome RV Clubs](#) – An independent, member-operated organization limited to owners of Fleetwood motorhomes
- [Florida Pot Luck Campers](#) – As the name implies, this club likes to eat! Activities include biking, hiking the trails, kayaking, fishing, and just enjoying the outdoors.
- [Forest River Owner Group](#) – FROG, comprises Forest River and affiliated brand RV owners from across the US and Canada.
- [Foretravel Owners Club](#) – Vehicle-specific RV and travel club.
- [Freightliner Chassis RV Club](#) – FMCA chapter vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [Georgie Boy Owners Club](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [GMC Motor Home Clubs](#) – Directory of GMC motor home clubs

- [Good Sam RV Club](#) – Membership club with chapters in all states with benefits.
- [Gulf Streamers RV Club](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [Handicapped Travel Club](#) – RV camping and travel club for those with disabilities.
- [Heartland Owners Club](#) – RV club for owners of Heartland RVs. Click on the Owners Club link on a portal page.
- [Hitchhikers of America International](#) Vehicle-specific RV camping and travel club.
- [Holiday Rambler RV Club](#) – Vehicle Specific RV camping and travel club.
- [International Camper Club](#), also known as the ICC, welcomes all brands and types of RVs. Our club's focus is on family camping and socializing with fellow campers and RVers. Our motto is- Come for fun- Stay for the friendships! Club Email: [internationalcampclub@gmail.com](mailto:internationalcampclub@gmail.com)
- [Jayco Safari Travel Club](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [Keystone Campers](#) – vehicle specific information site
- [Loners on Wheels, Inc.](#) – An International RV Club of single men and women who enjoy traveling, camping, RV caravanning, and the camaraderie and lifestyle of singles; not a matchmaking or dating service – companionship and support is what we're about.
- [Mandalay RV Owners Club](#) – Open to current and previous owners of Mandalay, Presidio, and Valencia Class “A” diesel Motor homes
- [Millennium Sams](#) – Chapter 91 in Michigan part of the Michigan Good Sam organization
- [My Club Max](#) -Yahoo group for owners of Dynamax luxury touring motor homes
- [Monaco Owners Clubs](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club directory
- [Montana Rovers](#) – Vehicle-specific camping and travel club for Keystone Montana 5th Wheel RVs.
- [National African-American RVers Association](#) – Nationwide camping club providing family support for RVers

- [National Camping Travelers](#) – Masonic RV Camping Club
- [Newell Coach Owners Association](#) – Vehicle specific RV club.”
- [Newmar Kountry Klub](#) – Vehicle-specific RV camping club.
- [North American Family Campers Association](#) – Family Camping
- [North American Truck Camper Owners Association](#) – Club dedicated to slide-in truck campers.
- Independent Florida camping club with over 400 members and accepts tent campers as well as custom coaches.
- [Ohio Nomads](#)– FMCA RV camping chapter from Ohio
- [Pacific Trailer Club](#)– A southern California RV camping club of friendly people who enjoy monthly outings. Members have rigs from trailers and 5th wheels to class A motor homes.
- [The Rambling Misfits](#) – Located in the northwestern region of New Jersey, this diverse club consists of young couples, empty-nesters, and families with children. A Good Sam affiliate club.
- [RVing Fly Fishers](#) – Internet group for RVers that love to fly fish. Includes camping locations.
- [R-Vision Camping Club](#) – for the Owners (and Potential Owners) and Dealers of R-Vision™ RVs (Trail Bay, Trail-Lite, etc.).
- [Rainbow RV Club](#) – Alternative lifestyles RV camping club and support network.
- [Roadtrek International](#) – FMCA RV camping chapter – vehicle specific
- [RVing Women RV Club](#) – Members learn about RVing and enjoy a network of support and friendship
- [Safari Motorcoach Club](#) – Large FMCA chapter for Safari owners.
- [Shanty-Shakers of Delaware RV Club](#) – An independent club that provides a group camping experience for RVers.
- [SMART RV Club](#) – Retired and active military RV camping and travel club
- [Smiling Sams Chapter 25](#) is affiliated with the national Good Sams RV Clubs and is located in Lima, Ohio.
- [Snowbird International Travel Club](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [Suites Owners International Travel Club](#) – Vehicle-specific group for DoubleTree RV's.

- [Starcraft Camp Club](#) – Chapters throughout the USA. Vehicle specific RV camping club
- [Sunline Owners Club](#) – Vehicle-specific RV camping club.
- [SunnyBrook RV Club](#) – Also called the Sunny Travelers RV Club, is a vehicle-specific RV camping club
- [Teton RV Club](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [Thunderbolts – FCRV #3626](#) – Thunderbolts is a recreational camping club affiliated with the FCRV (Family Camping & RV) national organization. Our club focuses on family camping and socializing with fellow RV'ers at monthly campouts, and participating in other FCRV events. Located primarily in SE Florida.
- [Tin Can Tourists](#) – Vintage RV campers and trailers
- [Trailmanor Trailblazers](#) – vehicle specific RV camping and travel club
- [Traveling Our Way](#) – Gay & gay friendly, a casual, no fuss, social non-profit RV club
- [Travel Trailer Club of the Midwest](#) was started in 1964. Michigan is based with two member-owned campgrounds.
- [Traveling Supremes](#) Independent, non-profit RV destination club open to all conventional, self-contained recreation vehicles.
- [Vagabond RV Camping Club](#) – The Facebook.com page for this North Carolina club is centered in Franklin and Macon county. Members camp monthly from April to Nov.
- [Vintage Vacations](#) – Rallies for vintage RV campers and trailers
- [WIT RV Club](#) – Winnebago and Itasca RV camping club.

