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The Price of Your Golden Ticket.

There are two types of RVers: Those who have hit bumps in the road, and those who will. It's built into this crazy lifestyle. There's a cost to live it.

There's also a secret to making it successful, which starts with a very short story. The military once decided that I should not eat for seven days. While walking miles and miles in the woods every day. I survived, because I literally had one thing to do: Not quit. And like many big challenges in life, RVing only requires only one secret for success—don't stop.

Like anything worth doing, there's a personal cost for adventure—and ways to pay for it (see Page 30). It takes a lot of small financial decisions. Likewise, if you're a new road warrior, there are lots of mistakes to make. Lots of lessons to learn. Many who start a life on the road conclude their journey too early, because bumps happen. Tires flatten. Hoses break. The list could go on ... and does on Page 26.

But in the big picture, those bumps have a huge upside—your best life. In I Heart RVing, we talk a lot about arriving at your best life—a lot. But if you want to arrive, you can't turn back.

If you wonder whether you can—or will—make it, ask yourself: Am I willing to press on?

For those who keep it in drive, the RV challenge will unlock next-level benefits. Unencumbered geographical liberty awaits. Sharing the road with a community will transform your way of life. Adventure, fulfillment, or just peace and quiet can be your



"A universe where your life's outlook isn't determined by your zip code, but by your willingness to push boundaries."

next destination.

The cost you pay to get there might mean making sacrifices to save up for your entry fee. It might mean maintenance issues. Or it might mean pulling into the driveway at zero dark thirty after a weekend of adventure, knowing tomorrow starts the work week bright and early.

But the price you pay earns you something big—a golden ticket to the giant playground around you. A universe where your life's outlook isn't determined by your zip code, but by your willingness to push boundaries.

Here's to living life at its best, and Monday mornings after weekends worthy of memory. You can make it there. Just keep driving.

Love ya, mean it.

Marc.

Marc Acton
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IN THE NEWS

Unprecedented Flooding Sweeps Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK experienced a massive flood event on June 13—inundating the region with a 400 percent increase in average precipitation, according to CNN. The Yellowstone River surged to 50,000 cubic feet per second (CFP), shattering the previous record of 32,000 CFP, the Montana Free Press reports. All entrances to the park closed due to heavy flooding, rockslides, and extremely hazardous conditions. The flooding decimated critical portions of northern roads.

The park quickly evacuated visitors and worked to reconnect nearby residents with power and water. One month later, Yellowstone announced that 93 percent of roadways and 88 percent of backcountry were open. Even so, as the recovery continues, millions of yearly visitors can expect limited access to the park until the full damage is evaluated and cleaned. For RVers planning to visit the weird, wild grandeur of Yellowstone National Park, check [NPS.gov/yell](https://www.nps.gov/yell) to stay up to date on the park's conditions.



Get a closer look at the devastating power of Yellowstone's torrent last June.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE APP BOOKING BOOM

► Thanks to new campsite reservation apps—like The Dyrt, Park'n'Sleep, Campendium, and PitchUp—campsite bookings increased at a whopping 500 percent, according to an AP report published by The National Herald. The Dyrt noted that 80 percent of newbies use a mobile app or website to book their next campsite.

5X INCREASE IN CAMPSITE BOOKINGS OVERALL

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The Grand Canyon Gets the Hookup

• The Grand Canyon National Park is gearing up for \$21.8 billion worth of work, fixing and replacing water, wastewater, and electric systems in the park that have long outlived their 25-year shelf life from the 1970s. With \$1.9 billion in yearly funds lined up for the next five years from the 2020 Great American Outdoors Act, the Grand Canyon National Park is preparing four large projects at the South Rim—most notably major upgrades to the Transcanyon waterline.

Find the full hookup near great national parks on Page 53.

RV Park to Give Airport a Revenue Lift

• A Florida airport is seeing interest take off in transportation beyond aviation. Since the 2020 pandemic, the air transportation industry underwent heavy shocks. The RV industry, on the other hand, surged across the country. With pending approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, Ocala's International Airport could start diversifying their revenue stream by converting 64 acres of spare land into a massive luxury RV park, the Ocala StarBanner reports. The development would be the first of its kind at an airport.

Follow the park's flight plan at [News.Yahoo.com](https://news.yahoo.com).

Electric RVs Await Next Charge

• Last June, the Winnebago Advanced Technology Group released some preliminary findings from traveling in an electric RV (e-RV). According to RVNews.com, the ATG team found that while long trips were possible, they're probably not ready for a high-pressure travel schedule. Currently, e-RVs are better suited for short trips to nearby parks.

Even as RV industry titans like Winnebago prepare to launch their new electric models—some as early as spring 2023—the national infrastructure is not yet

prepared to fully support e-RV travel, Bloomberg reports. Tandem equipment to charge vehicles and trailers, for example, is not common. With EV infrastructure in need of a boost, manufacturers like Thor Motorcoach are lobbying Congress to make a greater federal investment.

Look ahead to our electric future at ThorIndustries.com/innovation-vision-vehicle.

Valvoline Ventures into RV Service Centers

• Vehicle care service provider Valvoline plans to put more routine maintenance services for motorhomes on the road. In September 2021, the company began a pilot program in Atlanta, testing out a 75-minute RV preventative maintenance service, including oil and filter checks, greasing chassis zerk fittings, and tire assessments. Looking ahead, campers can expect to see more new stand-alone RV centers on the road.

View Valvoline's full-service RV maintenance list at RVNews.com.

A Chip on RV Manufacturer Shoulders

• One of COVID 19's most notable disruptions on the RV market is the semiconductor industry. After a two-year supply crunch, some chipmakers now warn of a cooling demand for parts. Meanwhile RV manufacturers remain stuck with a shortage. "The biggest customers are getting priority [like Apple], while more fragmented industries ... [the auto industry] are being pushed to the backburner," says Angelo Zino, senior equity analyst at CFRA Research.

Let not your heart be too troubled: Get your first look at 2023's road-ready RVs on Page 69.



Spread the News

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Backwoods Ballads

FOLKSY TUNES TO SING DOWN COUNTRY ROADS AND UNDER THE HARVEST MOON.



John Denver, "Take Me Home, Country Roads"

Few songs can get the whole campground singing like this John Denver classic. When we hear those banjos and that acoustic guitar play, all our memories gather. (Even beyond the Shenandoah—see Page 15.)



Gillian Welch and Alison Krauss, "I'll Fly Away"

It's hard to overstate how good the "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" soundtrack is. When you back out the drive with the windows down, this is your track to fly away—backed by Alison Krauss' vocals.



Dolly Parton, "Backwoods Barbie"

Don't misjudge Dolly based on her famous looks. (A forgivable mistake.) She's just a country girl, and one of America's greatest songwriters. This 2008 track proves both.



Chris Stapleton, "When the Stars Come Out"

Leaving the city behind never feels so right as when the stars come out and shine. Everything else gets drowned out—except your humming Stapleton's famous chorus.



Nick Drake, "Things Behind the Sun"

Some neighbors may shake their heads when they see you hit the road. But Nick Drake reminds us: "Be what you'll be." Our path leads us to places they'll never see.



The Rolling Stone, "Moonlight Mile"

Seldom has music captured the emotion of sleeping under strange, strange skies so beautifully. Which makes this a perfect song to play after a mad, mad day on the road.

TAKE YOUR PLAYLIST OFF-GRID

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One Red-Hot Handle

TALKING WITH THE CAMPERS WE LOVE AND FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

→ Some doubters say that big families can't make the RV life work. Well, we have a reply of our own: Can too! We have proof. Dane and Deena have taken their @doubledeckerfam family of EIGHT on the road full time in their quest to see the Lower 48 over the next two years. And they make it look easy. In their totally adapted 2009 Van Hool TD925 Astromega Double Decker Bus—aka the Double D—they make time for education, adventure, and detours to see family.

Follow their two-year trek across 48 states with all six kids in tow on Instagram and their blog at DBLDKR.com.



How to keep 6 kids happy

We use a variety of methods for keeping the kids happy on the road, but the most effective has been setting expectations with them before we hit the road. We let them know how long we'll be driving, we make sure they each have a snack and a full water bottle, and we stick to a schedule and make sure the kids are aware of the schedule and planned stops.

Hitting the Lower 48

So far, we have traveled to 14 states. We decided on this timeframe because we felt like a two year journey would give us a good amount of time traveling and getting a feel for this lifestyle, and at the same time it's a little arbitrary based on rough math: two years divided by 48 states equals 24 states per year ...12 months per year equals two weeks per state.

Roadschooling the kids

We use a mixture of homeschooling techniques from workbooks to Junior Ranger Programs and everything in between. We roadschool, homeschool, unschool, worldschool, virtual school, and use any opportunity we can to help the kids gain an education. We come from a family of educators, so we place a high value on education and make it a priority in our travels.

How you do the holidays

Holidays are definitely an interesting one. We haven't been on the road long enough to experience too many holidays, but we expect we'll do our best to be with extended family on most holidays. Recently, we celebrated Independence Day with family in Utah, and we expect to be near some family again for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Travel plans for fall

Currently, we're planning to stay in warmer weather. We are not fans of the cold or the hot, so we try to find places that don't get lower than 45 at night and don't get over 75 during the day. It doesn't make for easy planning, but it keeps us comfortable. I expect in the fall we'll be headed south. ❤️

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WHY WE HEART IT

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Scrolling the Virtual Campground

▼ @KITWHISTLER

WHY WE HEART IT

Kit captures the glamour and grandeur of #vanlife. See our girl camping tips on Page 64.



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KEEP UP THE CHATTER

Your friend is thinking of buying an RV. What's your best advice??

- Helene H. Rent for your first trip to see if you really like it.
- Jim G. Let your wife pick the floor plan, or you will be looking for a different one in a couple years. 😊
- Jim G. Trailer, not wife.
- John L. Only buy what you can afford.

All good advice. See how to start saving up on Page 30.

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Inside the Tiny Side of Tiny

MEET AN RV INNOVATOR WHO GEARS HIS ENTIRE TRAILER FOR HUMAN CONNECTION

AT NO POINT has Tom Burick lived a conventional life. Unless building your own robotics company without a degree is conventional. Or rubbing shoulders with tech giants. Or teaching special education in the desert. Or, for that matter, handcrafting a custom trailer for his Vespa scooter.

But if you know anything at all about Tom, you realize these are just facts of his life—not the vainglorious credential stacking that marks our times. Tom’s not interested in all that. What he is interested in though is human connection. And for that, his little Vespa trailer is the perfect catalyst.

“THE THINGS THAT SOME PEOPLE SEE AS LIMITATIONS, I SEE AS OPPORTUNITY.”

Today, when Tom pulls into an Arizona town, his Vespa and custom trailer—both painted Max Meyer Blu 21—are conversation starters. And they’re meant to be. Originally, Tom had the idea to build a tiny trailer that his special ed class would love, but the project quickly took on larger dimensions. Just talking about it, Tom leaps into name-dropping a list of local friends: his friend Rob who helped get the basic shape down; his friend Lucy, who’s really good with poor man’s fiberglass; his friend Jessie, who welded the aluminum frame.

Tom says, “We start assembling this, and the garage door is open the whole time we’re working. And the people in

the neighborhood would walk past. And it would stop people dead in their tracks, and they would approach us with smiles and questions.” Tom gets a little emotional as he shares his revelation, “At one point, Lucy and I looked at each other, and we were like, ‘This is so much more.’”

Very quickly, Tom realized that connection was part of the trailer’s makeup. “I couldn’t have done it without the help of friends. I’m a maker, and I’m really skilled in a lot of areas. But the collaboration was part of the human connection, and those skill sets from my friends created something significantly greater than the sum of its parts.”

In all, it took two and half months, working a few week nights and on weekends. Tom recalls, “There was an excitement. There was a passion about it. The most beautiful part is that it happened so spontaneously.”

Even with the spontaneity of its origins, don’t be fooled: The trailer is riddled with intentionality. The weight is rigorously tailored to suit the Vespa’s towing capacity. The interior is built to be cozy. The range is limited, and you won’t spot it tearing new trails off road. But Tom looks at it a different way, “The things that some people see as limitations, I see as opportunity.”

