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Fall for RVing

Hello, Fellow RV Enthusiasts,

My husband and I just celebrated our anniversary this September. Ever since our honeymoon, we've traveled throughout North America to mark the occasion. Over the years, we've explored the coasts in British Columbia, hiked through Yellowstone National Park, ventured off the beaten track around Mesa Verde, trekked through the Florissant Fossil Beds near Colorado Springs, and tossed countless sticks for our dogs in lakes and rivers throughout the Rocky Mountains and the Black Hills.

In our opinion, one of the best things about vacationing during this time of year is the decreased crowds. As my grandmother-in-law in the Black Hills used to joke, "After Labor Day, you only see the 'newlyweds' and 'nearly deads.'" Well into her 80s, this line made her giggle every time.

Despite her unusual turn of phrase, she had a point. By fall, many families are focused on getting their kids back to school, and young professionals are often settling into new routines that keep them closer to home before the holidays. That leaves those newly married and those closer to (or well into) retirement as the last ones visiting popular tourist destinations.

So, during the fall, you're less likely to face the hassle of tight reservations. You're more likely to snag a fantastic



campsite—perhaps with stunning views or upgraded amenities. You may even find off-season discounts as peak travel time fades.

While some RVers are getting their rigs ready for a long winter's nap, others are continuing their adventures—and we're here for it! Not only can you experience breathtaking fall foliage across many parts of North America (including Voyageur National Park), but with a little preparation, you can take the chill off and still enjoy the cooler evenings around the campsite.

There are plenty of amazing destinations for those who embrace the cooling weather. Or, you can head south to explore the desert's warmer landscapes. (See "Desert Dreaming.") And if you're gearing up for snow sports, now is the perfect time to start planning your next winter wonderland trip).

No matter the season, there's always somewhere to fall in love with RVing.

Happy travels!

Sue Mosebar

Sue Mosebar

IN THE NEWS



Refining the RVing Experience

Expert minds from the likes of Apple, Rivian, and Space X are reimagining the RV experience and plan to power it with a large 45 kWh lithium-ion battery. A high-tech startup, Pebble Flow is ready to redefine how to live, work, and explore from anywhere by advancing cutting-edge automation capabilities to make RVing as easy as using an iPhone with Dual-Motor Active Tow Assist, a Magic Hitch, and remote control with just a touch.

They've just opened brand new, 60,000-square-foot headquarters in Fremont, California, which gives them room to grow and attract new

innovative talent in the Bay Area (arguably, the heart of advanced technology). And they plan to add 100 new high-tech roles to promote advances in zero-emission technology within year one.

The company is accepting pre-orders for the new Pebble Flow all-electric models with a fully refundable deposit of \$500. At home, the RV can be used as a bonus room, an office, a rental space, or even as a backup battery. Once you're ready to escape to the great outdoors, you can leave generators and propane tanks behind and make use of clean energy batteries and integrated solar panels that provide up to seven days of off-grid energy.



How Rare Is Winter RVing?

Why not delay winterizing your RV and become one of the roughly one in four active winter campers?

25%

Upcoming RV Events

Snowbird RV Show & Sale

September 19 - 22, 2024

Tradex Building, Abbotsford,
British Columbia, Canada

The biggest RV consumer show in Western Canada provides great deals, the latest RV innovations, outdoor life exhibitors, and expert speakers to celebrate an active outdoor lifestyle.

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Indianapolis Fall Boat and RV Show

September 20 - 22, 2024

Indiana State Fairgrounds,
Indianapolis, Indiana

View, try, and buy from a large selection of new, used, and year-end models of RVs (and boats) at deep discounts. You may be able to save thousands on your dream rig!

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Washington State Evergreen Fall RV Show

September 27 - 29

Evergreen State Fairgrounds,
Monroe, Washington

Featuring the area's top RV dealers, you'll find big savings on hundreds of both new and used RVs. The affordable cash admission (\$12 adults; \$10 seniors) with parking included provides access for all three days. (Visit the website at www.evergreenfallrvshow.com for \$4 off admission.)

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Tacoma Fall RV Show

October 3 - 6

Tacoma Dome, Tacoma,
Washington

With more than 5 dealers and 350+ RVs on display in over 200,000 square feet, you can shop and compare in person to find your perfect RV setup. You'll also be able to find some of the best deals on used and new RVs in the area.

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MirrorCheck

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE RV NEWS AND COMMUNITY



OC RV Show

October 31 - November 2024
Roland E. Powell Convention
Center, Ocean City, MD

Enjoy this stunning beachside event while you explore RV and Vanlife options and outdoor gear, along with BMX and skateboarding competitions and events. In addition, leading industry experts will share must-have knowledge about outdoor living.

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Quebec RV Show

October 31 - November 3
Center de exposition Expocite,
Quebec, Quebec, Canada

Want to get a view of the newest 2025 models and discover the latest RVing trends? You'll find everything under one large roof—for virtually every taste and every budget.

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Sand, Water, and RV Expo

Lake Havasu State Park,
Winsor 4, Lake Havasu,
Arizona

A mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, you'll find RVs, boats, and offroad vehicles as well as camping, fishing, and hunting gear, and so much more to browse, compare, and shop.

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FALL 2024 PLAYLIST

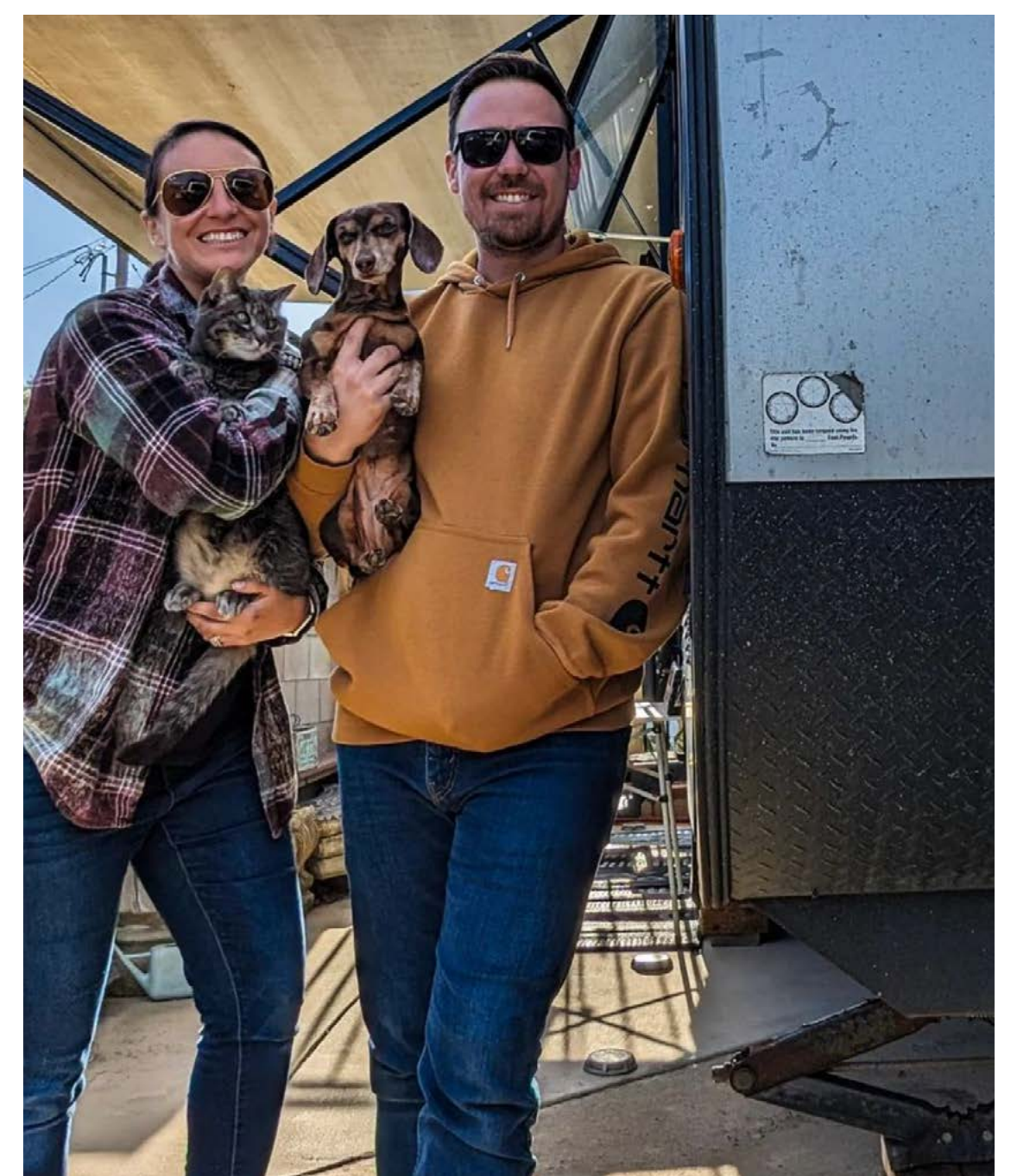
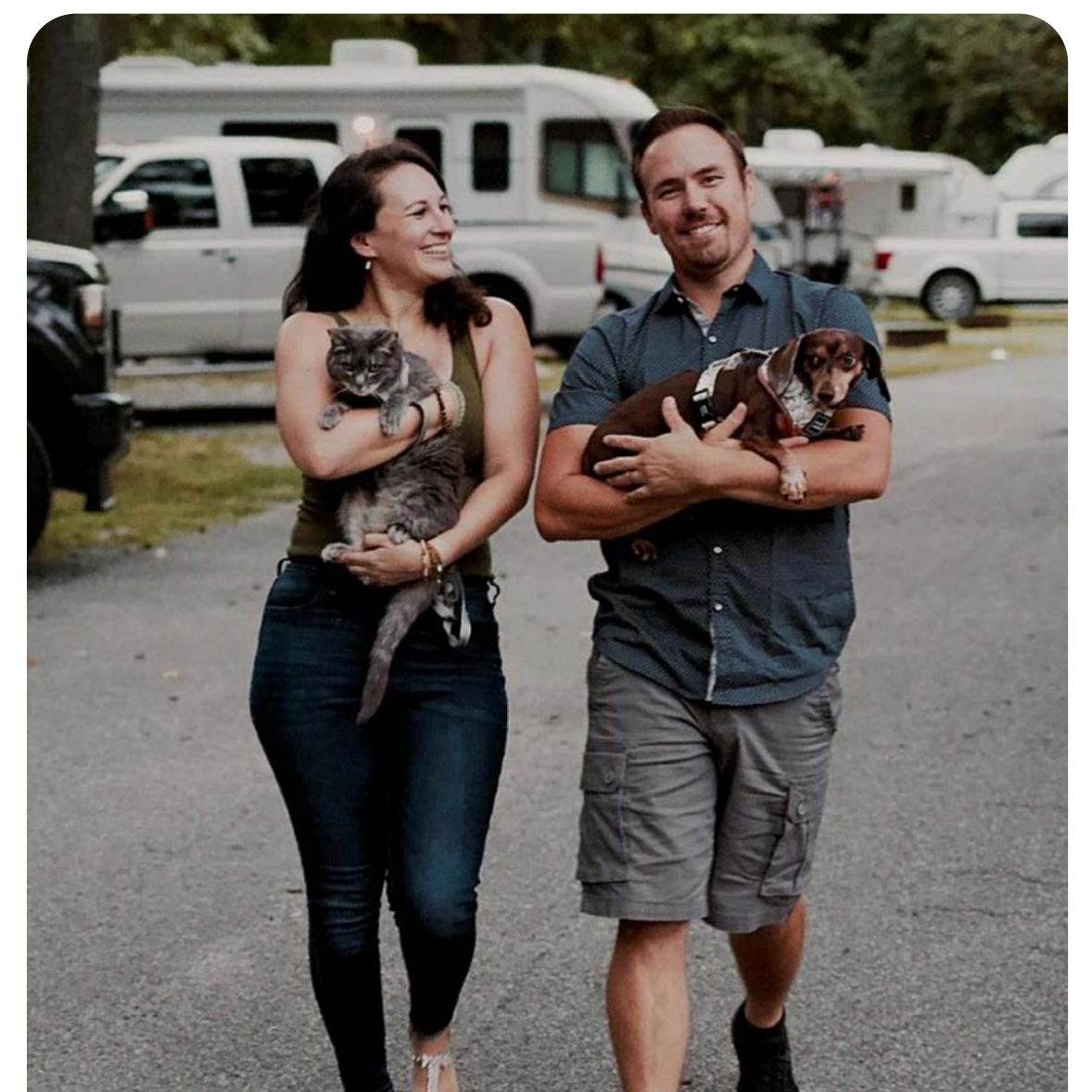
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PLAY ON SPOTIFY