I'm all about saving money on the road, so RV memberships are high on my list of things worth paying for each year.

In my opinion, these are the Top Five RV Memberships (based on popularity)

[Good Sam](#)

[Passport America](#) – Get 50% off of campsites. Save Big!

Escapees -If you are new to RVing, Escapees is an excellent membership for helping you learn more about the ins and outs of RVing and connect with other full-timers.

Thousand Trails – I heard terrible news about their customer service.

Harvest Hosts

Good Sam Club Website: <http://www.goodsamclub.com/>

Good Sam Club is Good Sam's reward program (a separate fee from their insurance, roadside assistance, and other services).

My recommendation is this: [Passport America](#), Harvest Hosts, and Good Sam (in that order)

Also, see my website for a unique guide for BOONDOCKING. This book will explain all about free camping on government land. Thousands of retired RVers enjoy boondocking. It's legal, and the scenery is beautiful.

Discover where to go. Go to: <http://homelessharry.com>

# **Chapter Seven**

## **RV Road Safety**

### **1. Completely Inspect Your RV Before Leaving**

Blowouts and breakdowns can ruin your day. Avoid this from happening by simply inspecting your RV. You won't always be able to prevent an accident, but a complete inspection will not hurt.

Inspect the fans, fluid levels, belts, tires, and mechanics of your RV before hitting the highway. A simple tune-up with a qualified mechanic can alert you to any major issues with your RV.

If not properly maintained, these vital aspects of an RV can cause a headache and delay your trip and contribute to an accident.

### **2. Your RV is not a Roadster – Drive with caution if others around you are in a hurry – motion for them to pass you.**

While a wireless RV or Trailer backup camera system may assist you in making lane changes on a busy highway, it won't make your RV a magic carpet driving machine.

No RV will be like driving a truck or car. The brakes will react differently. Speed and corners are the most dangerous things. They are backing up cause accidents too. Avoid these mistakes by being more conscious of your actions.

### **3. When you're backing up – let people SEE you. Honk your horn if necessary.**

Make sure drivers see you – even on the road. Other drivers may be texting or yelling at the kids. Always drive with your headlights on, use your turn signals with every turn and lane change, and check your wireless RV backup camera system frequently to monitor the actions and distance of nearby drivers.

### **4. TIRES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO PAY ATTENTION TO.**

Check the pressure in your tires before you leave, as both overinflation and underinflation can lead to blowouts and accidents. Ensure that you prevent unnecessary wear and tear on your tires by blocking and leveling your RV if you are parking it for longer than a day and do not use petroleum-based substances. Old tires do not make good traveling partners.

## **5. A Man with a Plan**

One thing about traveling – have a plan! Make mental notes of your journey and your routes. A GPS will help you tremendously. I also suggest purchasing a wireless backup camera system with Wi-Fi Monitor included in the system.

Still, a GPS is not always reliable, so you need to have a backup plan. As backward as it may sound, you should always carry a road map of your traveling area.

Create an action plan A, plan B, plan C - just in case you experience RV trouble or an accident. Subscribing to a roadside assistance service is a good thing. Many wireless RV backup camera systems offer Bluetooth features that make it easy to stay connected.

## **6. Propane Inspection**

There literally are dozens of RV accidents caused by LP gas or propane fires. A vital step to take before leaving is to refuel and perform a thorough inspection of the exhaust system and propane tank operation.

It may seem like common sense, but make sure you do not travel with lit burners, turn off the engine when you refuel, and check all vents to guarantee proper ventilation of the system.

Additionally, installing a propane gas detector is a smart move. If something does go wrong, you may be able to prevent a huge disaster.

## **7. Invest in a Wireless RV Backup Camera System**

RV drivers cause many accidents by backing up. They run over bicycles, trash cans, and sometimes pets. Backing up and driving in reverse can be one of the most stressful and grueling tasks of your vacation. Avoid

these dangerous situations by installing a backup camera system and enjoy your journey.

A simple camera and monitor can be your extra set of eyes and save you time and money in the long run. While taking all the measures in the world may not prevent all accidents, following these simple steps can certainly reduce the likelihood of a major disaster or accident from occurring.

Perhaps an essential travel tip is to be aware. Be aware of your surroundings, your movements, and the other vehicles on the road. While your eyes cannot access the entire environment around your RV, wireless RV backup camera systems can.

Once installed, a backup camera system is your extra set of eyes in the back of your RV. Available in various viewable angles, monitor screen sizes, and a host of multiple features, a backup camera system will give you instant peace of mind and total awareness of your surroundings.