Spending a little time with Tom, you feel no need to rush—so, we won’t. Stay tuned for a full feature that journeys from his mercurial past to his meditative present in our Winter issue.



► One such opportunity is deeper exploration of what’s close by. His lack of supplies keeps him buying local. And his small camping signature means folks don’t mind if he asks to camp on their property. Again, everything leads to connection.



The Video with Over 3 Million Views

Watch as Tom takes his Vespa trailer on its inaugural journey and makes a Thanksgiving dinner worthy of a boy scout.

Photos courtesy of Tom Burick

Test Your Trail Head

See how much trail knowledge you’re humping—or slackpacking—in 7 questions

No. 1

The American Discovery Trail goes coast to coast. Where does its eastern trailhead start?

- A. Massachusetts.
- B. Delaware.
- C. Maryland.
- D. Virginia.

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Answer: B. The Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware starts the great westward route, if you’re starting from the Atlantic. But, at 6,800 miles long (yesh!), we’d recommend just doing sections as you park across the Lower 48.

No. 2

Thru-hiking is defined as ...

- A. Ordering McDonald’s on foot.
- B. Parking your RV at a trail’s endpoint.
- C. Bypassing tough trail sections by road.
- D. Completing an entire trail in a single trip.

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Answer: D. Not saying we haven’t tried Option A, but thru-hiking is a little more intense. It can involve epic months on foot where you carry your own provisions and burn through calories. (So, you might deserve a Big Mac at the end.)

No. 3

The Pacific Crest Trail’s highest point of elevation is ...

- A. Clingmans Dome, 6,643 feet.
- B. Kaibab Plateau, 9,148 feet.
- C. Forester Pass, 13,153 feet.
- D. Grays Peak, 14,278 feet.

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Answer: C. Forester Pass is the peak of the Pacific Crest Trail. And because we know you’re wondering: Clingmans Dome, Kaibab Plateau, and Grays Peak are the high points for Appalachian, Arizona, and Continental Divide trails.

No. 4

Sections of the current Appalachian Trail follow this old Native American travel route?

- A. The Great Osage Trail.
- B. The Apache Trail.
- C. The Trail of Tears.
- D. The Great Indian Warpath.

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Answer: D. The Great Indian Warpath was a route for lots of seasonal and cultural activities up and down Native American Appalachia—from warfare to hunting and trade. Nowadays, the warfare is just fighting traffic. See how to beat it on Page 40.

No. 5

LNT stands for ...

- A. Leave no trace.
- B. Let’s not try.
- C. Low neutral terrain.
- D. Let’s go, biking!

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Answer: A. Crown, Option D doesn’t even spell LNT. Leave no trace means leaving nature just as we found it, so we can all enjoy the trail.

No. 6

Earning the Triple Crown means thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Coast Trail, and Great Western Loop.

- A. True.
- B. False.

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Answer: B. Unfortunately, two-thirds right is still one-third wrong. The Continental Divide Trail, not the Great Western Loop, completes the Triple Crown. Get some trail tips from a hiker going for the Triple Crown on Page 58.

No. 7

How many miles is the Continental Divide Trail?

- A. 1,969 miles.
- B. 2,545 miles.
- C. 3,028 miles.
- D. 4,101 miles.

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Answer: C. Of the Triple Crown Trails, the CDT is the longest. The Appalachian (AT) and Pacific Crest (PCT) trails are 2,194 and 2,655 miles respectively—which are driving, not hiking, distances for most of us.

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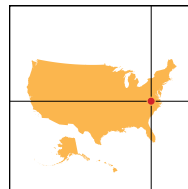
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LIKE A VALLEY SET ON FIRE The Shenandoah glows with red, gold, and orange light each fall—painting a landscape that's one of the country's greatest autumn spectacles. Ablaze with color and full of wildlife, the valley is also rich with history. Here, the moccasins of Native Americans once paced the Great Indian Warpath. And here, Stonewall Jackson's soldiers fought fierce battles that forged Civil War lore. Today, hikers and campers still press into the valley along breathtaking trails and down equally scenic drives. So, whether you drive beneath the fiery leafscape or survey it from a rugged summit, your eyes will be filled with wonder.

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**Luray Cavern's
Wishing Well.**

Last issue, we said caves of wonder are everywhere. Well, here's proof. Beneath folded stone formations with cathedral sized rooms, Luray Caverns holds another kind of treasure: a glowing pool where visitors make wishes— with both coin and cash.

**Nearest
Parking Lot
Coordinates:**

38° 39' 53" N
78° 28' 59" W



**Get the
Mountain
Top View.**

Parking just off Skyline Drive and paralleling the Appalachian Trail, take a short hike to get a 3,642-foot view of the valley. The trail is just over half a mile and kid friendly. More mature legs can also press on to complete the 3.3-mile loop.

**Nearest
Parking Lot
Coordinates:**

38° 36' 20" N
78° 21' 59" W



A Cascade of Waterfalls.

Beneath the color-changing canopy, there's another kind of fall to be found. Starting on the north end of the Cedar Run-Whiteoak Circuit, you'll find eight waterfalls on your route. Know upfront that it's a tough 9-mile trek—and you can expect to cross several streams.

Nearest Parking Lot Coordinates:

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N 78° 23' 12" W



Blaze your own trail into the brilliant heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

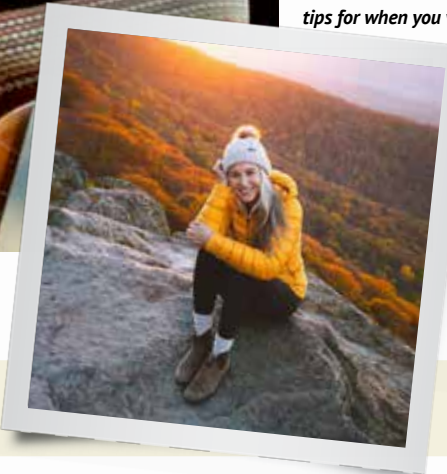
Running north to south, Skyline Drive snakes its way down the valley for 105 miles from its Front Royal entrance. There's a gas station at Mile 51 near Big Meadows Campground, but you'll definitely want to spend some time on foot. The park itself offers 75 beautiful overlooks and over 500 miles of hiking—sharing 105 with the Appalachian Trail (see Page 58). White-tail deer abound all across the ancient hunting grounds of the Great Indian Warpath.

Staunton, the Valley's Queen City, lies a half-hour south of Civil War battlefields at Cross Keys and Port Republic—fun educational detours for the kiddos.

CHASING A PERFECT SUNSET

Renee Hahnel, coauthor of Roaming America, has hiked the Shenandoah Valley in both summer and fall. But catching the autumn sunset was her standout experience. Here are a few of her tips for when you visit.

“Cruise along Skyline Drive and stop at all the different overlooks. Some of my top recommendations are Brown Mountain Overlook, Stony Man Overlook, and Bacon Hollow Overlook.” – Renee Hahnel



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13 Common Camping Mishaps

By Nate Kennedy

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL but *dang!* it often comes at a cost. Truth be told, there are some lessons that we learn the hard way—and remember forever. Smashing your air conditioner under an overpass. That's a memory. But the flip side of the coin is that disaster is often the mother of sweet RV innovation—a tonic that makes us feel good about us. See both sides of the tragicomic coin as we share 13 common RV mistakes. (Whether it happened to us, we'll take that to our graves.)

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I wanna make this clear. I'm not saying I've made all these mistakes. (Or that I haven't.) I just know someone ... you know ... who did.



MURPHY'S LAW SAYS THAT WHAT CAN HAPPEN WILL.

Now, while I don't know Murphy, I get the feeling he was a camper. Just ask Tom Burick.

Years back, in the middle of nowhere Texas, part of Tom's cargo trailer broke off. He zip-tied it. Just enough to roll into a one-red-light town with a Dollar Tree. He bought two spatulas, beat the heads off with a rock, slid them into place, and secured them with epoxy. The trailer made it the rest of the trip.

Fortunately, you don't have to be half mad scientist, half Boy Scout like Tom to survive every mishap. Because these 13 mistakes are far more common.



1

Mistake No. 1: Winging it.

If you're new to the RV life and think that you're on the verge of living wild and free, you're right. Going wild (whether full-time or for a weekend) means stripping life down to essentials. Which means you need to figure those out—and never, ever forget them. For most of us, that means having a checklist for clothes, gas, gadgets, toys, and FOOD—all marinated, chopped, washed, stored, stacked, and any other tidbit Marc Acton has on Page 35. Doing so prevents a worst-case scenario. Like forgetting your wallet.

Once, when I was heading up to Lake Superior, a fellow traveler had some last-minute repairs—his differential exploded—so he was going to be a day behind me. I wanted to get out of town, so I went ahead a full 250 miles. When I got to the hotel we'd booked, I had no ID. No cash. No credit card. No nothing. The night manager was kind enough to let me check in based on proof of insurance in my truck, and my buddy showed up the next day with my wallet. Whew!

2

Mistake No. 2: Backing that thang up ... without help.

It's been said that 99 percent of accidents happen when you're backing up. At least half of the time. The reality is that campgrounds can be a bit of an obstacle course with picnic tables, trees, and folks on vacation. I've seen someone set up a camp chair in the middle of a road totally oblivious to a truck barreling his way. Totally zoned out. Get a ground guide to help you safely back up. Or better yet: Get a backup for when you're backing up, like the ASA Voyager wireless rear camera system.



3

Mistake No. 3: Thinking "I can reach that!"

You're gonna grow in a lot of ways while camping. Height isn't one of them. I have famously been told that my chassis is two inches too short. To set up tents and enclosures—often up to 8-feet high—I've had to resort to standing on top of a YETI. I know better now, and you likely do too. Step stools fold and store easily. Add one to that checklist.

4

Mistake No. 4: Having your extension cord come up short.

It's embarrassing. You pull into the campground and realize your hookup is farther than expected. And your cable can't go the distance. Because no one wants to be OTF—out there flapping—get a 50-foot extension cord (and a backup). And make sure it matches the kind of power the campground offers.



5

Mistake No. 5: Becoming a fire hazard.

Propane is a real fire hazard. Like rocket fuel-style, if you do it right. One time I got a new camp grill but didn't have the canister connected as tightly to the regulator as I should have. The grill sounded louder than it should, and when I checked it out, the regulator and the bottle were both frozen. Turning off the regulator resulted in nothing. The grill kept burning! I had to get the bottle off of there, so I set up a little face shield with a 5-gallon water jerry can, put on

some gloves, and twisted the bottle. POP! Flames shot out of the end while I was holding the bottle! Thankfully it stopped after a couple of seconds. Just a little terrifying!

6

Mistake No. 6: Flushing a troublesome tissue.

From top to bare bottom, one of the most important things you need to do (and tell your kids you'll disown them if they don't): *Always* use RV toilet paper if you're putting it in the can. It's made to break down nicely and basically disintegrate, which means your pipes flow ... after your pipes, you know ... flow. Are you going to need to use more of it? Probably. Could an occasional tear mean that you'll need to wash your hands really well? You bet. Either way, Campa-Soft Toilet Tissue can save your butt.



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7 Mistake No. 7: Improvising your midnight pee plan.

You feel pretty cool in your new Lance Enduro, huh? Well, you should. (See Page 72.) It's irresistibly cool with its rooftop tent. Just have a plan for 12 a.m., when you have to make your move. Plan in daylight, so you're not falling down or flailing around in darkness. Everyone camping will thank you. Even you.

8 Mistake No. 8: Relying on a single light source.

Nights get longer in the fall and winter seasons. And the military has a saying that fits perfectly for your night light: "Two is one, and one is none." Do you have backup bulbs for your RV exterior light? How about batteries for your headlamp? Is your fancy rechargeable flashlight actually charged? Light makes emergency situations less of an emergency, so always have a backup. Need I mention my nocturnal urinalysis notes again?

9 Mistake No. 9: Wearing sandals religiously.

Remember, when you camp: As your feet go, so goes the trip. In Wilderness First Responder Training, I learned that the big things to be proactive with are food and water, sleep, hygiene, and feet. If any of those go bad, even for a short time, your good time can go downhill fast. Save the sandals for when all your activities are complete. A badly stubbed toe or twisted ankle could take three to five days to heal. Play it safe and swap for safer footwear when you're not stationary.