@rvingdogswine

Why We Heart It —They do some very cool RV renovations and share great reno ideas. Plus, they like dogs and wine 🍷



@travelingtionsons

Why We Heart It — Fun couple that shares not just the good but the challenges of full-time RV living. They even break down their monthly expenses. 👍

RV QUIZ

How Prepared Are You to Camp in the Fall?



TAKE THIS QUICK QUIZ TO FIND OUT. EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET ALL THE ANSWERS RIGHT, YOU MAY PICK UP SOME NEW TIPS TO MAKE YOUR NEXT FALL CAMPING TRIP MORE ENJOYABLE.

No. 1

Where can you find the most accurate weather forecast?

- A.** Ask a friend who just left the area.
- B.** Drive by a nearby bank that shows the temperature.
- C.** Go to weather.gov to see the NOAA predictions for your location.
- D.** It doesn't matter—it's just a guess, no matter where you get your forecast from.



No. 2

When is the best time to stop for the night?

- A.** Dusk, just as the sun is setting, but it isn't completely dark.
- B.** Set up camp earlier in the day to make the most of your first evening as the sun sets earlier in the fall and winter.
- C.** Get there first thing in the morning to ensure you get a good camping spot.
- D.** Light, dark? What does it matter if you're in an RV?

No. 3

Do I still need reservations in the fall?

- A.** Nope. Just show up. There will be plenty of spots available.
- B.** It depends. Some places don't even take reservations after the peak season.
- C.** Absolutely.
- D.** Not if you prefer disbursed camping.

Quiz Answers:

No. 1

Where can you find the most accurate weather forecast?

Answer: C. While it's always good to check with a friend in the area or see the current temperature, the most accurate forecast comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or NOAA, which can be found at [weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov). You can customize your search, get the most accurate forecasts, and even see active alerts. It is true that even the best forecasters are wrong from time to time, though, so bring extra warm gear, just in case.

No. 2

When is the best time to stop for the night?

Answer: B. The sun sets earlier in the fall and winter months, so it's best to get to your campsite earlier in the day. Fortunately, even popular campgrounds tend to have fewer visitors than in the summer. Still, many expert campers find 2 p.m. to be the best time to pull into the campsite.

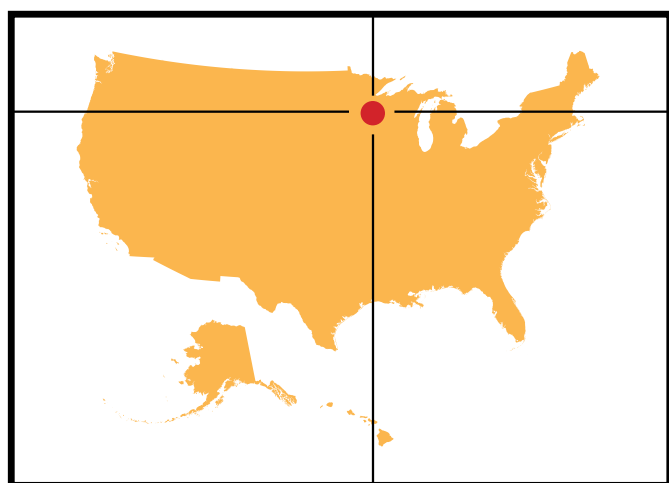
No. 3

Do I still need reservations in the fall?

Answer: C. Even if there are lots of spaces available, some campgrounds and parks in colder climates close in the early fall or due to weather events. So, call for a reservation to ensure the campground is open and has spots available. Even if you prefer dispersed camping, it's worth checking out the area in advance in case there's a nearby festival or event that can take up most (or all!) of the available camping spots.

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VANTAGE POINTS OF AMERICAN BEAUTY



▶ 48°30' N, 92°53' W

▶ MINNESOTA

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Vista



HEAD NORTH AS THE WEATHER COOLS? YES! Voyageurs National Park, found in the Northern part of Minnesota, provides remarkable foliage with mesmerizing reflections on wide water expanses. Plus, it's an ideal location to get away from it all to find peace and serenity. As a bonus, it remains open year-round.

UNLEASH YOUR CULINARY ADVENTURES WITH THE TG GRILL

The TG Series Portable Grill is the ultimate companion for RVing adventures. Crafted in the USA with precision, this compact stainless steel grill transforms any campsite into a gourmet kitchen.

THE COMPACT AND PORTABLE TRIPLE THREAT

Grill



Griddle



Oven Fire Pizza



Its versatile design not only saves space but also caters to all your cooking needs, making it the perfect addition to your RV lifestyle.