### **Don't Drive Aggressively**

Aggressive driving is never a good idea, and this sentiment is particularly true when operating an RV, especially when you're relatively new to driving one. Make slow and careful lane changes, turns, stops and tries to stay in the right lane as much as possible. This will allow you to drive slower and more carefully, allowing smaller, faster vehicles to pass you if necessary.

You will have more prominent blind spots than with a traditional vehicle, so make sure that you put your turn signal on well in advance so that any person following closely behind.

You can also purchase a round rearview mirror head or a rearview video camera to expand your view significantly. Additionally, always brake slowly so that anyone behind you has enough time to react safely.

If someone from behind is pushing for you to move faster than you are comfortable with on a road where they can't pass you, don't be afraid to pull over in the next turnout (with advanced notice, of course) and allow them to go in front of you.

## **Fatigue Is Dangerous While Driving**

RVers love to travel, so it's understandable why you'd want to drive even when you're tired or sleepy. We all want to get to our destination. However, driving fatigue causes motor-vehicle accidents every year. Your reaction time is slowed down when you're exhausted. Don't take chances.

If you feel yourself getting tired and losing steam, don't be afraid to pull in at a rest stop for a quick break or stop at an RV park, motel, or Wal-Mart (one that allows RVs to park and stay) for the night.

## **Know About Upcoming Weather Conditions**

Driving through hazardous weather significantly increases your chances of being or creating an accident - research the upcoming weather conditions of all of the routes you'll be traveling. A bit of preparedness can save your life - consider investing in a weather-alert radio.

Many experienced RVers use these radios, as they are designed to alert you in real-time with details of any impending weather threats. These could give you adequate time to seek shelter and plan for safety.

While your phone can alert you in some cases if the phone lines were down, your phone was to die, or you were driving in an area without service, a battery-operated radio will continue to keep you informed.

## **Take an RV Driving Class**

Hopefully, these tips give you a few ideas on getting the best comfortable ride in your RV, but they are no replacement for a real RV driving class.

Many experienced instructors offer driving lessons all over the country that can help you get comfortable behind the wheel and learn how to hook up and use all of the amenities your rig comes equipped with. I highly suggest RV driving classes for everyone!

Once you get comfortable with your rig, then you're set. You won't get that nervous feeling in your stomach when you're wondering WHAT to do.

Practice makes perfect. You must know the road and your RV like you see the back of your hand – become proficient, and your journeys will be more enjoyable for you and whoever is with you.

# **Chapter Eight**

## **How to Prepare the RV for Traveling Long Term with Necessities and Equipment?**

What necessities will you need?

### **RV Camping List**

With so much stuff to think about, it's easy to forget necessities like cooking supplies and pillows! Here's what you need to make sure you have on board before you set out.

- General Essentials to Pack in an RV
- Electrical hookup cords
- Sewer hose
- Auxiliary cable for TV connection
- Mobile hotspot for reliable Wi-Fi or other signal boost equipment
- Emergency Medkit
- RV Living Essentials
- Bedding including sheets, covers, pillows, and blankets, sleeping bags.
- Towels: bath, hand, facial, dish, and beach
- Window coverings
- Personal electronics, like laptops and cell phones, and their chargers
- Prescription and preventative medications; facial tissues
- Cleaning supplies including chemicals, hand vacuum, wet mop, etc

### **RV Kitchen Essentials**

- Dishes
- Cups
- Silverware
- Bottle opener
- Can opener
- Cooking utensils and vessels — large spoons, pots, roasting pans.
- Cutting board and knives

- Paper towels and napkins
- Coffee pot, mugs, and coffee
- Other food items, although it can be beneficial to wait until you get to your destination to go shopping

## **RV Bathroom Essentials**

- Toiletries such as shampoo and conditioner, body wash, and facial lotion
- RV-friendly toilet paper
- RV toilet chemicals
- RV Outdoor Essentials
- Outdoor camping furniture like folding chairs
- Large outdoor ground covering for under the awning
- Extra LED lights
- Citronella candles or bug spray
- Essentials for RV Camping
- Although it may seem extensive, this list just scratches the surface of all the things you may think of to bring on your next RV trip. Aside from the essentials, there are also lots of “must-have” accessories.
- Beware of overpacking! RVs are already very limited in living space, and bringing too much stuff can quickly transform your home into a cluttered mess.

## **RV Must-Haves**

- Depending on your situation and camping goals, there are a few other things you might need to pack in a camper trailer. For instance, your checklist might need to include things like pet supplies and any outdoor adventure gear.
- When it comes down to it, the only person who knows everything you need to bring is you — but hopefully, this checklist will help you avoid forgetting something essential!

**Here are more essentials for other types of RVers:**

### **Fifth Wheel Stabilizers**

One option we had added to our Wildcat Fifth Wheel is a complete

set of these fifth wheel stabilizers. They make a huge difference in the amount of “youthquake” as people move about the trailer.

### **Cushioned Kingpin Pinbox**

There are different options and different manufacturers of these types of kingpin setups. Get one. It dramatically reduces the “chucking” - or feedback from the trailer to a truck. If you are new to pulling fifth-wheel trailers, you’ll be surprised how much the trailer affects the truck without one. It’s exhausting when towing. Adding one of these units easily adds a couple of hours to the amount of driving you can do in one day.