10 Mistake No. 10: Getting locked out of the RV.

So, this really did happen to a friend, but we're not gonna say who it is—or that her name rhymes with Laurie Zak. (Wink!) She confesses that her family once got to their campsite and realized they'd left the keys to their travel trailer behind. And then things got wild, as fellow campers—lots of them—offered their best break-in ideas. Ultimately, Laurie's 9-year-old daughter crept into storage and then squeezed up into the belly of the converter couch (with the slide outs still in). After sending in yet another daughter (and using an ample amount of brute force), they got the entire door off. The whole incident sure made Laurie wish they'd had a keyless doorhandle, like the Bauer NE Bluetooth.



11 Mistake No. 11: Ignoring inflation.

Your tires are the feet of your vehicle—recreational or otherwise. And you can do more than monitor them with your TPMS system (although you need to do that too). If you're taking the trailer off-road, opt for a slightly lower pressure to give yourself better grip—and a better defense against the dreaded blowout. Then, when you're returning to an improved road, pump those puppies back up to their recommended level. In any eventuality, having an air compressor—like TireMinder's—is absolutely indispensable.



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12 Mistake No. 12: Outdistancing cell coverage.

OK! OK! OK! I hear you already: "Whoa! I got the RV to cut the cord with civilization." And I totally agree in every way. But there's nothing more frustrating than *needing* to make or receive a call and being in the land of no signal. Ever hear of emergencies? Get weather alerts on your phone? Yeah. Communication can save, and cell boosters like the Smoothtalker Mobile X6 gives you the option to better connect with the world outside your campsite.

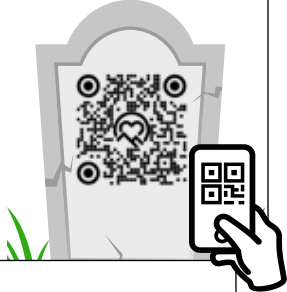


13 Mistake No. 13: Not asking for help.

The sense of community is real—just ask Laurie Zak. While locked out of her RV, she got plenty of free advice and free tools from fellow campers. Even after the trauma, some neighbor campers made her entire family dinner. The RV life can be humbling at times, but it also puts you at the center of a community that is always ready to help. Don't be afraid to put your pride aside, laugh at yourself, and ask a neighbor for help. They will. ❤️

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4 FUNNY FACEBOOK CONFESSIONS

- ▼ KEVIN M. Drove down the road with my TV antenna up. That's about it. 30 years in fire service you learn to make checklists!!!!
- ▼ MARTIN R. My girlfriend and I went into our pop-up BEFORE I had the landing gear deployed! Wheelie time!
- ▼ RENA M. Drove away with the awning out. Drove away still plugged into power. Drove away with an open bin. Lol. Life is good.
- ▼ JEFFREY W. My friend Rich's RV blew a tire while driving on the highway. It caused the waste tank to rupture covering two cars behind him with toilet paper and human waste.



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Financing Your Fantasy RV

MAKE THE DECISION OFFICIAL.

We hear this from RVers all the time: It's not really real until you say, "I'm serious. Let's do this!" Having that convo helps steer a lot of choices that will help you transition to a more mobile lifestyle. Without having THE TALK, you're probably stuck day-dreaming, just flirting with a future you actually need to plan for. Once you've had THE TALK, you (and any adventure-loving family members) are now on the same page. Which means you can do more than dream together—you can save together.

DO THIS: Sit down with the fam (or a clean notepad) and lay out what it would really take for you to finally make the move to the RV lifestyle—soon, by stages, or on retirement.

SAVE MORE AS YOU SCALE UP.

Saving up involves a combination of debts and credits, inputs and outputs, assets and liabilities. But harnessing your earning power can be easy. Some folks try a simple equation: THIS is how much I need, so THIS is my goal. That can work, but the problem with that is that it sets a limit on the size of your savings. (Booo!) You want your mobile nest egg to be farm-sized, so the better option is to set aside a percentage

for savings and retirement accounts. That way, you save more as you make more.

DO THIS: Choose a percentage of income and set it up to directly deposit into savings each payment period. As the scale of your income goes up, so will your RV options.

FLEX YOUR FINANCIAL PLAN OPTIONS.

There are a few no-brainers in financial planning—like maximizing your employer's 501(k) match (if you have one available), capitalizing on compounding interest by starting to save early (that's for you newbies out there), and contributing to a retirement-specific account where you keep more of your hard-earned dollars (good for all the peoples). Any options you have can give your plan a little more muscle.

DO THIS: There are financial advisors aplenty available, some of which will help you plan for free. Meet with one to put your Class-A or fifth-wheel plan into motion.

RENT TO LEARN AS YOU EARN.

This might be the best bit of advice from our RV readers (see Page 11). You don't have to park in place while you

Here's how to stash cash for life's next gear, whether you're chasing the RV dream or cruising toward retirement.

save up. As you wait for the big bucks to build up, take some rentals for a spin and learn what suits your lifestyle best. You'll pick up likes and dislikes, get your spouse's take on floorplans (good one, Jim G.), and figure out which matter most to you. (See 2023 models on Page 69!)

DO THIS: Schedule an RV trip where you can rent your dream—and experience the reality. Everything you learn will help bring your future mobile Shangri-La a bit closer.

3 TIPS YOU CAN BANK ON

AUTOMATE YOUR SAVINGS.

It's more fun to watch the savings climb when you don't have to watch the checking account shrink.

TRACK PROGRESS WITH AN APP.

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Every fall, we fill our RV roster with our favorite players—from friends and family to our furry companions. We huddle up in our campers and lob ourselves deep into nature's end zone. Because going deep is awesome. Nature is awesome. But our fall game day experience? Well ... truth be told, it can be our ugliest stat line. But here's where sports teach us something profound: If you're not getting results, don't blame the players—blame the system.

Even in fall's furthest, crispest corners (Page 53), you can cheer play-by-play in style. It all comes down to revamping a system that maximizes the Big Four Ss—screen, sound, service, and seating. Install a system that makes you a game day champ, so you always play great on the road.

CALL THE PERFECT SCREEN

RVs and their floorplans all have different dimensions. So finding the perfect TV screen for your rig or trailer isn't all about size. But while dimensions may vary, quality shouldn't. The perfect TV screen is not just HD (duh), but it's also lightweight and deceptively nimble—energy-wise. When you're out on the

boundary, every bit of energy counts. So you want something with an energy-efficient footprint to slip behind the defense and rack up some yards after the catch. (Like Wes Welker.)

So let's narrow down your play sheet. Flat out, most LEDs are tougher, brighter, and less suspect to losing definition at altitude (that's a thing) than plasmas. But more importantly, the brightness of an LED gives you that sharp, clear game day picture. You know, the one that makes you feel like you're on the field. But what makes models like the **FURRIION 43" FULL HD LED** such a sneaky, smart play is they're energy-efficient for 12 Volt and AC power.



FEEL THE PULSE OF THE CROWD

Anyone who's ever been to a game can tell you that it's not all about the sights. The audible spectacle is magnificent and is measured in decibels as human voices rise like an ocean of

sound. That's the game day experience—your voice in a sea of voices. The sharpness of the whistle. The crack of pads. (And the boos after that late flag comes out.) It's a lot of weight to put on the shoulders of your TV speakers. You need a sound bar—a good one.

Sound bars are everywhere these days. One may have been installed in your rig or trailer. But they're not all equal. You can spend as much as you like on an upgrade, but no matter what, get one with built-in subwoofers. Models like the **YAMAHA C20A** are economical in size and price, easy to mount, and have Bluetooth. And with subwoofers to amp your bass, you'll be loving them BIG even after the game—whether it's during movie night or Call of Duty.



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Choosing between fabric and vinyl seating is obviously preferable. And since it is, we'll state our preference: vinyl. Because we spill stuff—and mixing erratic celebrations in a small space with salsa and libations seems to be asking for it. Either way, opt for theater seats with cupholders to secure your drink, USB ports to charge your phone (as you check other scores), and recliners to kick up your feet. You don't have to go with the handmade, Amish comfort of **LAM-BRIGHT LUXE RV SOFAS**, but who could blame you if you did? Bradd and Hall (BraddAndHall.com) gives you all the fat cat options to perfect your luxury box. ♥



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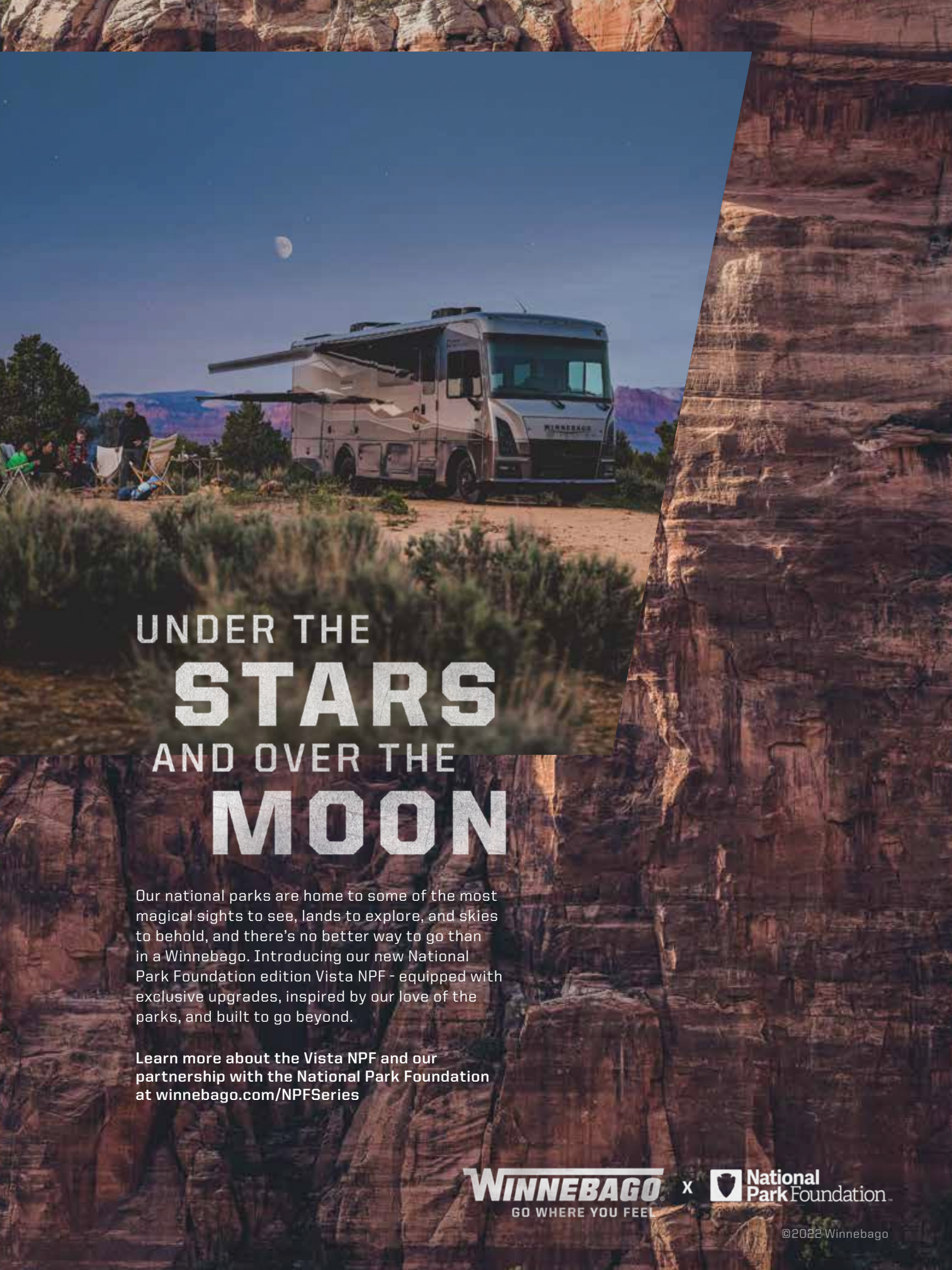
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Stuffing in a Savory Spread

Huge flavor. The happiest holidays. Even in the tiniest kitchens. *by Marc Acton*



AS YOU'RE MAKING MERRY THIS SEASON, don't settle for small culinary adventures just because you're short on space. Instead, use these easy ideas to craft a meal that injects maximum taste into you and your buds.