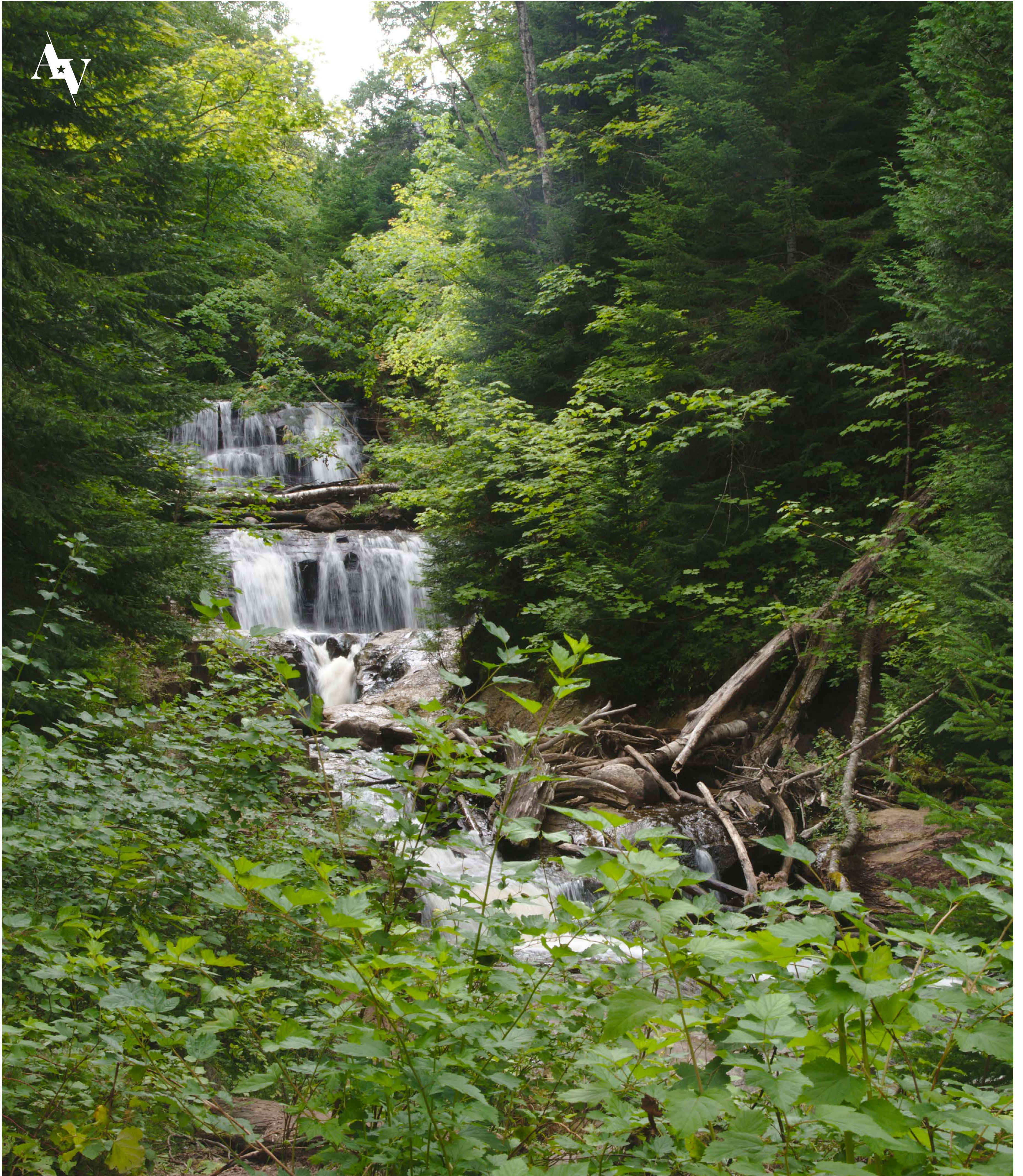


START YOUR TG JOURNEY TODAY.



Explore the historic Meadwood Lodge near the Ash River Visitor Center. (Be aware, it closes in late September for the winter.) After visiting the historic building, head outside to take in the stunning views, like this sunset pictured behind the Center.





In this expansive natural wonderland, you'll find water, water everywhere. Voyageurs National Park spans a massive 218,00 acres of abundant waters, including lakes, streams, and waterfalls, surrounded by woodlands, providing fantastic opportunities to relax, recreate, and explore.





On the north shore of Lake Kabetogama, immerse yourself in art by Jack Ellsworth. A self-taught artist and creator, Ellsworth used natural materials from the native landscape to create an unforgettable environment of abstract rock sculptures surrounded by colorful flower beds. A truly unique destination.





With boundless opportunities to boat, camp, fish, hike, and more, you'll find plenty to do. Remember, though, with all the bodies of water and rock hazards, safety comes first. Watch the weather and prepare to take shelter in case of high winds, waves, and storms, which can quickly overtake plans for a peaceful afternoon.





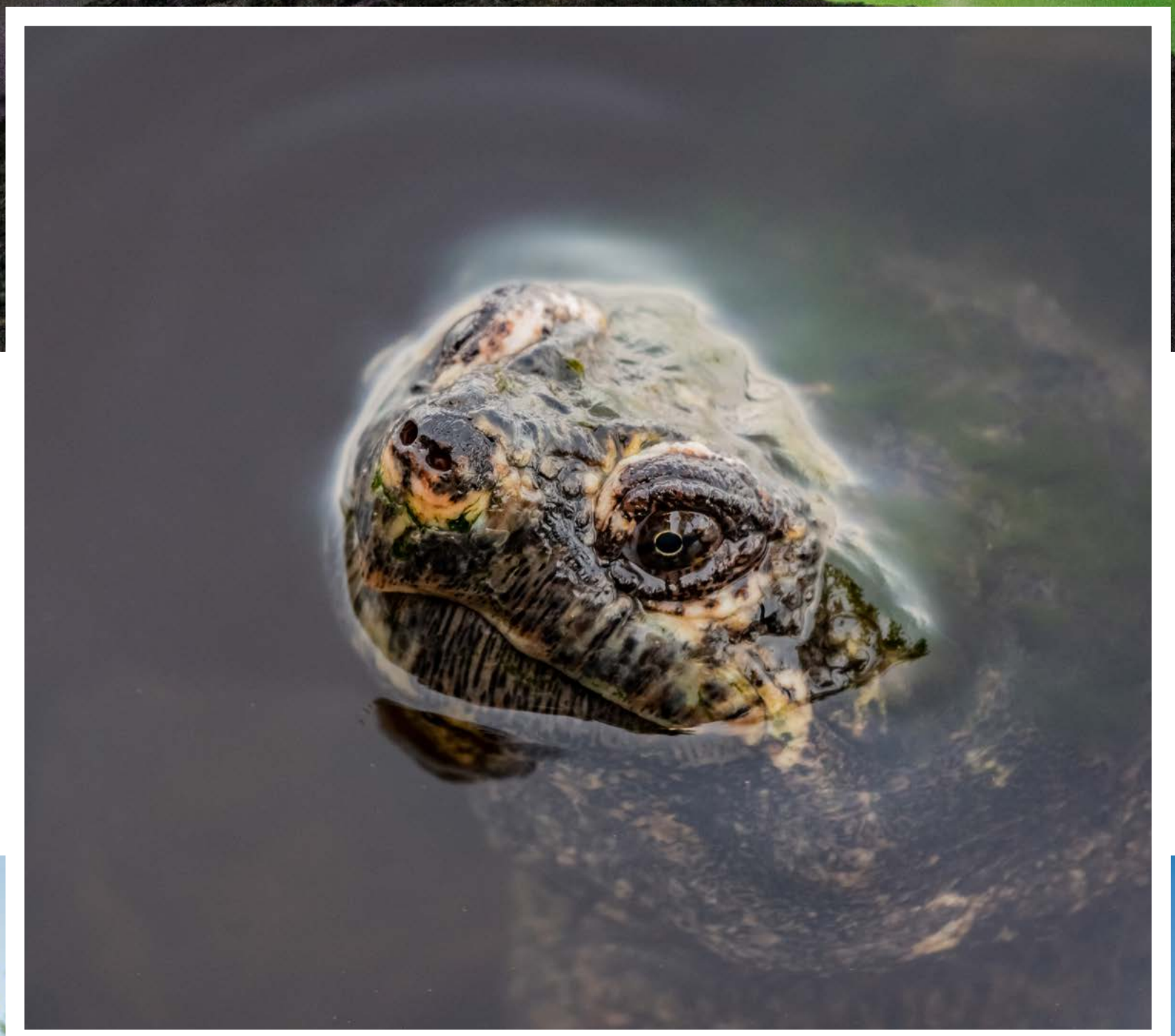
Mushrooms and other fungi are abundant throughout the park and can be found on stumps, under leaves, on tree trunks, and even popping up through the grass after a good rain.

Peppered throughout the park are intriguing islands that are typically only accessible by boat. A variety of boat types, canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards are available to rent if you don't bring your own. Or, you can get a water shuttle to explore, camp, or fish at various locations.