### **Trailer-wide Surge Suppressor**

They are expensive but well worth it. Some people are glad they have it and never feel comfortable without it - you’ll be connecting your rig to hundreds of different power sources, and the odds say that you’ll get a bad one eventually. This unit cuts power to the trailer in different situations to protect it and anything else you have plugged in.

### **Ladder**

For washing the RV windows, some RVers carry an 8ft ladder . It hangs off the RV-attached ladder secured with ball-bungees.

### **Large Front Level**

For leveling our RV, we use one of these significant levels. You can see it from the driver’s seat in the truck so you can find the most level spot in a site without having to get out constantly.

### **Sewer Hose Support**

Poop doesn’t run uphill, but many campgrounds don’t realize that. Most use a sewer hose to keep from having to defy gravity.

### **Outdoor Rug**

Lay the rug output out the awning and camp chairs, and you have a lovely little outdoor patio. It will also create a buffer zone that helps keep dirt and tree junk from coming inside the RV. It’s porous, so sand and water go through it. It’s lighter weight than the fake grass stuff we used in the past and came with a bag to pack it into.

## **Camp Chairs**

I like the folding fabric chairs. They all stack nicely in the trailer storage area.

## **Ball Bungees**

Are always good to have on hand.

## **Electric Heater**

Most of the time, you are paying for electricity at your site. There's no sense in using your propane to heat your trailer. Pick up an electric heater for around \$50, and it will keep the trailer in the '60s even when the outside temps are in the 30's. It pays for itself the first two propane refills it saves.

## **Vacuum Cleaner**

True - RV's have less to keep clean than a regular house. But between your RV and any tow vehicle, you will still want a good vacuum cleaner.

## **Plastic Storage Containers**

Store your stuff in the cargo area below. Use plastic containers in case there is a water leak of some kind.

## **Small Fans**

A couple of small fans to move air around on warmer days is necessary. A 12" one that sits on the former TV shelf in our bedroom is excellent.

## **Command Hooks**

Coats, dishtowels, bath towels, hats, sunglasses, and more. RVers seem to use lots of hooks to hang things.

## **How to Insulate Vehicle or RV from the Cold.**

One of the greatest parts of owning an RV is having an a/c unit and a heater! This means that no matter what the weather decides to do outside, you can stay comfortable inside! Whether you're heating or cooling the rig, it will take some energy to do it, and that energy is usually propane.

We all know that propane isn't free, so doing what you can to keep the heat/cold from escaping is a money saver! Insulating your windows can help trap that desirable temp inside, so you're not paying for it to just escape into the outdoors.

DIY projects to insulate the windows work very well and are cost-effective. Here's how to make insulated RV window covers.

### **Bubble Wrap**

Using bubble wrap is a cheap (or free if you saved it from packaging) way to insulate the windows in your rig. First, make sure to cut the bubble wrap to the size of the window.

Fill a spray bottle with water and spray the window and the bubble side of the wrap. Press the wrap, bubble side against the window. That's it! It'll stick there for as long as you want.

The nice thing about this method is that you can still get some natural light through the window if you use clear bubble wrap. Even the tinted stuff will let a little light in and could make some fun colors in your rig.

### **Reflectix**

Reflectix is two reflective layers with heavy-duty polyethylene bubbles in between! This can be installed by cutting it to fit the window and then adding adhesive Velcro to the outer edge of the reflective sheet and around the window. This way, it's easy to put up and take down when you need to!

The main downfall to this type of insulation is that no light will make it through. You will need to rely on just your interior lights. If you need to take a nap during the day, however, this feature may come in handy, as it will make the inside very dark.

### **3M Window Insulator**

This isn't exactly something you make yourself, but you put it up yourself, and it's pretty cost-effective. The 3M Window Insulator Kit comes with plastic sheeting and double-sided tape.

All you have to do is run the tape around the window and then stick the plastic to it. With a hairdryer, you can shrink the plastic sheet to be tight. Once it's taut, it's entirely invisible to the eye, so your views out of the windows won't be obstructed.

### **Styrofoam**

If you don't care how it looks or how much light comes in, Styrofoam sheeting may be the way to go! You can get it in different thicknesses to vary the amount of insulation you get depending on what you need.

You can tape or Velcro this over the window, and it will do a fantastic job of keeping the temp in your rig stable. Once again, though, this option will not let light through, which can be a significant downfall.

### **Mix and Match**

You can use different mixes of each of these until you find exactly what works for you. There are some great tutorials out there for various insulation projects. [This one found on Do it Yourself RV](#) involves a pillow, pillowcase, cardboard, and reflectix.

This is a very thick insulator that's sure to keep the temp stable, but its aesthetics aren't quite there. There's another [DIY project found on Roadtrek Life](#) that looks amazing but will require some sewing skills.

We like the most about these is how easily you can roll them up and store them.

If you're not up to making something to cover your windows, there are always after-market items you can purchase online. There are plenty of companies out there where you can send them your RV's dimensions, and they'll whip them up for you.