APPETIZER:

7 Roads Dip

An appetizer announces to the world: This meal is going to be special. Even easy apps like veggies and ranch with a few fancy pickles and olives, or pita bread and hummus, set a great tone. But it's a holiday, and you deserve something with seven layers of fancy. This recipe is infinitely customizable, and almost impossible to ruin, so flex up or down with ratios, adding or subtracting to your diners' delight.



Ingredients

Refried beans - 16 oz.

Minced garlic - heaping teaspoon, fresh or from a jar

Salsa - 1 ¼ cups

Chicken stock - approx. ¼ cup

Sour cream - ½ cup

Taco seasoning - a healthy sprinkle

Ground beef - 1 lb.

Cream cheese - 1 package (8 oz.)

Shredded cheese of your choosing - 1 ½ cups

Smoked paprika - 1 healthy sprinkle

Guacamole - 1 cup

Black olives - ½ cup

Green onions - 4, thinly sliced into ovals



Set out cream cheese while prepping other ingredients (room temperature is best for combining). Put salsa in a strainer to remove liquid. Start ground beef on medium heat, draining liquid when meat is mostly brown. Ensure beef is entirely broken apart, with no large pieces, then add chicken stock to simmer until all the way brown, and salt and pepper to taste. Drain well and set aside to cool.

Put refried beans, garlic, and smoked paprika in a bowl, and stir in chicken stock until smooth and easy to stir. Spread on the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch pan. Add a thin layer of ground beef—don't overdo it as too much ground beef will make dip hard to scoop.

Combine cream cheese and sour cream—use a mixer on medium if needed. Spread on top of beef and sprinkle with taco seasoning. (If you're adding optional guacamole, do it here.) Then add cheese, olives, and green onions in that order. Chill, but remove from fridge 30 minutes before serving for easiest dipping. Serve with your favorite dip delivery device. (Leftovers will make some of the easiest tacos ever.)

I Heart Pro Tip: Any dish you can prep before hitting the road is a big bonus, which is one reason we love this app choice. Make up to 24 hours ahead of time.



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SIDE:

Punched-Up Box Stuffing

If you're a from-scratch stuffing maker, more power to you. But there's no shame in store-bought stuffing, especially when you're trying to maximize both time and kitchen space efficiency. Punch it up by making a couple easy additions, and it'll be practically indistinguishable from the scratch-made stuff.

**Ingredients**

Stuffing – 1 box

Celery – 1 stalk

Lemon juice – 2 longish squirts

Butter – 1 tablespoon

Garlic powder – ½ teaspoon

Salt – a healthy sprinkle

Chicken stock – ¼ cup

Finely chopped onion – ¼ cup (optional)



Melt butter in your stuffing pot, then add celery, lemon juice, garlic powder, salt, and stock. If desired, add finely chopped onion one minute after celery. Sauté until desired softness is reached, approximately five minutes. Cook stuffing according to box, adding ingredients to the same pot. If desired, make the homemade portion up to a day ahead of time and store in a Ziplock bag. Then, add with your boxed ingredients when ready to cook.



MAIN EVENT:

Two-Meat Turkey

The beauty of Thanksgiving dinner is that a great main course is really all you need to leave a huge impression. This recipe is the perfect balance between high wow factor and low prep time. It also hits all of the holiday mandatories: two types of meats, fancy-factor worthy of a special occasion, and off-the-charts taste. Best of all? Your guests will never know how easy it is.

**Ingredients**

Turkey breast – 4 pounds

Olive oil – 3 tablespoons

Honey – 3 tablespoons

Garlic – 3 cloves, or 2 teaspoons garlic powder

Oregano – 1 teaspoon

Thyme – 1 teaspoon

Chipotle chili powder – 1 small sprinkle (optional)

Lemon juice – 2 squirts

Salt and pepper to taste

Bacon – 10 to 12 pieces

Foil-wrapped baking sheet with roasting rack



Add all ingredients except bacon into a Ziplock bag and shake vigorously until mixed. If desired, marinate in a fridge or cooler for up to 12 hours.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Remove turkey from bag, place on roasting rack (without patting dry), and salt and pepper lightly. Wrap turkey with bacon, covering as completely as possible. Brush bacon with remaining marinade.

Bake for approximately one hour until the internal temperature reaches 160 degrees. Increase heat to broil for around three minutes. Remove when bacon is perfectly browned (use caution—bacon can burn quickly if not watched carefully). Let rest for five minutes and slice at the table.

I Heart Pro Tip: When cooking any decent sized cut of meat, you should use a meat thermometer, but especially in an RV oven where actual temperatures are likely to vary even more than home ovens.



Cheater Pie

Listen, nothing beats homemade. But baking takes time and a lot of space, which your galley is always short on. This holiday dinner, skip the stress and phone-in the baking. Pick your perfect store-bought pie but put a handmade spin on it by sneaking in my favorite dessert topping of all time: homemade whipped cream. You'll have to pack in an electric mixer and a largish bowl, but making it couldn't be easier. In an easy three minutes from start to finish, you'll have a dessert that will have everyone marveling that you had time for homemade pie. (You cheater, you!)

Ingredients

Heavy cream – 2 cups

Powdered sugar – ½ cup (regular sugar will do too)

Vanilla extract – 1 teaspoon (optional)

Salt – sprinkle



The colder your cream the better—consider popping in the freezer along with all of your whipping equipment and bowls for 15 minutes before whipping.

Add cream and sprinkle of salt to a chilled, medium-to-large sized bowl. Beat on medium until peaks form. Gradually add sugar until dissolved. Then increase beater speed to high and whip until desired consistency is reached. In about three minutes from start to finish, you'll have the ideal accent to the perfect end to a fantastic meal. Lather liberally on any dessert that's asking for it. Or spoon onto coffee. Or just eat with a spoon. Or just stick your finger in the proverbial pie.

I Heart Pro Tips: Whipped cream will double in volume. Add ingredients as needed to make more, keeping the same 4-to-1 cream-to-sugar ratio. If you're going to add vanilla, pure extract (not imitation) is the only way to go here. You can also church it up with a drop of peppermint. ♥

MAKE YOUR GUESTS FEEL SPECIAL

✦ **Set the table with a flowery finish.**

A few handpicked wildflowers in any impromptu vase set the perfect tone for a meal out in the wild with loved ones.

✦ **Bring along a few snips of fresh herbs.**

Finely chop a couple leaves of fresh basil and oregano, and sprinkle on almost anything, from salads to that punched-up stuffing.

✦ **Include a local delicacy.**

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By Torrey Swan

RV KIDS ARE A FRESH BREATH OF COUNTERCULTURAL AIR. Among a generation of tiny faces glued to tiny screens, they grow up with the wind in their hair and new horizons dancing across the dash. And the more time they spend traveling with you, the more interested they get in the journey itself. (You should count that as a huge parenting victory.)

To make the most of that enthusiasm, introduce them to the responsibility of riding shotgun: navigation. Helping develop their orientation skills on and off the road will give them lots of confidence—and extend their attention spans down the road.



READING THE ROAD

Our world has mostly moved past paper maps, but it's a very useful skill to have in the passenger seat. (Not all mountains come with Wi-Fi!) An easy place to start teaching kids is with Rand McNally's Easy To Fold maps. Heavy lamination keeps them from tearing—and you can even draw out your route with a marker. Let your kids track interstates, highways, and direction of travel. As you drive, ask them, "What's next?" so that they watch for road signs and upcoming exits on the map.

FOLLOWING THE STARS

Whether they're in the RV or camping under the night sky, your kids will have great fun spotting constellations. Off-grid, it's teaching them a survival skill. And you don't have to be Uncle Walt's learned astronomer to teach the kids to find Orion (a man), Cassiopeia (a big W), or the Big and Little Dippers (the latter with its ever-helpful North Star). Once the kid's get comfortable finding the North Star, ask them, "So which direction are we going?" or "Which way is camp?"

STARGAZING FOR BEGINNERS

The SkyView app makes wayfinding easier than watching Moana. Start in your backyard: Simply point your phone to identify a constellation.



NOTICING LANDMARKS

Kids are great at noticing stuff ... but not always the important stuff. They are kings of and queens of distraction. (Which is awesome for some really weird convos.) But kids also love discovery. Like a lot. So when you're hiking give them some markers to look for that will help them take better note of their surroundings. Point out different terrain features and distinct markers along the path. As you go, ask the kids, "How did we get here?" and see what they remember.

APP APPRENTICE

Letting a little one take the lead on the trail can be a lot of fun, and the AllTrails app is a perfect place to start. It has access to over 100,000 trails, and it's easy enough for a kid to use. Simply search the trail you want, check the stats (difficulty, length, elevation gain, route type, and user rating), and then let your little explorer run point as you play follow the tiny leader. With the AllTrails app, you can go full Peter Pan without becoming a Lost Boy. ♥

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FROM THE HIGHWAY TO THE CAMPGROUND



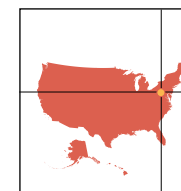
INSIDE: A better weigh to balance your trailer connection. Page 43



ON THE WHEELS OF HISTORY

THE HISTORY OF GETTYSBURG IS EPIC.

And a reservation at the Gettysburg Battlefield Resort puts you one turn away from some of our nation's most hallowed grounds—like Little Round Top and Cemetery Ridge. It also means you're just an hour away from the sweetest place on the planet: Hershey. On Page 46, see how Travel Resorts of America is creating a community of resorts for members across the country—wherever the road divides.



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Taking Fall's Scenic Route

Enjoy the epic beauty of the Blue Ridge from Gatlinburg to Gettysburg.

ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS ROUTES is in fact older than the idea of America. And each fall, when fleets of RVs steer northeast up—or southwest down—the Blue Ridge Mountains, they take an ancient track. Of Native Americans on the Great Indian Warpath. Of armies dueling in the Civil War. Today, the perils lie dormant in historical landmarks. But the soul of the land still blazes in unmatched autumn glory across both mountain and valley.

Timing is truly everything in travel. While Appalachia maintains an aura of majesty in every season, fall is when the region truly peaks. Now is the time of year to drive with windows down, to fill your lungs with crisp mountain air and taste the temporal tinge of autumn. From the family-friendly fun of Gatlinburg to camping among “dirtbags” on the vaunted Appalachian Trail, each small migration offers its own reward—not least among them being the awesome shadow of history at Gettysburg.

Riding Up the Blue Ridge

Just southeast of Knoxville and I-40, Gatlinburg is nestled in the Great Smoky Mountains. With local delights like Anakeesta on-hand and Dollywood just a short drive away, hold your horses for a few days. When the highway calls, you can easily drift back north to I-40 and merge left onto I-81—which runs like a smooth, steady line through the mountains. Heading northeast, you'll soon cross into Virginia passing Blacksburg (and all other sorts of 'Burgs).

From Roanoke, it's another 87 miles to Staunton, where you can get some food and stretch your legs. Thirty minutes further up I-81 at exit 235, follow VA-276 N and US-33 E onto Skyline Drive—officially putting you on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Cutting north through the Shenandoah Valley, the road returns to I-81 after

Front Royal. Take exit 35 onto I-70 in Maryland then follow MD-66 N and PA-116 E. In under an hour, you'll reach America's most hallowed battlefield.

An Explosion of Color

Lots of factors come into play when you're planning a road trip. This fall, let this be one of them: Leaves reach peak color on I-81 around mid-October. The French philosopher Albert Camus once said, “Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” And on I-81, you'll be surrounded by a sea of orange, gold, red, and maroon blooms that make one of North America's greatest deciduous delights. Birches glow yellow. Sassafras ignite like orange suns. Red maples crown ridgelines in crimson. This time of year, every bend in the road is beautiful to behold.