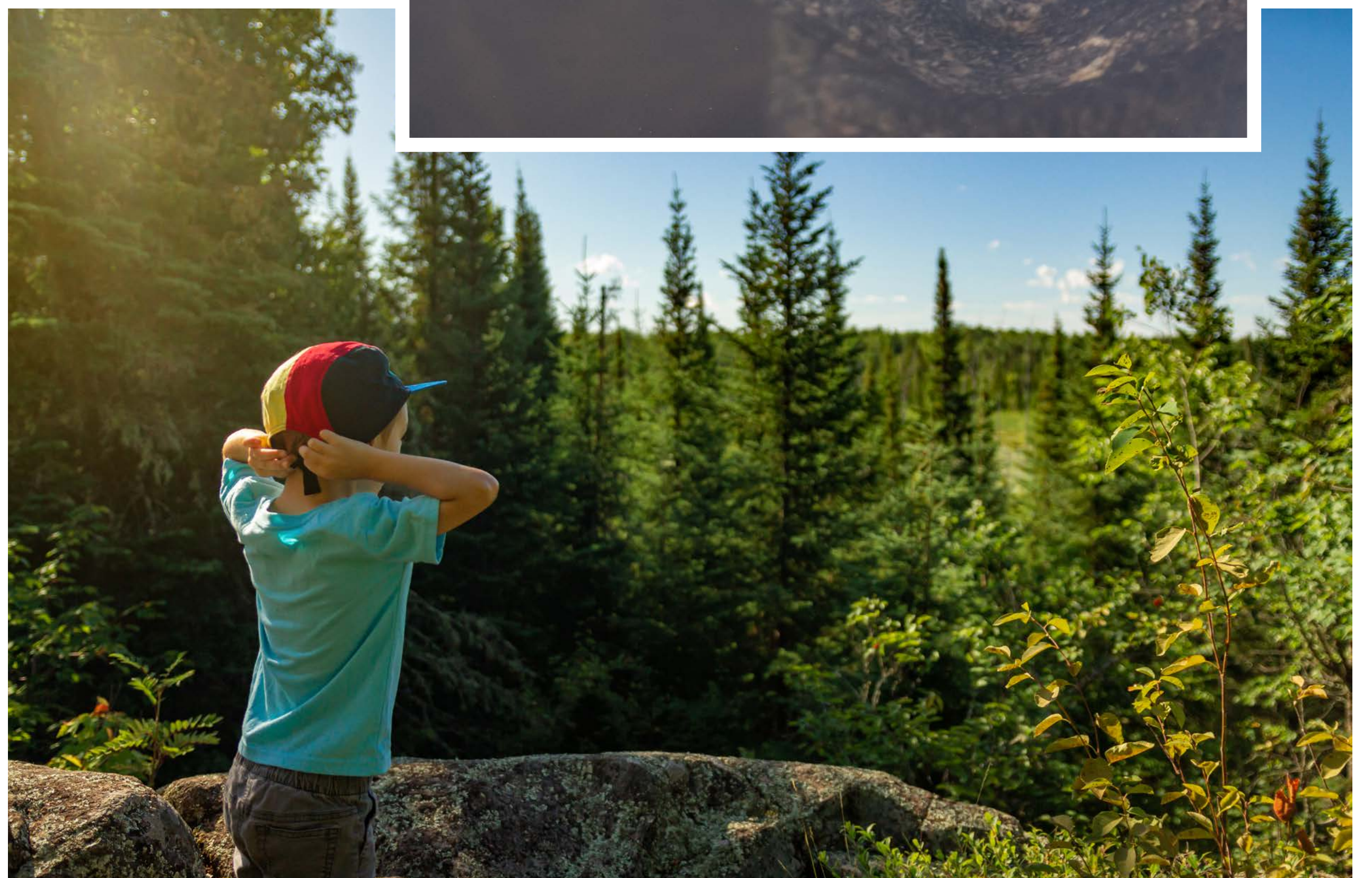




The Aurora Borealis, aka the northern lights, sporadically create magical night skies in the northern hemisphere. As winter approaches, you may be more likely to see an awe-inspiring light show on a clear, cool evening. (You can find out how likely you are to see the lights at the Alaska Geophysical Institute's Aurora Forecast up to a month before your visit.)



If you observe closely, you can find the area teeming with wildlife, from more than 240 bird species to red squirrels chattering on the ground. If you're lucky, you may even be able to spot a moose, beaver, or wolf. Made up of water and wetlands, the park is also home to abundant amphibians, such as frogs and salamanders, as well as reptiles like snakes and turtles.



TOP
LEVEL

RV TECH AND TRADECRAFT



EVERY SO OFTEN, SOMETHING COMES ALONG THAT CHANGES THE WAY WE THINK—A TRUE PARADIGM SHIFT THAT REDEFINES THE NORM. THE **ROMOTOW** COULD BE THAT INNOVATION FOR RVING.

rotation

Designed by a creative team of engineers in New Zealand, it's now available for orders worldwide. With its patented rotating function, the Romotow transforms the traditional caravan experience, expanding the livable area by 70%—all with the push of a button.



Unique Design

Romotow introduces two distinct models. The T8 starts as a compact, easily towable RV at just 28 feet long. But once parked, it transforms into a spacious living area that comfortably sleeps up to four, with up to two separate bedrooms, a well-designed kitchen and bathroom, and a raised outdoor terrace. This dynamic layout allows you to enjoy both shared and private spaces, maximizing comfort.

The C8 offers a simplified, lighter version. While this model doesn't feature the revolutionary rotating function, it's designed to be "futureproof," allowing you to upgrade later with the Romotow patio for an extended living area.



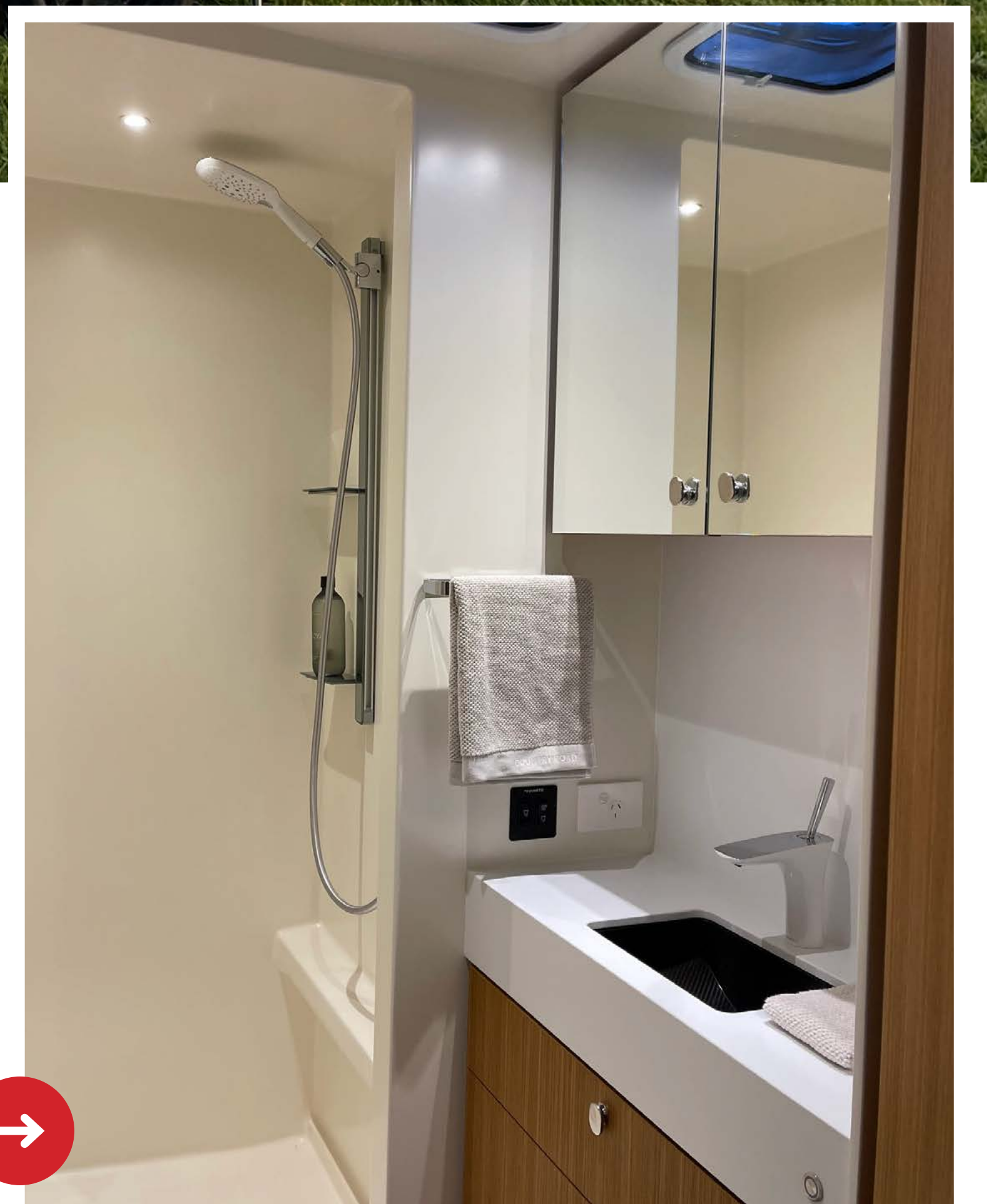
Choose Your Own Adventure

Romotow provides a range of trim levels to suit different needs. You can start with just the exterior shell, offering sleek exterior styling without an interior. This blank canvas lets you customize the inside for any purpose—whether a mobile office, promotional vehicle, retail space, or whatever you need. The Pure level adds panoramic glass windows, solar energy, and a spacious interior. For the ultimate luxury, the Ultimate level offers premium upgrades like an entertainment center, reversing camera, and Wi-Fi router.



Comfortable Interior

When you're not relaxing outside on the terrace, you'll find a sleek, luxurious interior waiting inside. The Romotow Ultimate features a cozy bedroom, fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, and lounge area that doubles as a second bedroom. If you opt for the Ultimate level, you'll enjoy modern amenities like expanded solar panels, air suspension, air conditioning, and a high-end sound system for entertainment or relaxation.





Soak in the Views



With wide, curved panoramic front windows, a bathroom skylight, and large round windows in the bedroom, the Romotow is flooded with natural light, allowing you to take in stunning views wherever you park.





Whether you're seeking an innovative design, luxury comfort, or a blank canvas to create your own adventure, the Romotow is poised to revolutionize the RVing experience.

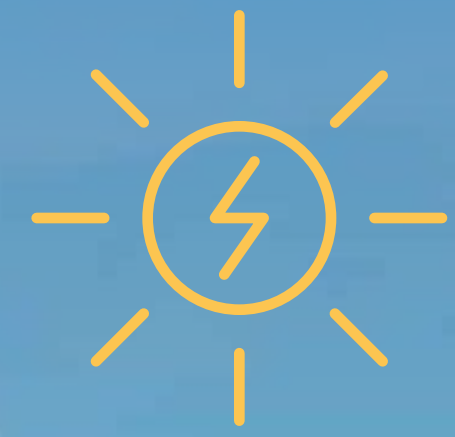
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GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS: ROMOTOW T8

▶ LENGTH: 9,000 MM (29.5 FEET)
▶ HEIGHT: 3,400 MM (11.15 FEET)
▶ WIDTH (CLOSED): 2,450 MM (8 FEET)
▶ WIDTH (OPEN): 7,540 MM (24.7 FEET)
▶ AXLE WEIGHT: 3,500 KG (7,716 POUNDS)
▶ PRICE (ULTIMATE TRIM LEVEL): 495,000 NZD (~\$305K)

SOLAR-POWERED ENERGY HUBS



AS more and more RVers are embracing time off-grid, solar-powered energy hubs are becoming the next best smart buy. These units offer reliable, eco-friendly power for your adventures. Whether you're looking for a budget-friendly solution to power up your short vacation or you're aiming for full energy independence, there's a solar hub for you.