These will be pricier than doing it yourself, but if you don't have the time or desire to make them, it may be worth it to you!

## Chapter Nine



*"Things you own,  
end up owning you!"*

### **Free Camp Grounds for RVers**

How to Find Free Camping in America.

The United States is a big country. It's also broken up into 50 states—each of which can have drastically different rules and availability for free camping.

Firstly, you can seldom go wrong with a Wal-Mart. Many of the parking lots outside of this national chain permit overnighting, but though they don't all permit free camping, it's a great option if you're staying the night.

Most states east of the Mississippi offer very little free camping but still may permit RVs to stay for six or eight hours in roadside rest stops.

The American West holds nearly all the best BLM-free camping areas.

The American West has many places to camp for free—amidst some of the most stunning nature in the world. Most of these places are within

National Forest or BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land, which means the government owns them.

Some states offer similar lands, such as Washington's Department of Fish and Wildlife campgrounds. Others, like New Mexico, sell a pass that gets you heavily discounted or free camping throughout the state.

The big difference between free camping in National Forests vs. BLM land is usually the type of terrain (BLM is usually desert, and National Forests are usually wooded or forests).

The accessible camping areas for RVers below are for you.

## **Top 10 States for Free Camping**

### **10. [Michigan](#)**

This state has an abundance of free camping options—from rest areas near the cities to gorgeous natural areas like the state's National Scenic Lakeshores.

### **9. [New Mexico](#)**

Lots of free camping - BLM land, the Land of Enchantment promises free camping across the state.

### **8. [Oregon](#)**

Oregon has many things to enjoy – rainforests, the farmers- great towns.

### **7. [Idaho](#)**

One of the Northwest's destinations, Idaho, is loaded with accessible camping areas.

### **6. [Utah](#)**

The entire southern state is laden with National...everything. Parks, Monuments, Forests...and that's just one side of the state!

### **5. [Wyoming](#)**

Grand Teton National Park. It only begins there, as Wyoming is nearly 100,000 square miles full of wide-open spaces.

#### 4. [Washington](#)

Rushing rivers and distant mountain peaks are good for you? Get an abundance of free camping here.

#### 3. [Arizona](#)

Saguaro to tall pine trees, Petrified Forest to the Grand Canyon...Arizona has a cavalcade of sights to see and over 200 free places to camp

#### 2. [California](#)

The Golden State could take second place for all free camping along US-395 along the Eastern Sierras alone.

#### 1. [Colorado](#)

Colorado takes the number one position. Exploring the western half of the state is a modern-day mountain man's dream.

### Free Camping Options in the United States

#### Alaska

Alaska is as abundant in free camping – however, it could be hard to use an RV. It will take some courage and bravery on the dirt and gravel roads. Canada is a narrow window between cold spring and frozen autumn.

Many RVers have ventured into this territory. Those who did – all say it is beautiful and worth the trouble. I believe it takes a unique person to want to do it but to each his own.

Free camping is available in some areas of Alaska's National Forests, such as [Portage Glacier Road in Chugach National Forest](#), where you might find peace and tranquility and your private pond.

Lakes, glaciers, or snowy mountains tend to be a recurring scenery in Alaska, and if you prefer nothing but a few trees between you and that sort of glorious home-on-the-road, [Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge's Lakeview Campground](#) ago. Back in Chugach National Forest, you can

call [Whittier Airstrip](#) home—for free—and watch the cruise ships roll in, or the planes take off.

*Hey! It's me again. Take a break from reading – if you're receiving value from this unique book, please leave me a positive review. It won't hurt you, and it will do me and others a lot of good. [Here's the review link.](#)*

# **Chapter Ten**

## **Camp Ground Budget Guide – for Frugal RVers**

### **Camping Styles**

There are many opportunities to save money with the RV lifestyle, but first, you will need to decide on the level of comfort and amenities you want. I've divided camping opportunities into three categories:

**Full hookup camping.** This is the most expensive type of camping, but there are bargains to be found. Full hookups usually include electric, water, and sewer connections, but some campgrounds will also provide cable TV, telephone, and other amenities.

This is the most expensive way to camp, but you can still find bargain camping. Most private campgrounds that provide full hookups also give you the choice of partial hookups only (electric or water and electric, but no sewer) for a less expensive rate.

Boondocking, also referred to as dry camping, refers to camping in natural areas without amenities. Boondocking is one of the minor expensive kinds of camping as you are not paying for utilities, clubhouses, or many extras.

Boondocking is common on public lands like (BLM) Bureau of Land Management lands in the western states. There are sometimes boondocking opportunities in National and State Forests and other public areas. Many boondocking sites are free or very inexpensive.

**Overnight Parking.** This is sometimes referred to as parking lot camping and is free. Dry camping usually only appropriate for overnight stays.

Town and county ordinances and businesses will regulate overnight parking in store and business parking lots. Still, experienced RVers know that certain businesses welcome overnight RVers as long as there are no town ordinances against it.

Many discount stores, truck stops, restaurants, and many big box stores will allow free overnight parking. Some of the ones we've used have been Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Costco, KMart, Flying J truck stops, and Cracker

Barrel restaurants. It's always a good idea to get permission from the manager before parking overnight.