Step into Fall's Splendor
Some places defy the powers of description. Stand atop a mountain in the Shenandoah and survey the red-gold landscape below you, and you'll know what we mean. It's one of the country's most beautiful autumn spectacles. You could take our word for it, but you don't have to: See for yourself on Page 15.

A Historic Hike and Bike
Tim S.—an avid hiker, biker, and I Heart RVing reader—has a hot tip for the area: “A great hiking trail in Gettysburg is the Pole Steeple Trail. It is a blue blaze off the Appalachian Trail. (It has a great view.) And, of course, you have the AT Museum in Pine Grove Furnace (i.e., the midpoint of the Appalachian Trail). This is about 30 minutes from Gettysburg.”

The World's Largest Knife Store
There are just some places that you don't drive by. Smoky Mountain Knife Works is one of them. It's the world's largest knife store. We're talking massive—with a 108,000 square-foot showroom. Whether you're thru-hiking a stretch of the AT (see Page 58) or just making a weekend excursion, you need a knife. Shop thousands of options, from full-tang fixed blades to everyday-carry folders.

Grab Some German Grub and English Theater
Take a break from roughing it on the trail with AT dirtbags and enjoy a little culture. In fact, enjoy multiple cultures. Sauntering through Staunton's storied streets, you'll discover some of the best schnitzel, knackwurst, and beer on the trail at Edelweiss. Afterwards, grab tickets at the Blackfriars Playhouse—a reproduction Shakespearean theatre—that puts you and the kids on stage (if you get there early).



The Tao of Towing

Finding balance, harmony, and the proper weight distribution.

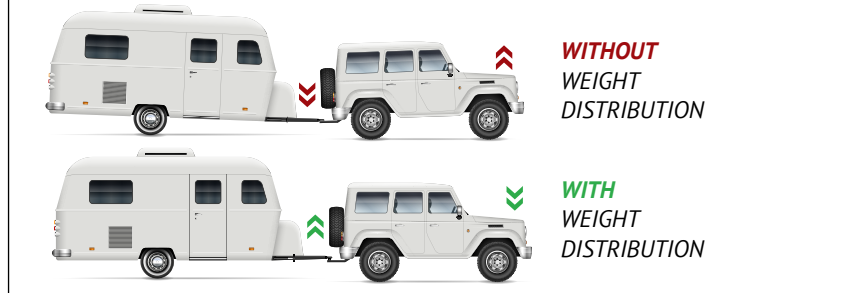
by Lori Gilson

Nothing can quite mess with your chi like an unruly trailer. In a perfect world, you just hitch up and slide onto the highway where truck and trailer become one. But if you don't have a proper connection with your trailer, you can kiss all that highway zen goodbye. Instead you could be wrestling with vehicle control, hard steering, and poor braking—all of which are more than bothersome. They're dangerous.

Fortunately, if you give weight distribution the proper attention, these problems are easy to avoid. And whether you're a newbie or a veteran camper, understanding a few basic principles can help you master the tao of towing.

The Importance of Connection

➔ If you're already asking, "What is weight distribution?" let's be clear: There's no shame. Let's just illustrate it for a second. When you connect your trailer to a tow vehicle, the trailer tongue weight presses down on the connection point. Without proper weight distribution, the rear of your vehicle will then be forced downward from the trailer tongue's weight. And as the rear of the vehicle goes down, the front of the vehicle will be lifted up. The result? Reduced weight on the front axle (that's bad), which can lead to reduced vehicle and trailer control, insufficient braking power, steering loss, and overall increased stress and wear on critical vehicle components. (Not to mention increased driver stress as you maneuver on the road with reduced control.)



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On the other hand, a correctly installed weight distribution hitch creates balance between the trailer and the tow vehicle. It forces them to act as a single unit. They become one with each other. They drive as one, handle as one, and brake as one. In sum, it improves connection, and keeps braking, steering, and handling characteristics at safer levels.

Taking Measure of Balance

Now, whether you installed your hitch yourself or a dealership professionally installed it for you, it's equally important to make sure your setup has the proper weight distribution percentage for a safe and comfortable tow. Even minor changes in trailer cargo, like full or empty water tanks, can affect your weight distribution and reduce tow vehicle stability. Your process starts with some measurements.

First, check and adjust your weight distribution. To do that, you can use a device like the OnTarget™ Towing Tool by Equal-i-zer. This tool calculates your weight distribution percentage for you. Alternatively, you can even manually calculate weight distribution by gathering a tape measure, pencil, and calculator. Just use the table below.



Measure from the ground to the wheel well through the center-line of the axle



A – Uncoupled from trailer	30"
B – Trailer coupled and on hitch ball without weight distribution	30"
C – Fully hitched up with weight distribution engaged	30 1/4"
Calculated weight distribution 100*(B-C)/(B-A)	75%
Target Between 50-100%	

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Next, set up or determine your weight distribution percentage. You'll need to take three sets of measurements on your tow vehicle. Put these measurements into the OnTarget device or record them in the table below. Measure first without the trailer coupled. Then measure with the trailer coupled—but with no weight distribution. Finally, measure with the trailer coupled and the weight distribution engaged.

With the OnTarget device, a weight distribution percentage will be calculated for you. To manually calculate the weight distribution percentage, find the difference between B and C, then divide it by the difference between B and A, then multiply the result by 100.

A good weight distribution adjustment falls between 50 and 100 percent. You can expect every tow vehicle and trailer combination will be different. (Refer to your tow vehicle owner's manual for exact ratings. You don't want to exceed 100 percent.) If you are not within that range, adjust your hitch to increase or decrease weight distribution, then test drive your setup. If during the test drive, you feel you need more or less

weight distribution, adjust your hitch and measure again.

Then comes the fun part: the exquisite harmony of vehicle and trailer. With proper weight distribution, your drive will be safer. More comfortable. And—take a big breath—more peaceful.

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**INSIDE THE GETTYSBURG
BATTLEFIELD RESORT AND
THE GROWING CAMPER
COMMUNITY CONNECTING
THE NORTH AND SOUTH.**

by Mark Settle

ALL ROADS SPLIT SOMEWHERE—or reach their end. Driving into Pennsylvania from the Blue Ridge Mountains, the landscape ignites with autumn color. You can imagine the highway going on forever. Life can take on a momentum that seems unstoppable, unalterable. Everything moving in one direction, until you reach a fork in the road.



Historically, leaves are not the only things to fall in Pennsylvania. In July 1863, the road split here for an entire nation. Two years into a brutal civil war, two massive armies of Americans collided at a town called Gettysburg. Here, the fortunes of war fell. And men by their thousands. Musket and cannon balls littered the field. The combat lasted three days and became the single largest battle the Americas had ever seen—an enormous price for a house divided. A dead end for a national injustice.

Everyone knows Gettysburg. We've read Lincoln's address in history class. We might have picked up Michael Shaara's *Killer Angels* or thumbed through Bruce Catton's *Glory Road*. We've seen stuff in the movies, too. (And scrolled Wikipedia afterwards.) But every camper knows that's not all there is. Place, after all, has the unique power to bring history into the living present. And that's the stuff we go for.

Pulling onto the Gettysburg Battlefield Resort, the wheels of history still turn. Little Round Top is not a footnote here. It's a rugged hill to climb—where thousands of stories once converged and are still converging. With new eyes, we see the past and steer into the future.

Joining a More Perfect Union

The roads to Gettysburg branch out from major highways—each about a half hour away. Taking exit 16 off I-81 near Chambersburg, the town is just a lazy drive to east along US-30. Or, approaching from I-70 in Frederick, you'll swing north at exit 52B onto US-15 following the path the Union armies once took. There's a tranquility on the road. The busyness of the interstates vanishes. Small homes, open fields, and friendly trees seem to smile as you pass. On clear days, the autumn sun gives the route a warm golden glow, and the air feels crisp like the apple orchards to the west. This is gorgeous country. You can taste it.



Stemming north onto Emmitsburg Road, three more miles will put the Gettysburg Battlefield Resort on your right. White fencing and open ground appear on your passenger side. As you pull past the stonework sign, a line of American flags from 1863 salute your entrance. A little cabin there serves as the host station, where you'll be directed inside to the barn lodge with the general store and the front desk.

Inside the lodge, Travel Resorts of America members and their guests settle in at their own pace. A large fireplace is kept burning. Comfy couches and large TVs await road-weary travelers. There are beautiful bathrooms. Hershey ice cream is available steps away, which you can take with you as you head to the sunroom with the kids. The general store is right on hand



with an attentive staff present, the manager Jaron among them. Once you enter, you'll likely meet him.

Jaron Starner is a Pennsylvania native. He was born and raised in the RV industry, and he has a passion for the way his team takes care of TRA guests. Private membership camping clubs like TRA were once a dying breed, but they're seeing a bold resurgence. TRA's own footprint keeps expanding across the country. It's not hard for Jaron to see

why—it's all about relationships and expectations.

Members at Travel Resorts of America belong to a more perfect union. "From the moment a guest pulls into our resort, we want to make sure we take care of them," Jaron says. "Our members are incredible people." They're a loyal, candid, high-energy bunch—who make relationships with other members and become part of a thriving community. Jaron laughs,

"It cracks me up how well our members know our resort." His members know the resort because they roll their RVs in. Often,

“YOU LEAVE THE RESORT; YOU TAKE A RIGHT-HAND TURN; AND YOU ARE ON THE GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD.”

Jaron says it's easy to understand why. Not all campgrounds are made equal. Every RVer knows this. And Jaron sees that's one big advantage members have with TRA, "You have a park to go to that's going to meet your expectations and fit your rig." Members have that assurance—whether they're staying in New York, Florida, or Minnesota. At the Gettysburg Battlefield Resort itself, members get the full hookup, solid internet, and access to a 165,000-gallon swimming pool with 2-foot shallows for children and 9-foot-deep end for the divers among us. The resort is also very up to date with the electrical demand—80 percent of it being 50 amp.

Even so, Jaron is convinced the staff is the resort's No. 1 amenity. Camp sites are reserved by members calling or booking online. Even if the desk is busy, member services will answer questions. The resort even has a concierge service to help members get the most from their visit, from local treasures to great food. To see the battlefield itself, Jaron says they don't have to go far: "You leave the resort; you take a right-hand turn; and you are on the Gettysburg Battlefield."

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Opening Maneuvers

The history of Gettysburg is big. Even today, the sight of the 6,000-acre field of battle is grand. But the town itself is still relatively small, preserved to maintain its 1863 condition. Just five miles up the road from the Gettysburg Battlefield Resort is the National Military Park Museum, where most visitors start. Learning just a few facts here clues you into the magnitude of the history involved. Over 175,000 combatants faced each other, brother against brother. Over three days of fighting, 51,112 became casualties, and 7,058



never left the field. Today, 1,328 monuments cast shadows in remembrance.






Setting out onto the battlefield itself, you can start the tour from your vehicle. But ultimately, you need to walk this hallowed ground. You need to feel the same earth beneath your feet and imagine what those moments were like. Visualize the desperate scramble of Joshua Chamberlain's 20th Maine to

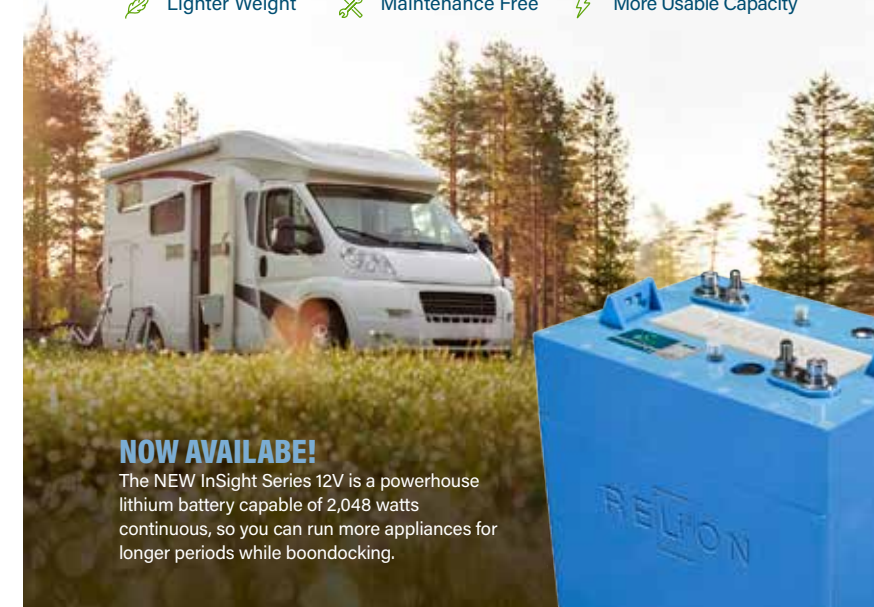
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seize the high ground at Little Round Top—the harrowing danger as they fired against attack after attack from the 15th Alabama—the moment they realized that all that was left was the bayonet. Drive just over a mile north and make your stand at Cemetery Ridge. Imagine yourself there as Union soldier Frank Haskell gazing across the open field to see, “an overwhelming resistless tide of an ocean of armed men, sweeping upon us!” Then imagine being a soldier in the 11th Mississippi making that Confederate charge—weathering a storm of lead across an open field—the mass of your formation disappearing like smoke—then realizing only fourteen men from your regiment made it across the road.