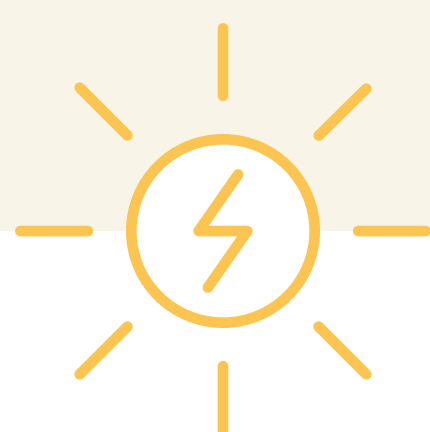


JACKERY EXPLORER 300

Price: \$300 to \$400

This highly portable and affordable solar power station is ideal for RVers seeking a budget-friendly solution. With a 293 Wh battery and 300 W output, it can keep small electronics, fans, lights, and even small appliances powered up for a short-term off-grid stay. It also works with solar panels (such as Jackery's Solar Saga panels), which make it easy to charge when you're on the road.

It's a great option because it's lightweight, compact, and easy to store. It's also an affordable way to charge your essential devices. However, it does have limited battery capacity, so it's best for short trips or light usage.



GOAL ZERO YETI 1500X PORTABLE POWER STATION

Price: \$1,800 to \$2,000

This portable power station strikes the perfect balance between price and performance. With a 1,516 Wh capacity and a 2,000 W inverter, it can power everything from refrigerators to TVs and can keep you charged even during longer off-grid adventures. Plus, these models are expandable, allowing you to add more solar panels when needed for faster charging. It also comes with Wi-Fi connectivity so you can monitor the system remotely.

This is a fantastic option as it's so versatile and provides dependable power even on extended trips. It is a bit higher in price, though, and it's also heavier, so it will need to be included in any load calculations.



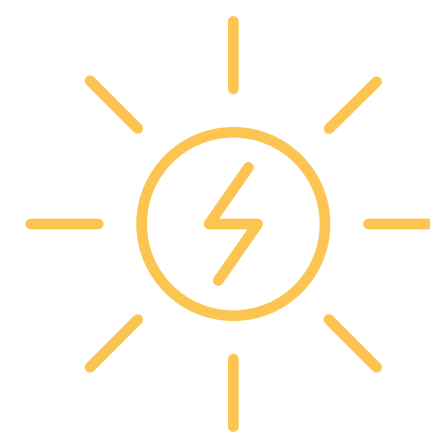


ECOFLOW DELTA PRO PORTABLE POWER STATION

Price: \$3,000 to \$4,500

For RVers looking for full energy independence, consider upgrading to the EcoFlow Delta Pro. With an enormous (and expandable) 3,600 Wh battery capacity, it can power up your entire RV, including AC, appliances, and more. It charges rapidly with multiple solar panels and integrates with smart home systems, making it the ideal solution for full-time RVers and frequent boondockers.

It's the ultimate solution because of its massive storage capacity, rapid charging, expandable design, and smart home integration. However, it is expensive and heavy, so carefully consider your needs, as many RVers don't need this much power.



SOLAR POWER ENERGY HUB TAKEAWAYS

Weekend warriors, week-long vacationers, and full-time RVers alike who enjoy the off-grid experience can benefit from the right solar-powered energy hub. With these smart solar buys, you can hit the road with greater confidence, knowing you'll have the power you need when you need it. ❤️

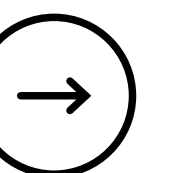


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IMPROVING LIFE ON THE GO

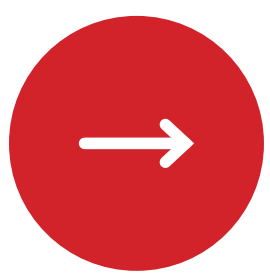


*INSIDE: Quick and Easy
Vegetarian Meals*





Easy & Tasty Vegetarian Meals



Anytime you hit the road, simplicity and convenience become even more essential—especially when cooking.

Vegetarian meals make for a strategic choice to enhance your RVing experience, even if you aren't a vegetarian.

For one, a plant-based or flexitarian diet provides a range of health benefits. A diet that's centered around more vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, and legumes has a greater variety of nutrients when compared to many more meat-laden or ultra-processed food diets. The vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and other plant nutrients found in this diet are vital for maintaining energy levels as you explore the world around you. The diversity of a vegetarian diet has also been found to support a healthy immune system, improve digestion, and reduce the risk of several types of disease (including heart disease and diabetes).

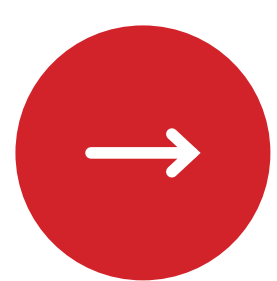
Another big benefit of eating more plant foods is that they tend to be more affordable and easier to store. Foods like beans, rice, pasta, and even vegetables can be bought in larger quantities and then stored easily. This makes them a good choice if you have limited space in your RV kitchen and you want to decrease your overall food costs.

One of the biggest benefits of vegetarian meals is they typically take less time to cook. What's more, there are fewer safety concerns (as you're not handling raw meat). In addition, clean-up is often more straightforward and hygienic as you don't have to worry about potential contamination.

Who doesn't want to spend less time cooking so they can spend more time adventuring?! Let's get right to some easy and seriously delicious vegetarian recipes for your next RV trip...



Banana Coconut French Toast



Start your day with this flavorful twist on a breakfast classic. It's not only

delicious but packed with nutrients to fuel a day on the road, trail, or wherever your journey takes you.

INGREDIENTS:

2 ripe bananas

1/2 cup unsweetened coconut milk

1 Tsp vanilla extract

1/2 Tsp cinnamon

4 slices whole-grain bread

Shredded unsweetened coconut

Maple syrup (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- 1.** Mash the bananas in a mixing bowl and stir in the coconut milk, vanilla, and cinnamon.
- 2.** Dip each slice of bread into the banana mixture, coating both sides well.
- 3.** Spray the skillet with avocado oil to prevent it from sticking.
- 4.** Cook the French toast on a hot griddle or skillet until golden brown on both sides.
- 5.** Remove from the skillet, and place on a plate. Sprinkle with shredded coconut and a drizzle of maple syrup.

Enjoy!

NUTRITION FACTS:

Serves 2

Calories: 426

Fat: 10 g

Carbs: 82 g

Fiber: 10 g

Sugar: 34 g

Protein: 8 g





Backroad Black Bean Chili



After a fun and adventurous day on the road, it's nice to have a warm, filling, and comforting meal, especially if it's loaded with protein, fiber, and, of course, flavor.

INGREDIENTS:

1 Tbsp avocado oil (or your choice of vegetable oil)

1 onion, chopped

1 bell pepper, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 cans black beans, drained and rinsed

1 can diced tomatoes

1 Tbsp chili powder

1 Tsp cumin

salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large pot, heat the oil and sauté the onion and bell pepper until softened.
2. Add garlic and cook for another minute.
3. Stir in the black beans, tomatoes, chili powder, cumin, and salt and pepper. Simmer for 20 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until all the flavors are well combined.
4. Serve with your favorite toppings, such as diced red onion, diced avocado, cilantro, peppers, or even sour cream or Greek yogurt, cheese, or tortilla chips.
6. Enjoy!