## How and Where to Find Cheap Campgrounds

### **What is Dispersed Camping?**

"Dispersed camping" refers to camping where there are no designated sites. Campers just find a spot they like within the area and set up camp. This kind of camping is usually on the Bureau of Land Management or National Forest land.

Boondocking on BLM land is one of the cheapest ways to camp, and thousands of RVers spend their winters in Arizona or California for just a couple of dollars a day.

For example, the LaRosa BLM Long Term Visitor Area (LTVA) near Quartzsite, Arizona, charges \$40 for two weeks or \$180 for seven months of camping, and you can move from one area to another within the LTVA on your permit.

There's even a place where you can fill up with water and dump. In other areas where dispersed camping is allowed on BLM lands, camping is free.

### Yellowstone National Park

## **Camping in National Parks:**

The National Park Service has inter-agency permits which are good at these participating agencies: National Park Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation.

If you are a senior age 62 or older and a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident - you are eligible to purchase the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass – Senior Pass.

With a \$10 fee, you get a lifetime membership which allows you free admission and discount camping (usually 50% off) at the participating agencies listed above. It's the world's best deal!

Dixie National Forest, Red Canyon - Utah

Campsite at Dixie National Forest, Red Canyon Campground. \$6 a night. The campground is near Bryce Canyon National Park. | Source

## **Free and cheap camping in National Forests:**

National Forests are another place to camp free or cheap. Many National Forests have free spots to the center as well as regular campgrounds. Most National Forest campgrounds honor America the Beautiful passes, but their campsites are a good buy even without it.

National Forest campgrounds may be in areas a little challenging to get to, but they are cheap and often have incredible amenities like electricity and water.

Even if the campsites are only dry camping, the National Forest campgrounds usually have a dump station (sewer) and water. Because some of the camping areas are in remote areas, it's a good idea to make sure that your rig will fit in the campsites before you go -- do call ahead.

## **Free Overnight Parking:**

Many businesses, big box stores, discount stores, and truck stops allow free overnight camping in their parking lots. Wal-Mart is a popular place for travelers to stop overnight, but some towns regulate against overnight parking.

Many trucks stops also allow RVs to stay overnight. Be sure to park in designated areas and don't take up space in areas reserved for tractor-trailers.

### **Free camping at Casinos**

Casino camping is often free or very inexpensive. Many casinos have separate parking lots for RVs and allow campers to stay free for overnight stays or several days. Some casinos offer free electric and dump stations; others have more amenities.

There are Casino camping guides in hardcover as well as on the internet.

### **More Cheap Camping**

Holders of the America the Beautiful National Park senior or disabled pass can get a 50% discount on camping fees. Some COE areas have dry camping areas that are either free or very low cost.

Town and city parks and fairgrounds are also places to check out in your search for inexpensive camping options.

## **Chapter Eleven**

### **Work and Camp Jobs – Semi Retirees**

Many RVers want to travel and see the country, but they are not fully retired with enough income or have not reached retirement age yet.

Here's a list of camp job websites where Camp Job ads are posted. I provide this list in another publication of mine, but I want you to have it. You can also access these links from my website.

<http://homelessharry.com>

<https://workingcouples.com/jobs-category/work-campers-campground>

<http://workampingjobs.com/workampingjobs.php>

<https://www.workamper.com/>

<https://www.work-for-rvers-and-campers.com/help-wanted.html>

<http://www.happyvagabonds.com/Jobs/Jobs-By-State.htm>

<https://koa.com/community-camping-programs/work-camps/>

<https://www.coolworks.com/jobs-with-rv-spaces>

<http://www.work-camping.com/>

<http://www.snowbirdrvtrails.com/workamping.htm>

<https://yourfulltimervliving.com/work-camper-job-listings>

<https://careers.suncommunities.com/SunRVResorts/go/Work-Camping/3098000/>

<http://www.americanll.com/current-job-openings/>

<http://www.amazondelivers.jobs/about/camperforce/>

<http://www.rv-camping-lifestyle.com/workamper-jobs/>

<http://www.sacorivercampingarea.com/employment/>

<https://www.rverjobexchange.com/work/joblistngs/>

<http://bransonkoa.com/koawork.htmlrk/joblistings/>

# **Chapter Twelve**

## **Most Popular RV Problems – How to Avoid Them**

Contrary to public belief, not all RVs are created equal. Most have differences in amenities, size, weight, build materials, and overall quality and durability. However, they do share some similar “problems,” and here are a few.

RVs are especially susceptible to issues since they are built to mimic a home that can be moved at any given moment.

RVs are vehicles with living situations that most houses have, and they are stationary. When a house on wheels is in motion, it causes the house on wheels to move, shake, rattle, and things tend to loosen up or go a little haywire.

With “high-end” recreational vehicles, the longevity of the parts that make up your RV may increase, but you will still eventually need to repair or replace these issues.

### **Water Lines/Water Pump Issues**

Most ‘RVers’ typically use their recreational vehicles during the “warmer months” since not many people enjoy subjecting themselves to the cold unnecessarily. Since this is the case, most people “store” their RV for the winter months.