Check Out an Animated Battle Map

Watch this video of how the Battle of Gettysburg unfolded.



There is power in being in the place where this happened. No film, no book can compare. At Gettysburg, you feel the weight of the wheels of history. Of men caught amid the blunders and ambitions of generals. Of extraordinary acts of heroism and sacrifice that still move us. The whole tour leaves one awestruck. And, truth be told, probably a little hungry.

An Unforgettable Retreat

Back at the resort, Jaron might give you his recommendations before the concierge service can. There are great local Italian places like La Bella Italia and Tommy's Pizza. Even more, the town of Gettysburg is full of little pubs, taverns, and bars that also serve great food. (Just check the sidebar.) Any of which are the perfect place to sit together and share what impressed you most. It's also not a bad place to pivot toward what's next. Because there's more to Gettysburg than the battlefield alone.



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In early October, Adam's County hosts the National Apple Harvest Festival. Walking in the open air with your kids or significant other, it's the perfect change of pace—moving from the gravity of the battlefield to the levity of nature's bounty. Picture all the fresh apples, candied apples, apple bobbing, cider tasting, and hayrides. It's good wholesome fun, and if you haven't had enough of that, there's also ChocolateTown in Hershey Park just an hour away—easily a full-day adventure of its own. At night, take some local advice (we got this from Jaron): Hit up the Lincoln Speedway just a half hour northeast in Abbottstown to inject a little adrenaline into your trip—as engines roar and wheels tear across the dirt track.

Whichever road you choose, they all wind back to the Gettysburg Battlefield Resort. After each day's advance, the way back becomes a comfort. Like a great Civil War tactician, you've kept a safe line of retreat. And, like a bold strategist, you can even execute a master maneuver—traversing TRA resorts like a network of bases for adventures up and down the country. You see, ultimately, all roads split somewhere. So why not choose the path that continues state to state—the path where North and South are equally home to any member. ❤️

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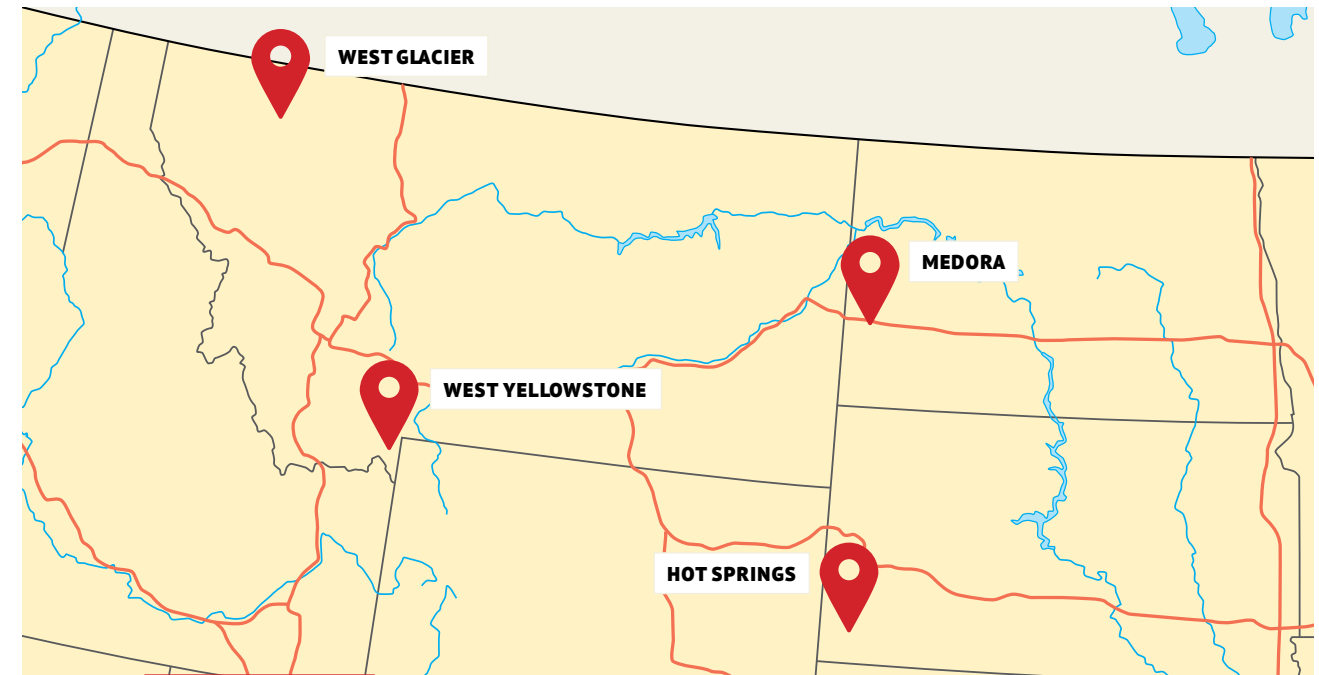


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5-minute drive

Day Rate: \$45
Camp Sites: 14

WATER	■	STORE	■
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Check-In/Out: 12 p.m./11 a.m.

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27288 Wind Cave Road
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(605) 745-4397

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Day Rate: \$40-43
Camp Sites: 27

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Day Rate: \$62-127
Camp Sites: 234

WATER	■	STORE	■
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ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
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Moose Creek RV Resort

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West Glacier, MT 59936

(406) 387-5280

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Day Rate: \$47-88
Camp Sites: 66

WATER	■	STORE	■
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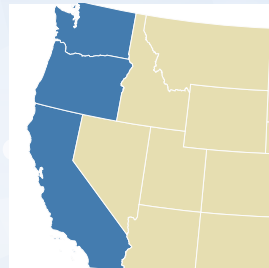
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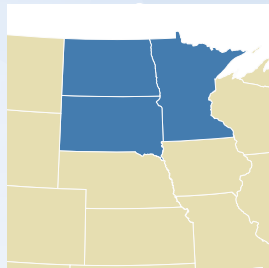
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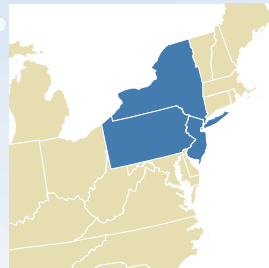
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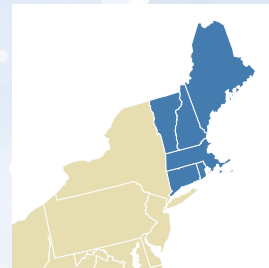
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NEW ENGLAND

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Auburn, ME

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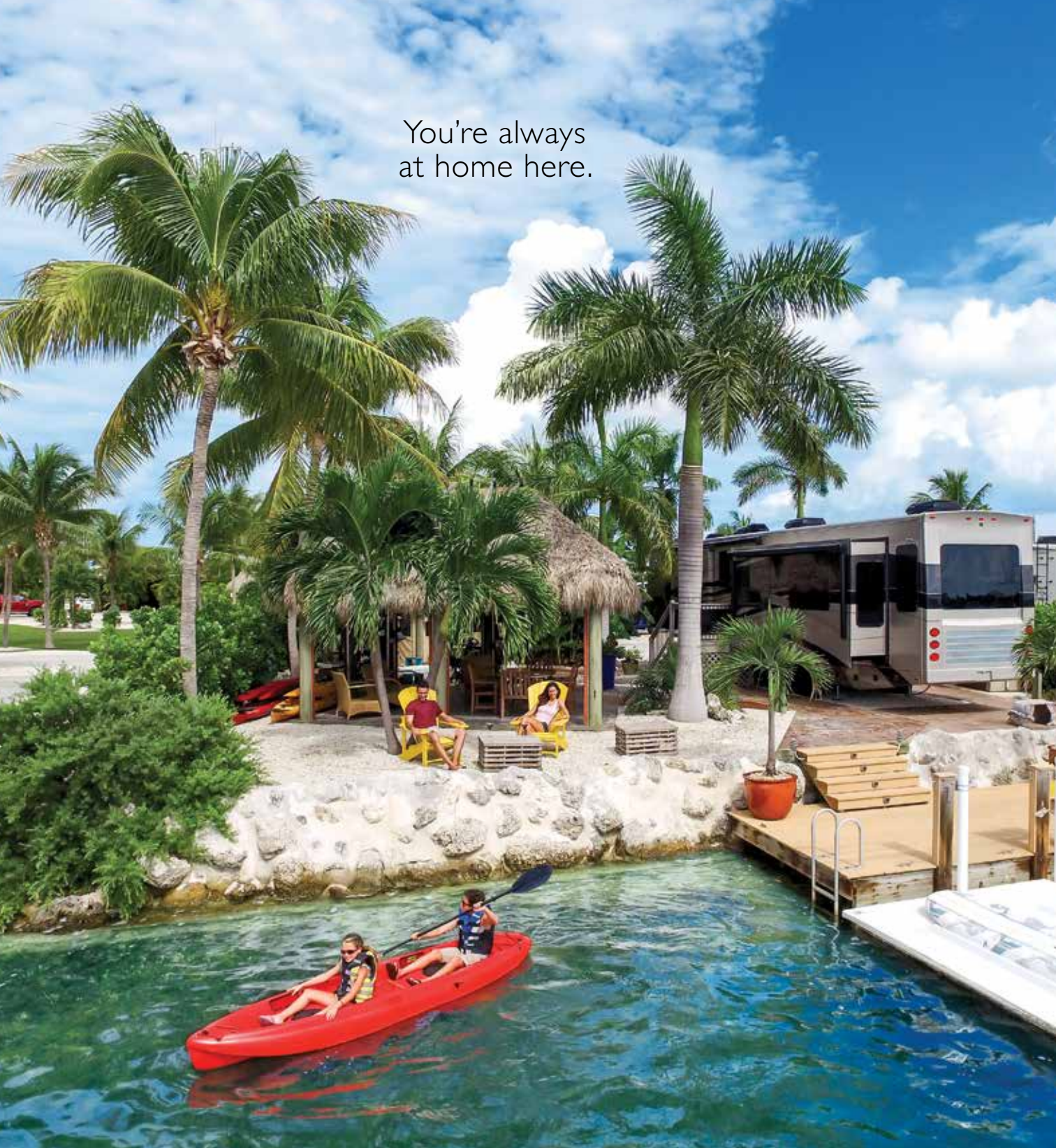
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GOODBYE, CIVILIZATION

The Appalachian Trail is home to a unique group of people. Countercultural, adventurous, independent people. Taking the rough texture of the land they traverse, they proudly claim the name dirtbags. You don't have to be one to admire their foot-wearing feats—going almost 2,200 miles thru-hiking from Georgia to Maine. Or to put their trail wisdom to use. On the next page, follow an epic Appalachian journey and take some trail notes for your next hike.

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See You in Six Months

Agony, ecstasy, and everything you need to master the Appalachian Trail *by Liran Federmann*

Photos courtesy of Patrick Cullinan



“I don’t think I should be here.”

Patrick Cullinan expected a lot of things on the Appalachian Trail, but he certainly did not expect this much snow. Nor did he expect to be waking up at 3 a.m. and trudging onwards into the cold, wet dark just to stay warm.