NUTRITION FACTS:

Serves 4

Calories: 310

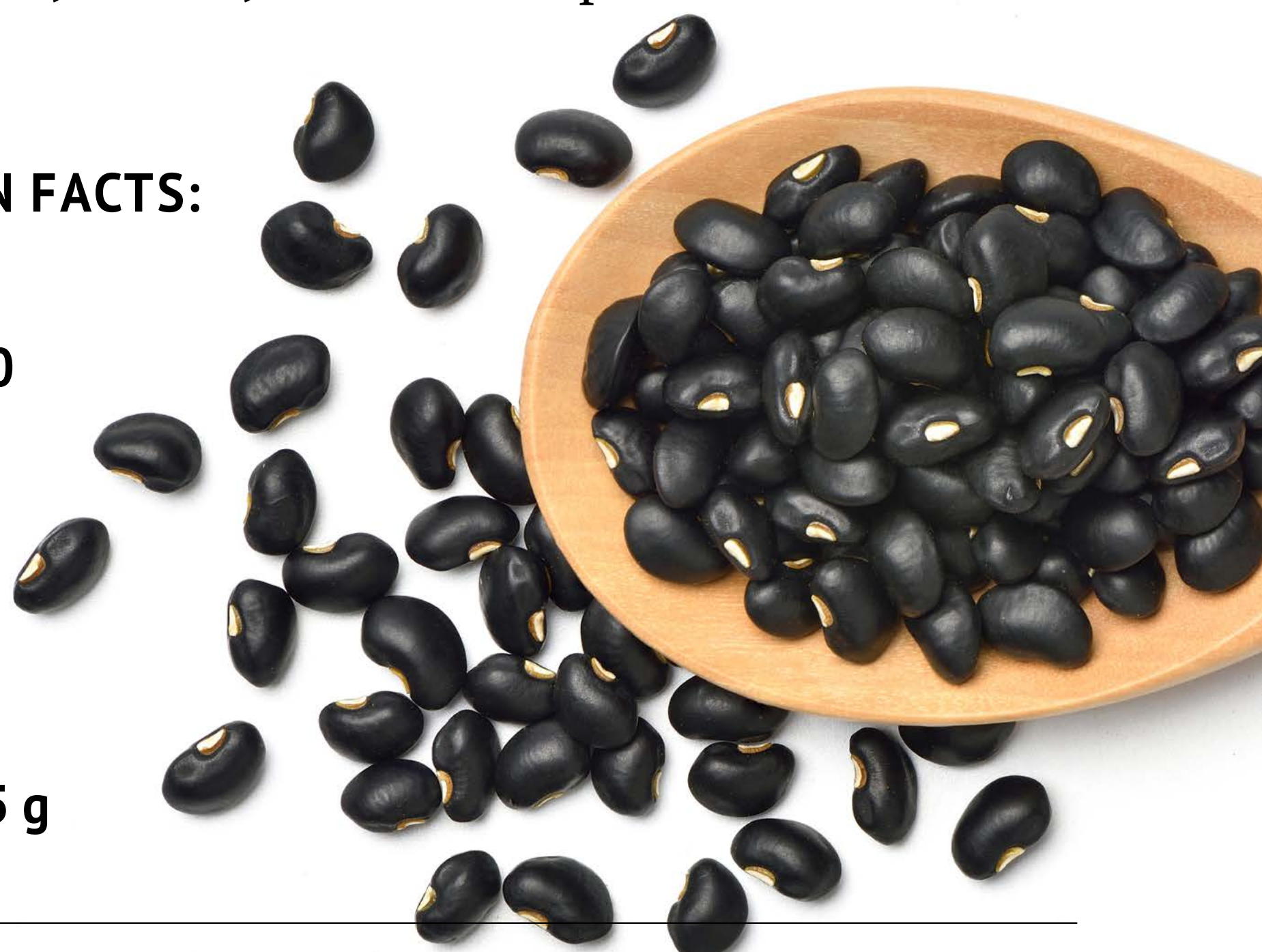
Fat: 5 g

Carbs: 53 g

Fiber: 19 g

Sugar: 6 g

Protein: 16.5 g



One-Pot Pesto Pasta



Skip the long prep and clean up with this quick one-pot meal that's fresh and flavorful.

INGREDIENTS:

8 oz whole-grain spiral pasta

1 Tbsp olive oil

1/2 onion, chopped

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved, or
1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes

1 can artichoke hearts, drained

2 cups spinach

1/2 cup pesto sauce

1/4 cup pine nuts

4 Tbsp parmesan cheese, grated

Salt and pepper, to taste



DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook pasta in a large pot according to package instructions.
2. Drain pasta and set aside.
3. In the same pot, heat olive oil and sauté onions until translucent
4. Add tomatoes and artichoke hearts, and cook just until they begin to soften.
5. Return the pasta to the pot and then stir in the pesto sauce.
6. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Top with pine nuts and grated cheese, and serve.
7. Enjoy!

NUTRITION FACTS:

Serves 4

Calories: 467

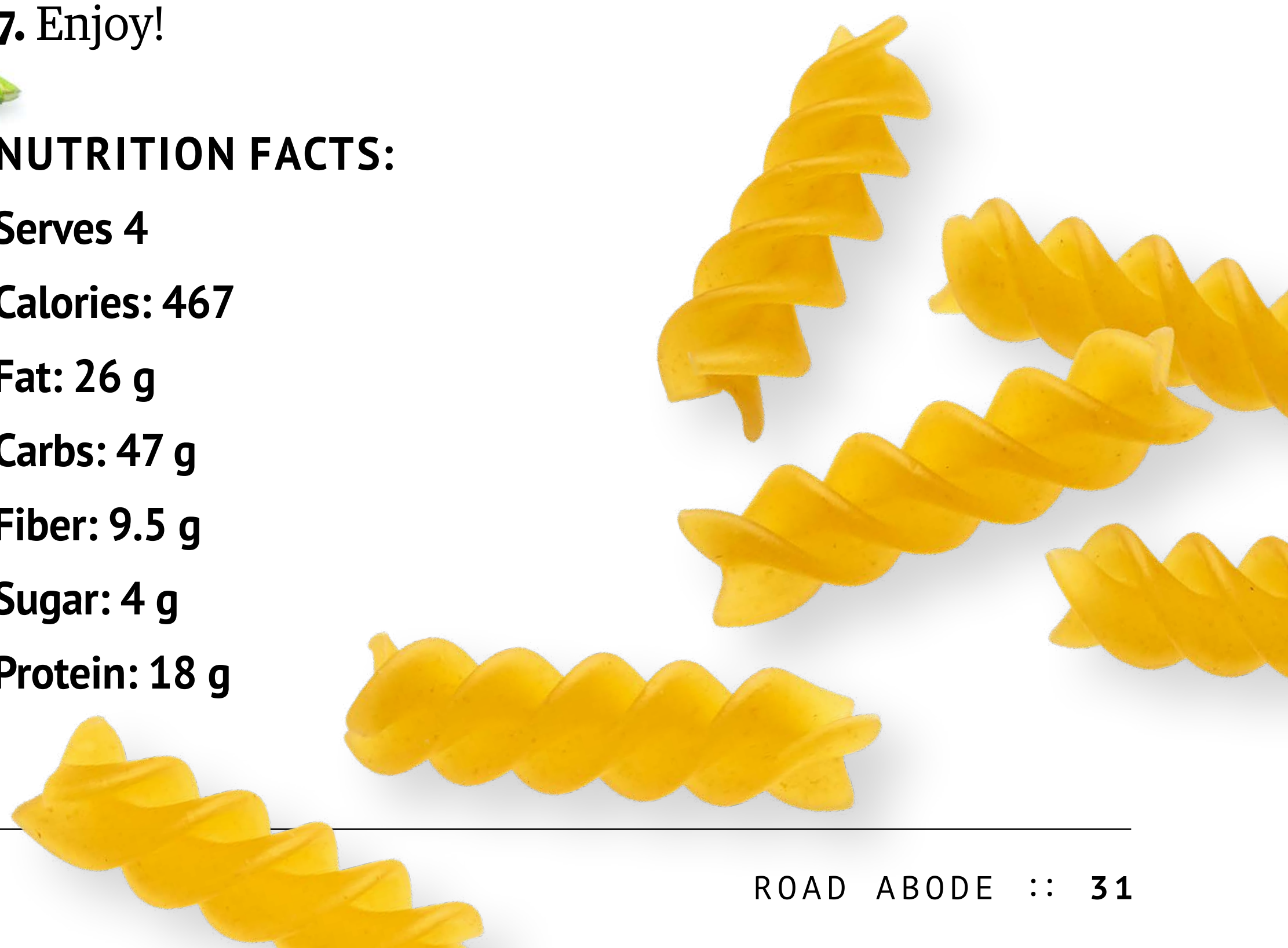
Fat: 26 g

Carbs: 47 g

Fiber: 9.5 g

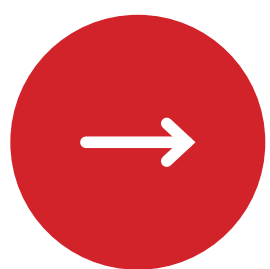
Sugar: 4 g

Protein: 18 g





Bliss Balls



If you want a tasty treat that provides energy for your next adventure, these bliss balls are the perfect on-the-go snack. Plus, they're easy to make ahead.

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup dates, pitted

1/2 cup almonds

3 Tbsp shredded coconut

2 Tbsp cocoa powder

1 Tbsp chia seeds

1 Tbsp coconut oil

DIRECTIONS:

1. Chop and blend dates in a food processor or blender.
2. Add the coconut, cocoa powder, chia seeds, and coconut oil. Blend until well combined.
3. Roll the mixture into small balls. Then, put them in the fridge and allow them to cool for at least one hour before serving.
4. Store in an airtight container and enjoy as a quick, healthy snack for long-lasting energy!

NUTRITION FACTS:

Serves 8

Calories: 151

Fat: 7.5 g

Carbs: 21 g

Fiber: 4 g

Sugar: 17 g

Protein: 3 g

Choosing any (or all) of the delicious vegetarian meals for your next RV trip could significantly enhance your travel experience. They're not only healthy and nutritious but also cost-effective and super convenient.

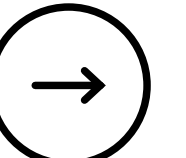
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DESERT

dreaming

If you haven't already noticed, the evenings are starting to get a touch cooler. While daytime temps may still be soaring in much of the United States, the

leaves—especially in the high country—are already changing colors. Not surprisingly, that's leading many RVers (though certainly not all) to head away from the high

mountains and toward the deserts, where cooler temps create the perfect conditions for long hikes or bike rides or simply soaking in the stark beauty of wide-open landscapes.