When you store your RV, it is good practice to ensure your water tanks are emptied to prevent the expansion that occurs when water becomes ice, bursting lines, or damaging your pump.

Since everyone occasionally forgets or overlooks “smaller” details, damage to water lines and pumps is a common issue that causes the need for repair work to be done on RVs across the nation.

### **Toilet Issues**

When camping, there are many options for alleviating the need to use the restroom. While going in the woods or using a community restroom are viable options when outdoors, defeating one of the major advantages of camping in an RV, having your private bathroom.

In traditional homes, toilets can last a long time, even with wear and tear due to “typical” usage. When you add the portability of an RV to the mix, the bumping and bouncing due to the road or terrain can shorten the lifespan of your toilet significantly.

Some common issues found with RV toilets can be water not staying in or constantly flowing in the toilet bowl due to valve or rubber seal issues.

These issues need immediate attention. Do not put it off as some RVers do. Toilet issues can cause problems with your water supply and lead to water damage that becomes a much more expensive repair job.

### **Tire Issues**

Even standard passenger vehicles, whose sole purpose is to get us from point A to point B, experience flat tires and require regular replacement. Tires are highly vulnerable to road debris, wear and tear from typical usage. Tires can also get damaged by the sun or the cold - just sitting in one spot.

Cars weigh a lot less than RVs, and tires blow out frequently. RV tire blowouts are a common issue with recreational vehicles as well.

You can help avoid tire blowout issues with your RV by ensuring proper inflation levels, checking tread wear regularly, and carrying a spare that is in good working condition.

### **Roof And Window Issues**

Since RVs are meant to be portable rather than stationary like a house, the roofs and windows are made of materials and assembled differently from your typical house. Since your house is meant to be stationary, the top and windows are built from materials that are better suited for long-term exposure to the elements.

However, on your RV, some aspects of each part needed to be “sacrificed” to allow for mobility. To keep the weight down, the roof of your RV is similar to the sides, rather than the traditional shingled or tiled roof found on a house.

With constant exposure to direct sunlight in addition to striking low-hanging debris (mostly tree branches), your roof can take some damage.

Windows will also require attention. To better absorb the constant vibration of travel, a sealant with a more rubberized finish is used to help prevent shattering rather than the typical sealant used on the house.

Though the sealant used on an RV is meant to absorb shock better than you would use on the house, it eventually will need repair due to the consistent jarring and exposure to the elements. Reapply it.

## **Chapter Thirteen**

### **How Single Full-Time RVers Find Companionship on the Road**

Some single RVers are perfectly fine traveling alone and being alone, and some RVers who travel alone still would enjoy companionship or meet others who share like-minds.

Are you a single RVer in need of some companionship when you are on the road? This section will help you meet other full-time RVers with similar passions.

Some love the solitude of an RVing lifestyle, and that's okay. If you value your privacy and aren't interested in sharing your space with anyone else, you have found the perfect lifestyle.

Where do you start if you are a single RVer looking for companionship?

If you are an introvert, it can be hard to create your social circle. Finding the proper blend of character traits and those who share like-minds can be a challenge – but keep your mind open, be friendly and kind to others. You never know when that ONE person will walk into your life.

Remember, just because you are a bit of a loner while on the road doesn't mean that you have to be by yourself all the time.

#### **Connecting With Other Single RVers:**

The Internet has evolved into a powerful social tool and is excellent at connecting people who often live far away. It also provides many opportunities to meet others with similar interests.

##### **Facebook Groups:**

Facebook is now one of the most popular sites on the Internet and is considered a social networking hub for people of all ages. Almost everyone has a Facebook account, even seniors.

Over 50% of Internet users between the ages of 50-64 have a Facebook account. Also, believe it or not, over 30% percent of Internet users over the age of 65 have a Facebook account.

Facebook can be used in various ways to find others that you would like to get to know better. While your profile usually represents your best self, it's not always the most effective way to meet new people.

Check out some of the many Facebook Pages and like-minded groups. Maybe you'll meet other RV dwellers too.

Some popular Facebook pages for RVing enthusiasts include:

[Airstream](#): This is the official page for fans and friends of Airstream RVs

[Escapees](#): This page acts as a support network for all RVers and features many valuable services

Facebook Groups are even better for meeting those who share common interests. They usually center around a common issue, cause, or activity and are a great place to share related content and post photos.

Some popular Facebook Groups for RVers include:

[50+ Single RVers Connection](#)

[Vintage Fleetwood Motorhomes](#)

[RV Singles](#)

[Tin Can Tourists](#)

Websites:

It's true, Facebook is a great place to begin your search for companionship, but it isn't the only option that you have available. There are plenty of other websites that will help you get in touch with other RVing singles. Some of these include:

[Loners on Wheels](#): A great source to find single RVers

[RVing Women](#): Has members from the US and Canada

[Plenty of Fish](#): The Camping/RVing section helps you connect with other RV enthusiasts

[Wandering Individual's Network](#): This site is the hub for single RV adventures from around the world

[Escapees SOLOS](#): A great place to share information and build friends with single Escapees

If you are over 55, there are even more options available to help you connect with other singles. For example, virtually all towns, whether big or small, have a senior center that allows drop-in visitors.