→ Nor is Patrick the only one to entertain second thoughts. Every year, over 4,000 hikers start the 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail (aka the AT)—and nearly a fifth of them quit less than two percent of the way through. The trail’s southern starting point lies about an hour north of the busy hub of the Atlanta airport. And from there, it lures casual hikers with promises of backwoods bravado, an achievement they can boast of the rest of their life. If they finish.

But Patrick proved to be more than a casual hiker in 2018. He got through the snow—and innumerable other unexpected obstacles—to complete the AT. Now he’s hungry for more and is currently pressing his way up the Continental Divide Trail (CDT), the second prong of thru-hiking’s Triple Crown. (He’ll target the Pacific Crest Trail next.)

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One wonders: What drives a person to take on challenges like this?

“I’ve got this energy or desire to have adventure,” Patrick admits. And there are folks like him up and down the trail. Some are looking to hit reset on life. Others just want to live differently and not stick to societal conventions. Anyone taking on the AT gets four to six months of *away*, and they join an on-trail culture with a pithy, countercultural moniker that most are proud of: dirtbag.

Patrick grew up hiking and fishing in Pittsburgh. But it wasn’t until a high school bike trip to Harper’s Ferry, West Virginia,

that he discovered thru-hiking. On a water break, Patrick and his classmates looked up and noticed a group of hikers resting near a cliff. His teacher identified them. Those were thru-hikers on the Appalachian Trail. His teacher noted that they’d probably walked through four to five pairs of shoes. That got Patrick’s attention.

A few weeks later, Patrick completed the Vermont Long Trail, a 273-mile trek from the Massachusetts-Vermont border to Canada. But that wasn’t enough. He wanted a bigger challenge. He wanted the AT—an obsession that began to border on the extreme. He trained constantly. He researched on Reddit then found himself sawing his toothbrush in half and removing tags from his clothes to save mere ounces of weight.



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But ultimately it wasn’t his conditioning—or the ounces he didn’t carry—that mattered most on the AT. It was the mental challenge. “It sucks a lot of the time you’re out there,” he confesses. “I don’t know anyone that likes waking up in the rain for the fourth day in a row and putting on your wet clothes again and packing up a wet tent and hiking all day.” There are aching feet and sweaty clothes and pains up and down the length of your body. And you can’t even really think about the distance. A few weeks into the AT, Patrick put two fingers on the map near Hot Springs, North Carolina. About 175 miles. His finish line was not even on the map yet. Not. Even. Close.

“When you start thinking about the trail,” Patrick relates, “you’re not gonna make it.” The key, he says, is making smaller, more attainable goals. In three days you’ll arrive in town. Just reach that tree up ahead.

Patrick’s journey on the AT consisted of many four or five-day long hikes with short breaks at towns in between. In the towns, he found hostels, laundry, supplies (like toilet paper), and places to grab a warm meal before he pressed

on. If the trail exited outside of a town instead of directly into it, he employed a different method.

“The art of hitchhiking is definitely one to be learned,” Patrick laughs. He got rides from everyone—plumbers and electricians, folks with nice cars and pick-ups with empty truck beds. Whatever got him back to the epic trail that found its northern endpoint at Katahdin, Maine. All told, it took Patrick four months to go end-to-end. It takes the average hiker about six, but, again, Patrick’s not your average hiker.

“There’s a special energy on the trail,” he says. While its reality can disabuse you of any naïve romanticism, the payoff is equally big. Small pleasures, like sitting at a picnic table, become big. The sounds of nature surround you. Kindness from strangers takes new meaning. It’s why it takes a different breed to go. And for campers like Patrick, the only question is: How far?



“When you start thinking about the trail, you’re not gonna make it.”

LOOK, WE GET IT.

Not everyone is ready to leave the RV behind for six months and take on the AT in its entirety. (Put us in that camp.) But, even so, Patrick has some great tips to offer any camper planning on making an extended hike into the wild. Here are his five biggest tips.



1 TAKE SOME TRIAL RUNS

Make sure you truly enjoy hiking. Thru-hikes are not the same as a day hike. At all. You're going to feel it. Try small trips to see how they go and if you want more. As for your boots, well, you'll wanna break those in early. Do two nights. Do four nights. Do two weeks comprised of three-night stints. If you start to get weary, moderate your mileage. These runs are also important to get used to your gear—and put it into action. What does it feel like in your sleeping bag and tent when the temp drops? Spend a night outside to find out.

2 NARROW DOWN TO NECESSITIES

Let's start with the Big Four: backpack, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and shelter. After that, you might want to consider the following.

- ▶ Stove and gas canister for cooking hot meals in the winter
- ▶ Water purification, like Aqua-Mira
- ▶ Clothes for cold weather, extra socks, underwear, cookware setup
- ▶ Basic first aid and Ibuprofen (or as hikers call it, "Vitamin I")
- ▶ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ▶ Headlamp
- ▶ Pocket knife
- ▶ Toilet paper
- ▶ Cash. Patrick budgeted about \$1,000–\$1,300 a month for food, hostels, and tipping people who gave him a ride.

3 ADOPT A DIRTBAG DIET

In colder weather, warmer meals like instant mashed potatoes and Knorr pasta or rice ("the hiker's faithful") are favorites. In the summer, simple snacks like cheese and crackers become more common. Freeze-dried meals from brands like Mountain House become key sources of protein.

But, hey, these rules aren't strict. Eat what keeps you going, like a true dirtbag. Patrick recalls seeing someone eat two honey buns with Nutella and peanut M&Ms stuffed in between. And that was a meal.

If you're lucky, you might get free food or drinks from generous strangers, aka "trail magic." All that's expected in return is your company and good conversation.

4 HAVE A BUSINESS PLAN

We'll keep this one short and sweet:

- ▶ Step 1: Dig a hole six inches deep with a trowel—at least 250 feet from the trail. (Even dirtbags have etiquette.)
- ▶ Step 2: Do your business in the hole. And aim well.
- ▶ Step 3: Clean that butt up, preferably using stolen gas station toilet paper or Taco Bell napkins.
- ▶ Step 4: Cover the hole and the TP.

▶ Step 5: Restock on TP at the next town.

▶ Step 6: Repeat as nature demands.

5 STEEL YOUR RESOLVE

Accept the fact that you're going to suffer. And you're going to be uncomfortable a lot of the time. Things will hurt. If you have some romantic idea about what you think thru-hiking will be like, squash it. Instead, focus on short-term goals that you can attain and enjoy. Then keep on pushing. Because you're not a quitter. At least not today. ❤️



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Difficulty: Easy

Distance: 100 miles

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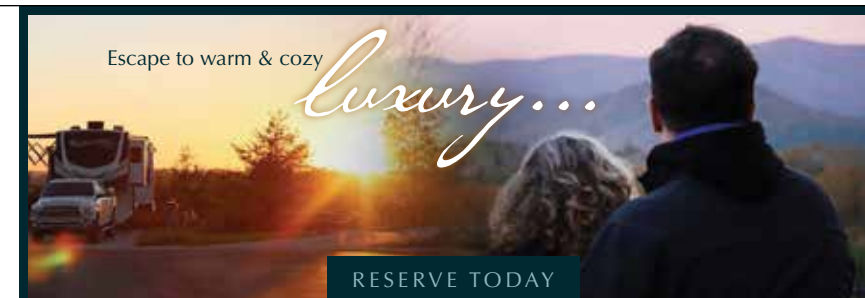
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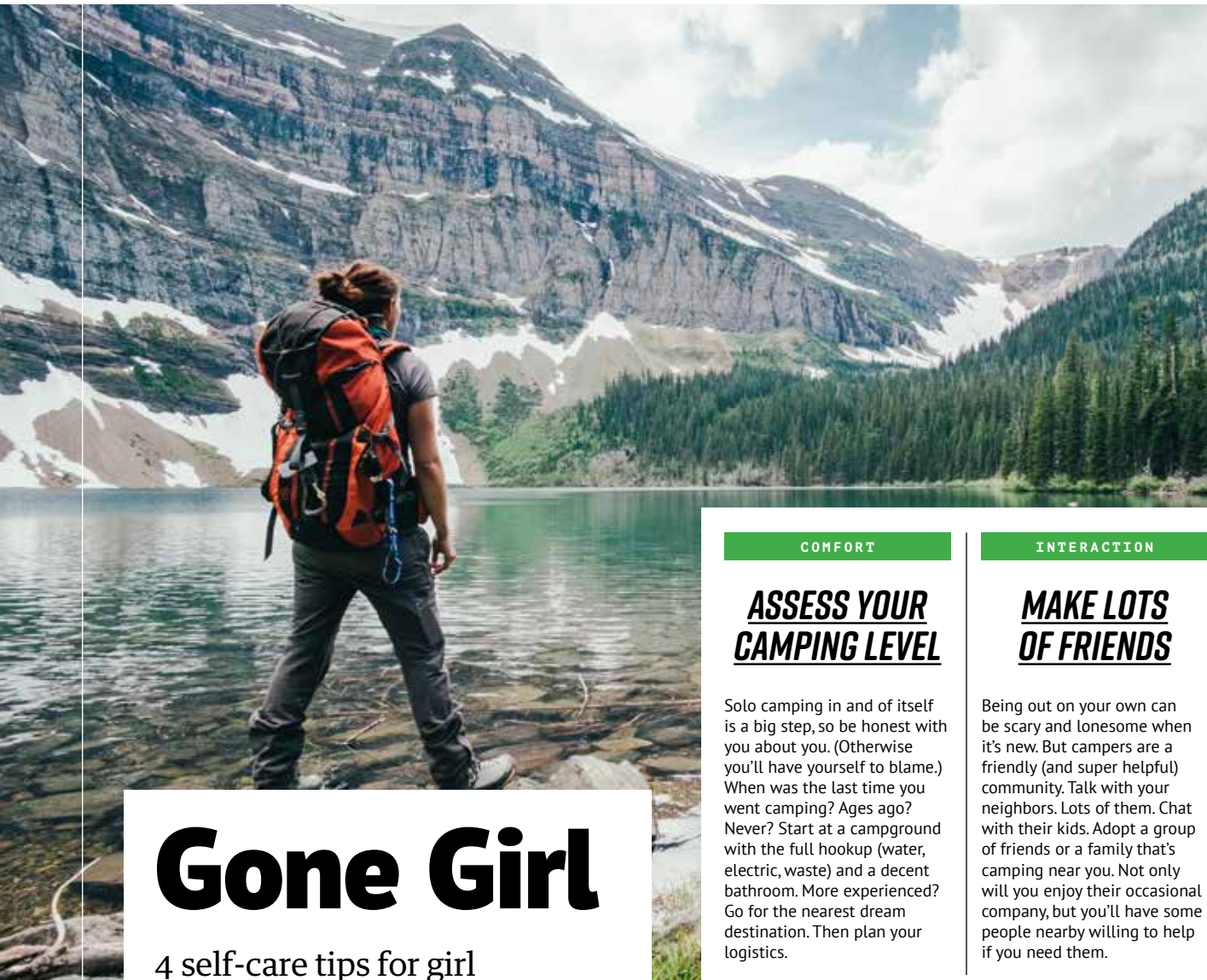
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Gone Girl

4 self-care tips for girl campers going off-grid

We all have a version of our life that we like to imagine. And some days (let's be honest here), it looks a lot like these girl campers on Instagram. Because they have it figured out. They look cool and independent in their sleek Class Bs, having fun in the most beautiful (and remote) places on earth. We know this because they also take the most incredible selfies. (Naturally!) What would it be like to go off-grid alone like that?

Well, here's the good news: Nature is an equal opportunity employer. If you're a girl camping newbie, you can start part time with a rental. (No Instagram followers necessary.) Just save some dates, pick a pretty location, and pack up.

Experience will teach you almost everything. (That's the fun part.) But here are a few key tips to take off-grid.

COMFORT

ASSESS YOUR CAMPING LEVEL

Solo camping in and of itself is a big step, so be honest with you about you. (Otherwise you'll have yourself to blame.) When was the last time you went camping? Ages ago? Never? Start at a campground with the full hookup (water, electric, waste) and a decent bathroom. More experienced? Go for the nearest dream destination. Then plan your logistics.