Ready for an unforgettable fall Adventure?

FROM ICONIC RED ROCKS to towering sand dunes, the desert offers unparalleled beauty and adventure. Let's explore some of North America's best desert locations, highlighting the features and activities and mapping out breathtaking views, exciting activities, and paths where ancient civilizations have left their mark.

Before you head out, though, remember to prepare your RV. Many of these locations will take you off the main highways. So, ensure you have ample water and power supplies as well as a cooling system that can handle the widely fluctuating desert temperatures common at this time of year.

In addition, camping etiquette is as important as ever in these delicate ecosystems. Follow the Leave No Trace principles, respect the diverse desert wildlife, and be especially cautious with fire safety due to the dry conditions.

Finally, don't forget to pack your sun protection, some sturdy hiking or biking gear, and be prepared for cool or even downright cold evenings and nights.

SONORA DESERT



STARTING IN THE HEART of the Sonora Desert, which is famous for its towering saguaro cacti and striking sunsets, as well as the indigenous Hohokam people who thrived in the area over a thousand years ago despite the harsh climate. Here, you can find ancient petroglyphs in Saguaro National Park, which offers a glimpse of the desert's rich cultural heritage. Keep a look out for wildlife, as the desert's biodiversity is surprising. This area is a prime destination for people who are ready to explore natural beauty. And the cooler weather is perfect for full-day hikes and scenic drives through the desert.



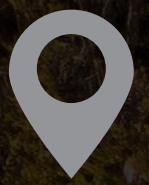
Activities:

Hiking, biking, rock climbing, and scenic drives



Highlight:

Hike to Delicate Arch, one of the park's most photogenic spots, and stop by the Wolfe Ranch trailhead to see petroglyphs.



How to get there:

From the Mojave Desert, head north on I-15 and east on I-70 toward Moab, Utah. Arches is just five miles north of Moab on US-191.



READY TO CONTINUE? It's time to head west to the rugged Mojave Desert. This region is steeped in both natural beauty and ancient history. For example, the Chemehuevi people left behind petroglyphs and other artifacts that can still be found today. At Mitchell Caverns, you can take guided tours to learn more about the area's geological and cultural past. In the fall, the mild daytime temperatures make it ideal for outdoor exploration and dispersed camping.

CALIFORNIA

MOJAVE DESERT



Activities:
Off-roading, hiking, sandboarding, and exploring the desert ecosystem



Highlight:
Visit Kelso Dunes for hiking or sandboarding, or take a tour of Mitchell Caverns to see ancient tools and learn about the Indigenous peoples.



How to get there:
From the Sonoran Desert, take I-10 west into California and head north on Kelbaker Road for about 50 miles to reach the Mojave National Preserve. RV campgrounds are scattered along the way.

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY

northeast into Utah's famous red rock country. Arches National Park is known for its surreal geological formations and ancient Ute petroglyphs. These rock carvings, depicting horseback riders and bighorn sheep, are tucked near the park's entrance, offering both natural and historical wonders.



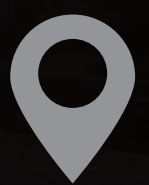
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CANYONLANDS

NATIONAL PARK

JUST A SHORT DRIVE from Arches, Canyonlands National Park offers a more remote and rugged experience. The park is home to the Great Gallery in Horseshoe Canyon, one of the most famous rock art panels in the Southwest, featuring ancient petroglyphs and pictographs created by the Fremont and Ancestral Puebloan cultures. The crisp fall air makes it perfect for long hikes and scenic exploration.



Activities:

Hiking, 4x4 off-roading, and mountain biking



Highlight:

Explore the Needles District for dramatic rock formations or take a hike into Horseshoe Canyon to see ancient artwork that's over 2,000 years old.



How to get there:

Canyonlands is about 40 miles southwest of Arches National Park. Head down US-191, then turn west on UT-211 to reach the Needles District. RV camping is available nearby.



CHIHUAHUAN DESERT

FROM UTAH, head south into New Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert to explore the surreal landscape of White Sands National Park. The region has a deep history, with the discovery of fossilized human footprints dating back over 10,000 years! The gypsum dunes are an unforgettable sight, and cooler fall temperatures make it easier to explore the open landscape and experience the park's unique beauty.

**Activities:**

Hiking, dune sledding, and photography

**Highlight:**

Try dune sledding or take a sunset hike to see the dunes glow under the evening sky. Stop by the visitor center to learn about the park's prehistoric footprints.

**How to get there:**

From Utah, take I-15 south to I-40 east, then head south on US-70 to reach White Sands National Park. RV parks and campgrounds are available in nearby Alamogordo.

NOT FAR FROM WHITE Sands lies Carlsbad Caverns National Park, where you can explore massive underground chambers filled with stalactites and stalagmites. In addition to the caves, prehistoric Native American artifacts and pictographs have been found in the surrounding area, adding a fascinating historical element to your visit. The temperatures and humidity in the caverns are kept consistent year-round (at 56 degrees F or 13 degrees C), and the cooler weather above ground makes for a pleasant day of surface-level exploration.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK



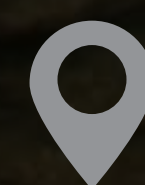
Activities:

Cave exploration, hiking, and bat flight viewing at sunset. Don't worry; you only have to go spelunking if you so choose.



Highlight:

Explore the Big Room within the caverns before checking out nearby Rattlesnake Canyon to view ancient petroglyphs.



How to get there:

From White Sands, head east on US-82, then south on US-285 toward Carlsbad. RV-friendly campgrounds are located in nearby towns.

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK



END YOUR DESERT EXPLORATION in the remote and rugged Big Bend National Park, located in West Texas along the Rio Grande. This park is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, but it's also steeped in history, with rock shelters, petroglyphs, and pictographs left by ancient civilizations. Visit the Hot Springs Historic District to see these carvings while enjoying the area's natural hot springs. Fall offers mild weather, making the perfect time to explore the rugged desert and river landscape.



Activities:

Hiking, river trips, and mountain biking



Highlight:

Hike the Santa Elena Canyon or visit the Hot Springs to see ancient petroglyphs carved into the rock walls.



How to get there:

From Carlsbad Caverns, head south on US-285 into Texas, then follow US-90 west to reach Big Bend National Park. Several campgrounds within the park itself cater to RVers.


**EXPLORING THE
DESERT IN THE FALL**

is an experience unlike any other. With cooler temperatures, fascinating ancient artifacts, and fewer crowds, this is a wonderful time to hit the road and discover the incredible beauty and history of North America's deserts. From the towering saguaro cacti of Arizona to the surreal white dunes of New Mexico to flowing rivers, each stop on this journey is unique and awe-inspiring. ❤️



Your Next Getaway Plan

Winter Wonderland Camping



So often, as the weather cools and chilly fall afternoons make way for winter flurries, RVers choose to escape to warmer climates on southern routes. Others see the first leaves begin to drop and start the process of winterizing their rigs for a long winter's sleep. But there's another option. You could be one of the few who fully embrace the snow and cold and seek winter wonderlands. Perhaps to hit the ski slopes, snowshoe through serene forests, or celebrate winter festivals before cozying up in your RV for the night.

Winter camping can be astoundingly peaceful and awe-inspiring, and plenty of destinations provide unforgettable adventures for RVers. That said, they do tend to require additional planning as well as vigilance on rapidly changing weather conditions and road closures requiring you to reroute. Still, in our opinion, the experience of this road less traveled is well worth the added effort, especially for those who love winter sports like skiing, snowboarding, or snowshoeing, as well as those who seek special ways to celebrate the holidays.

If you're not quite ready to hunker down at home for the winter, here are just a few fun ideas to continue your travels.





Seeking the Highlife

Head up to the high ground to find world-renowned ski destinations. Near Breckenridge, Colorado, you can find RV parks conveniently located with full hookups that are open year-round. With no need to drive up the mountain to ski, you can be one of the first on the slopes. (Fresh powder!) Then, after spending the day enjoying the vast ski terrain, with runs for every level, you can relax by the fire with friends or cozy up in your RV.

Breckenridge also boasts an impressive apres-ski scene, where you can sip on some hot cocoa (or something a bit stronger) while recounting your day's adventures. Breckenridge is ideal for RVers who want to combine outdoor excitement with comfort and convenience.

For people seeking more challenging slopes and breathtaking mountain views, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, is an amazing destination. It's known for steep terrain that's exciting for seasoned skiers and snowboarders alike. And fortunately, you can also find nearby RV camps that make it convenient to park and then enjoy all Jackson Hole has to offer.

Even if the skiing isn't enticing for you, seeing the Tetons blanketed in snow is reason enough to make the drive and bask in the beauty of this incredible landscape.



BRECKENRIDGE IS IDEAL FOR RVERS WHO WANT TO COMBINE OUTDOOR EXCITEMENT WITH COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE



Snowy Serenity

For folks interested in a more peaceful winter RV experience, Acadia National Park, Maine, transforms into a winter paradise that's perfect for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. As the summer and fall crowds fade away, you'll find miles of serene, snow-covered trails to explore. Plus, the coastal views are stunning when framed by a gentle snow. Unfortunately, no RV campgrounds in the park are open through the winter, so you will want to choose a campsite in

one of the nearby parks or towns.

Visiting Glacier National Park, Montana, is like stepping into a remote, majestic winter wonderland. It's simply breathtaking. The summer crowds are long gone, and snow-covered forests and frozen lakes amplify the park's natural beauty. Snowshoeing through Glacier can be awe-inspiring. And if you visit over a weekend, you can join a ranger-led trek through the park.