Many of these clubs offer certain activities to help people meet others. Some recommended centers include:

[Quartzsite AZ Senior Center](#)

[Denton TX Senior Center](#)

If you are looking for more options in your neck of the woods, have no worries. Head to the internet and Google the words ‘senior center’ and the name of the city that you are currently in. Doing so will help you find the senior center located closest to you quickly and easily.

Retirement Communities:

Several places around the country are home to a large number of seniors. They usually offer great amenities such as excellent social programs and well-equipped recreational facilities.

For example, Quartzsite, AZ, has a great community center called [QIA](#) that holds many events during the year. These include dinners, dances, and some exciting adult classes like ballroom dancing and crafts. They also have a senior singles group that meets every week.

The usual itinerary consists of a short meeting, followed by a trip to some exciting sight for a potluck cookout. This location usually has historical significance, making the outing both educational and entertaining.

## Chapter Fourteen



*The most beautiful in the world is, of course, the world itself."*

### **The RV Lifestyle – 100 Popular Destinations with photos**

Many people within the RV lifestyle enjoy traveling to beautiful locations and enjoying the scenery and community.

Whatever your reason is, these destinations will surely spark your imagination and provide you with advance notice of what awaits you.

To some people, the RV lifestyle is about lowering their living costs and enjoying the RV lifestyle at the same time. To others, the RV lifestyle is about exploring other parts of the country and visiting the areas they always wanted to go to – but couldn't until now.

I found this PDF online and want to share it with you. It has 100 popular destinations for RVers. I hope you enjoy it. [100 RV Destinations](#)



# **Chapter Fifteen**

## **Tricks for Organizing RV Kitchen and Meal Preparation**

Preparing meals is all part of the RV Lifestyle, and it's much easier than you think. This section will reveal a few tricks that make your life on the road a little easier.

I don't believe you're going to have much fun baking a lot of gourmet dinners are; if you're hoping to bake a few cakes on the road, this may be a bit much for the RV Lifestyle. I think you can prepare healthy meals for less if you follow a few of these plans.

### **RV Cooking Can Be a Challenge**

The RV kitchen will be very much different than your standard house kitchen – mainly due to the ovens, fridges, and pantries are smaller. So, you'll have to adjust for this smaller space. It's not bad once you get used to it.

Propane can be expensive for RV cooking, so if you can hook up to electricity and use hot plates and electrical appliances, it will be less costly and will work fine. Most RVers only use propane if it is necessary.

### **Plan How to Stock Your “Limited Space” Kitchen with Food.**

Since there is less room for everything, you must shop with this in mind.

- Smaller Freezer – only holds so much frozen food. Shop accordingly.
- Don't purchase large bottles of anything. It probably won't fit.
- Most larger vegetables will not be wise to purchase – simply any room.
- Buy enough fruit that can be eaten in a day or two.
- Don't forget - Items packed in liquid or juice can spill when RV is moving.
- Use plastic containers with lids. They come in different sizes, are unbreakable, and can be stacked as needed.

### **Meal Planning**

It's probably best to plan your meals— so you know how much to purchase and decide how long they will last and consider how much space you have to store them.

## **13 Creative RV Travel Cooking Ideas**

Here are some ideas that will make food and beverage prep easier:

- Install an under-the-cabinet coffee pot, but use it only to heat water. Pour the hot water into a thermos and use it to make hot drinks, iced tea, instant oatmeal or cream of wheat, instant mashed potatoes, soups, and any other foods that only require it.
- Use that same water on travel days. Fill it in the morning after breakfast, and any time somebody wants a hot drink, they can have it. This is convenient and a money saver because it keeps you from running the generator.
- Pull dinner meat out of the freezer in the morning so it can thaw in time for dinner—chicken, fish, or hamburger and steak.
- Carry a few frozen dinners for fast meals at the end of a long day of driving.
- Carry meats that can be thawed quickly if necessary, such as shrink-wrapped ham slices.
- Beef Jerky, cottage cheese, avocados, nuts, canned tuna, canned salmon, and eggs are good items to keep on hand for sandwiches or quick, nutritious snacks and meals.
- Keep a supply of fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables to be used as quick side dishes.
- Save leftovers to use for lunches.
- Store breads, cookies in the oven. This saves counter and refrigerator space and keeps these foods moist.
- Keep a supply of crackers and cheeses handy. They are suitable for snacks.
- Grills are good to use outside – but they are bulky to transport and are challenging to clean.
- Use paper plates and plastic utensils, especially on travel days. This eliminates most meal cleanup and saves time.

## **Conclusion**

It was a pleasure to bring you this book. There is nothing like the RV lifestyle – it is certainly a lifestyle all its own. My mission is to bring you valuable information that could make your RV lifestyle more enjoyable and help you to avoid certain hazards.

I'm also a modern-day Nomad. I enjoy writing books on the road and meeting people from all walks of life. Maybe we'll cross paths someday. Visit my website at: [HomelessHarry.com](http://HomelessHarry.com)

***Thanks, and I hope you enjoyed this Book.***

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