INTERACTION

MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS

Being out on your own can be scary and lonesome when it's new. But campers are a friendly (and super helpful) community. Talk with your neighbors. Lots of them. Chat with their kids. Adopt a group of friends or a family that's camping near you. Not only will you enjoy their occasional company, but you'll have some people nearby willing to help if you need them.

SECURITY

ALWAYS TRUST YOUR INTUITION

Your gut feeling matters. Listen to it. If something or someone feels off, trust your intuition—even if it means you have to let good manners go to the wayside. You don't have to put up with (or be polite to) strangers, especially if you think it might put you in an uncomfortable position. Most campers are kind and courteous, so you shouldn't expect a problem.

COMMUNICATION

KEEP REGULAR CHECK INS

No, your mom didn't find me and make me write this. (My mom did.) Seriously though, it doesn't matter that you're a woman (or a man): It's always wise to maintain outside communication. Even just to say that you made it from A to B. That doesn't mean posting your camp location on social media every hour. Post the photos afterward (and make us all jealous).

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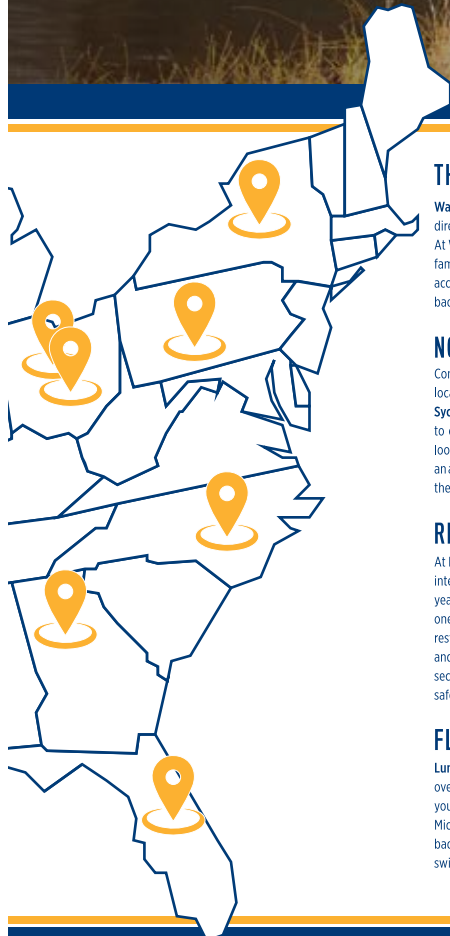
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▶ HEIGHT (W/AC): 10 FT 6 IN	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 44/39/39 GAL
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▶ DRY WEIGHT: 7,600 LBS	▶ MSRP: \$73,995 (STARTING AT)



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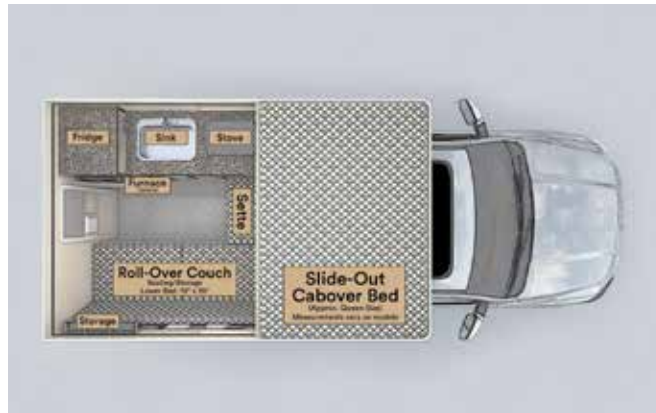
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Specs:

▶ LENGTH: 18 FT 3 IN	▶ DRY WEIGHT: 2,840 LBS
▶ WIDTH: 7 FT 6 IN	▶ GAWR: 3,900 LBS
▶ HEIGHT: 8 FT 8 IN	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 22/18/12 GAL
	▶ MSRP: \$50,089

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Specs (Roll Over Couch):

▶ ROOF LENGTH: 10 FT 8 IN	▶ INT. HEADROOM: 6 FT 5 IN
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Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: RAM PROMASTER 280HP	▶ EXT LENGTH: 19 FT 9 IN
▶ ENGINE: 3.6L V6 GAS	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 9 FT
▶ GVWR: 8,900 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 6 FT 9 IN
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Specs:

▶ LENGTH: 19 FT	▶ GVWR: 4,500 LBS
▶ HEIGHT: 9 FT 5.5 IN	▶ FRESH/GRAY: 40/26 GAL
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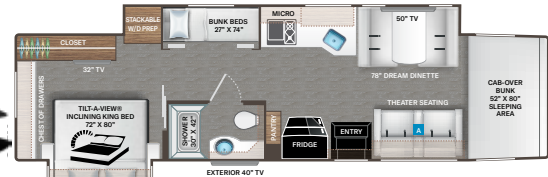
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Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: FORD TRANSIT AWD 350HD	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 10 FT
▶ GVWR: 11,000 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 82 IN
▶ GCWR: 12,600 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 24/15.75/15.50 GAL
▶ EXT LENGTH: 19 FT 8 IN	▶ MSRP: \$198,300

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THOR MOTOR COACH PASADENA 38BX

Why We Heart This:

There's something about the Pasadena 38BX that's a strange and awesome mixture of luxury and science fiction. The dome of this diesel-driven Class C itches for travel. And the cabinet-cloaked bunks would make an astronaut proud. Satin finish cabinetry ranges from the kitchen to the master king-sized bed, giving the cabin a warm quality—and providing lots of storage.

Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: FREIGHTLINER S2RV	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 13 FT 3 IN
▶ ENGINE: CUMMINS B6.7L 360 HP	▶ EXT WIDTH: 101 IN
▶ GVWR: 32,700 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 100/41/40 GAL
▶ EXT LENGTH: 39 FT 10 IN	▶ MSRP: \$349,500

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FLEETWOOD RV FLEX 34J

Why We Heart This:

Because it's proof you can have it all. And by all we mean all your friends with you. Seriously, they can sleep in the bunk beds in the slide or on the jack-knife sofa or in the Hide-A-Loft drop-down bed or at the Dream Dinette. There are four LED TVs for everyone to watch. Come morning, they can get breakfast in the huge galley—which, of course, has one of the fanciest backsplashes we've ever seen.

Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: FORD F-53	▶ EXT LENGTH: 36 FT
▶ ENGINE: FORD 7.3L TRITON V8	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 12 FT 4 IN
▶ GVWR: 22,000 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 100 IN
▶ GCWR: 43,000 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 50/37/37 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$207,034	

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Specs:

▶ CHASSIS: STRAIGHT RAIL FREIGHTLINER	▶ EXT LENGTH: 36 FT 3 IN
▶ ENGINE: CUMMINS ISB 340 HP REAR DIESEL	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 12 FT 10 IN
▶ GVWR: 26,000 LBS	▶ EXT WIDTH: 102 IN
▶ GCWR: 30,000 LBS	▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 72/45/45 GAL
▶ MSRP: \$329,025	

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Firesides

FINAL TOASTS AND LAST ROASTS FOR THE ROAD



We go—because fall is the season for leaving.

One Last Turn of the Leaf

JUST THANKFUL TO SAVOR EVERY MOMENT WITH YOU.

1 LAST LAUGH

(The Daddest Joke Around)

What do you call an RV manufacturer that makes RVs that are just OK, but not great?

A satisfactory.

1 FINAL INSPIRATION

(Deep Thoughts)

"My favorite thing about RVing is that you can drive across the country, and wherever you go, you're home."

— Heather Mooney, Florida reader

"Go around me. I'm retired." — Our favorite sticker. Get it at IHeartRVing.com/shop.



1 SIMPLE HACK

(PB&JOats)

Some of our favorite mainstays for breakfast are ones we prep ahead of time. Overnight oats certainly fit that bill. Put some oats, some milk, and whatever flavoring you like in a jar, and let them sit overnight. We like simple cinnamon and sugar, but the kids prefer peanut butter and jelly. Naturally.

1 FORMAL INVITATION

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(Welcome to the Campground Is 4 Words)

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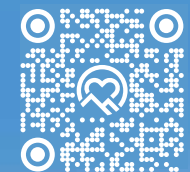


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ACROSS

- 1. Container weight
- 5. Reprimand, with "out"
- 9. Swallows water eagerly
- 14. Didn't have enough
- 15. Deep purple, edible berry
- 16. Wagner work
- 17. Refusal to interfere
- 20. Boston newspaper
- 21. Dorm room staple
- 22. Sign of summer
- 24. A British gentlemen (Archaic)
- 28. Snowman prop
- 31. Diarist Samuel
- 34. Maple genus
- 35. Trick taker, often
- 36. Abysmal test score
- 37. Ancient city NW of Carthage
- 38. Private property
- 42. Leisurely walk
- 43. Send to the canvas
- 44. Drink from a dish
- 45. Impulse transmitter
- 46. Physics particle
- 48. Half a matched set
- 49. Lampoons
- 51. Australian runner
- 53. Inflammation of the ear
- 56. Cremona artisan
- 60. Conceited
- 64. Unfit for Jewish consumption
- 65. Bubbly drink
- 66. Season to be jolly
- 67. Bakery supply
- 68. Bow
- 69. Prize since 1949

DOWN

- 1. Chinese dynasty
- 2. Gone wrong?
- 3. Ashcroft's predecessor
- 4. Like some mushrooms
- 5. Dracula, at times
- 6. Air Force heroes.
- 7. Dermal development
- 8. Vivacious
- 9. Dead duck
- 10. Current
- 11. Floral necklace
- 12. Adept
- 13. Gabriel, for one
- 18. Formerly know as
- 19. "Aeneid" figure
- 23. Airy
- 25. Tapered, frozen formation
- 26. Fruit juice
- 27. Understood
- 28. Greek surname
- 29. Mountaineering tool for frigid conditions
- 30. Being
- 32. Big time
- 33. Lively Bohemian dance
- 36. Animal house
- 37. Amateur video subject, maybe
- 39. Well wishes before a vacation
- 40. Listening device
- 41. A bag-shaped fish trap
- 46. Bon mot
- 47. Improved selling price
- 48. Caring
- 50. Brown ermine
- 52. Fortify

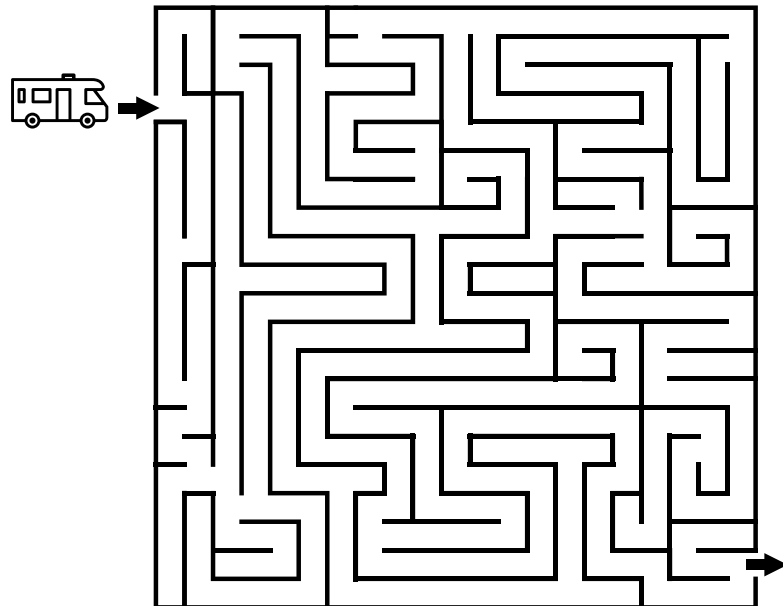
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- 54. Knowing, as a secret
- 55. Fodder holder
- 57. Bit
- 58. Abound
- 59. One way to stand by
- 60. Dump
- 61. "___ he drove out of sight
- 62. Grassy area
- 63. ___ grass

Completion is one kind of standard ... correctness is another. Scan the QR code to see which standard you met.



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