Again, you'll want to choose one of the year-round RV parks that are found outside the park to set up your base camp. Whether you're looking for adventure or just a place of abundant natural peace, Glacier National Park is a top winter destination.

Fun Winter Festivals

If a festive winter getaway is what you're after, look no further than Leavenworth, Washington, outside the Cascade Mountains. This charming Bavarian-themed village comes alive in the winter with sparkling holiday lights, fun winter festivities, and holiday markets, including a gingerbread factory, nutcracker museum, and horsedrawn carriage or sleigh rides.

Nearby RV parks allow you to enjoy everything this winter wonderland has to offer, from snow sports and snowmobiling to sipping hot cider while watching the snow fall to an inviting spa to warm up.

With excellent skiing, adventure,

and charm, Stowe, Vermont, is widely known for winter festivals, complete with ice sculptures, parades, and holiday cheer. RVers can park close to the action to experience a magical winter escape. After a day on the slopes or having fun at the festival, head back to your RV for a cozy night.

Winter RVing

Once the temperatures drop, RVing isn't just about escaping to warmer climates. Cold-weather destinations offer a chance to embrace the thrill of winter sports with the peace and beauty of the cold, quiet land, all from the cozy comfort of your RV. Whether you're into skiing, snowshoeing, or soaking up the festive spirit of the holidays, these winter destinations may take a little extra planning, but they're sure to create lasting memories. ❤️



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INSIDE: Considering Van Life? Find out if you're ready



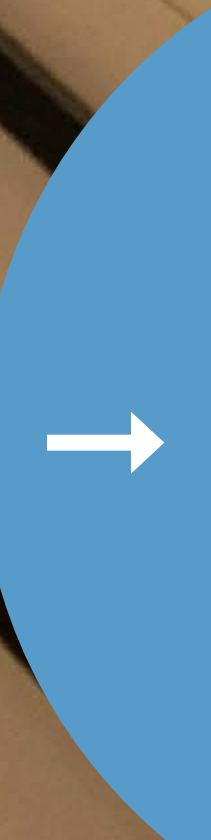
CAMPING, ADVENTURE, AND THE RV EXPERIENCE



VAN LIFE

Is it Right for You?

There are as many ways to love RVing as there are different types of rigs on the road. From the simplest DIY van conversion to the most luxurious designer RV and everything in between. One increasingly popular way to travel is in a van. And many folks have taken the idea beyond a simple vacation into a way of life, traveling and living in a van comfortably for weeks, months, or significantly longer. What's it like for people who are living the van life? And is it the right choice for you?



WHAT IS VAN LIFE?

It may seem pretty obvious—van life refers to a lifestyle centered around living in a van that’s been converted into a home. The lifestyle has gained popularity among people who are looking for more freedom, flexibility, and adventure.

To live in a van, it’s vital to embrace a more minimalist lifestyle with nominal possessions. Especially for those who live in their van full-time for months or years, you’ll be required to pare down your belongings and thoughtfully choose how you’ll use your limited space. This is something many van lifers long for as they value experiences over possessions and are looking for a unique way to explore and live without the burden possessions can sometimes place on us.

There are vans that have been designed by manufacturers to have enough room for a bed, a simple kitchen setup, and even a privy, including the Ford Transit, Mercedes Sprinter, Dodge ProMaster, and many other cargo vans. Often, however, people start with a van or similar type of vehicle (e.g., a retired school bus, ambulance, or box truck) and convert it to live in.

The interior is customized to



boho camper vans

IT'S VITAL TO EMBRACE A MORE MINIMALIST LIFESTYLE WITH NOMINAL POSSESSIONS

maximize space and provide comfort. If you’ll be living in a van for any length of time, you’ll need power. For electricity, solar panels are often installed on the roof and combined with batteries to store energy. With such a setup, you can power lights, charging ports, and even small appliances. Some vans even have a small bathroom with a water setup for fresh and grey water and perhaps a small composting toilet.

No matter where you live, you’ve got to have a place to eat. So, your van might include a small stove, compact refrigerator or cooler, and sink and meal prep area. Many van lifers have gotten amazingly creative to make the most of every inch to store food, clothing, gear, and other necessities.

For people who need to stay connected to work or to maintain social contacts (i.e., nearly all of us), you’ll also want

to consider connectivity. This may include a mobile hotspot, satellite internet, or portable devices as well as using public Wi-Fi from cafes, libraries, and campgrounds.

One of the biggest reasons for choosing the van life is to travel and explore. You'll find people from all walks of life—from retirees who have said goodbye to the 9 to 5 to younger folks who are just out of school and trying to decide what's next to remote or freelance workers who are taking advantage of the freedom their jobs provide to folks who enjoy seasonal employment and can live onsite for a few months

and then easily move on. Vans offer the freedom to be on the move.

While van life can be lonely, there is a vibrant community that connects via social media, meetups, and events across the country. Within the VanLife movement, you'll find plenty of support, advice, and camaraderie, no matter what stage of life you're in.

LIVING IN A VAN: IS VAN LIFE RIGHT FOR YOU?

Determining if van life is right for you involves careful consideration and self-reflection. Some of the important questions to ask yourself if you're considering living in a van include:

Why do I want to live in a van?

Are you looking for a temporary adventure to see the country? Or are you embracing a long-term lifestyle change? What do you want to get out of this experience? How will van life fit into your broader life plans?



How well do I handle change and uncertainty?

Living in a van often means you'll have to adapt to new environments on the regular. Do you thrive on change? Or do you prefer stability and a comfortable routine?

What are my needs when it comes to space and comfort?

Are you able to live in a small space with very few possessions? Do you feel comfortable with minimal privacy and away from common comforts? Are you prepared for weather changes? Van life can be amazing when temperatures are mild, but in a heatwave or when the thermometer drops steeply, it can take ingenuity to maintain a comfortable temperature inside the van.

How important are amenities like showers, roomy kitchens, and toilets?

Are you okay going without certain conveniences for extended periods or using public amenities like showers, laundry facilities, etc. (For example, some van lifers join a gym with locations across the country not only to work out but to have access to their facilities.) Hygiene



is one of the common complaints for people who have lived long-term in a van as the space limitations and water weight can make it tricky.

What is my plan for earning income?

Are you able to live on savings and/or social security, or will you need to sustain yourself financially on the road? Do your skills allow you to work remotely or with freelance jobs? Or will you travel to find seasonal work?

How comfortable are you driving and maintaining a vehicle?

Are you able to drive for long hours? Do you have the confidence to maneuver a larger vehicle? Do you have the skills to maintain your van on the road (or are you willing to learn)? Do you have money saved for inevitable repairs that could leave you stranded?

What are your social preferences?

Are you comfortable spending long periods of time alone or with your partner or friend who's sharing the experience? Can you maintain long-distance relationships with family and friends back "home"? Are you able to make new friends—or at least strike up a conversation—with people as you travel?

How well do you deal with stress?

With van life comes unexpected situations. To thrive in this lifestyle, you'll need to be resourceful and remain calm under pressure to solve new, often surprising challenges.

Am I legally prepared?

There are different legalities of living in a van vs. a home or an apartment. You'll need health and vehicle insurance that travels across states. You'll need to understand parking laws and residency requirements and be prepared to find places to park overnight that are both safe and legal. Some communities may not be as inviting as others. And theft, vandalism, and personal safety are significant considerations.



Have I prepared a budget?

One of the reasons to live in a van is to cut down on expenses. And it can be significantly less costly than “traditional” living. No matter how you live, however, there are budget constraints. You’ll need to budget for fuel, food, vehicle repairs, maintenance, and parking fees. So, budgeting effectively is a crucial skill to keep you on the road and loving your adventure.

Taking time to consider these questions and speaking with people who have more experience living on the road can help you clarify whether van life aligns with your goals, personality, lifestyle needs, and skill levels. Online forums, blogs, and social media communities can provide invaluable insights and advice.

Some of the answers may lead to points of discomfort that indicate you should slow your roll and consider other lifestyle options. If, on the other hand, you are filled with excitement, even with the challenges van life presents, it could be a rewarding, fulfilling choice. And if you aren’t sure (or even if you think you are), it’s always a good idea to rent a van and take a few practice runs before you fully commit to living the van life. ❤️



RAISE A GLASS TO FALL ADVENTURES



Sweaters, Sunsets, & S'mores:

As we roll away from the long days of summer fun and into fall's crisp embrace, let's toast to the open road, where every turn brings the opportunity for new memories. To the campfires that keep us warm. To the sweaters that keep us cozy. The sunsets that take our breath away. And the quiet moments beneath the stars that remind us of how little it takes to make us happy.

Here's to the changing leaves crunching beneath our

feet, the air that freshens our sense of adventure, the shared laughter with friends and family, and the celebration of the changing seasons.

Lift your glass to the dreamers who follow the winding road, wherever it may lead. May the season bring you greater freedom to discover peaceful campgrounds, uncrowded trails, and the magic that comes as the world slows. Remember, the adventures don't have to end with the

cooler weather. There are still countless miles to travel and stories to create.

Until next time, may your tires stay true, your fuel tank full, your camp stove bright, and your spirit wild and free. May the changing seasons remind us that every end is the beginning of a new adventure. And may your RV be stocked with cozy blankets and plenty of refreshments. Don't forget the marshmallows! Isn't there always room for one s'more?



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