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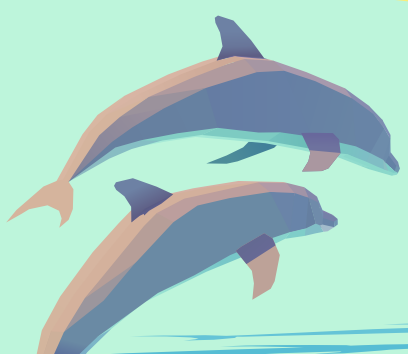
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## Family Road Trips

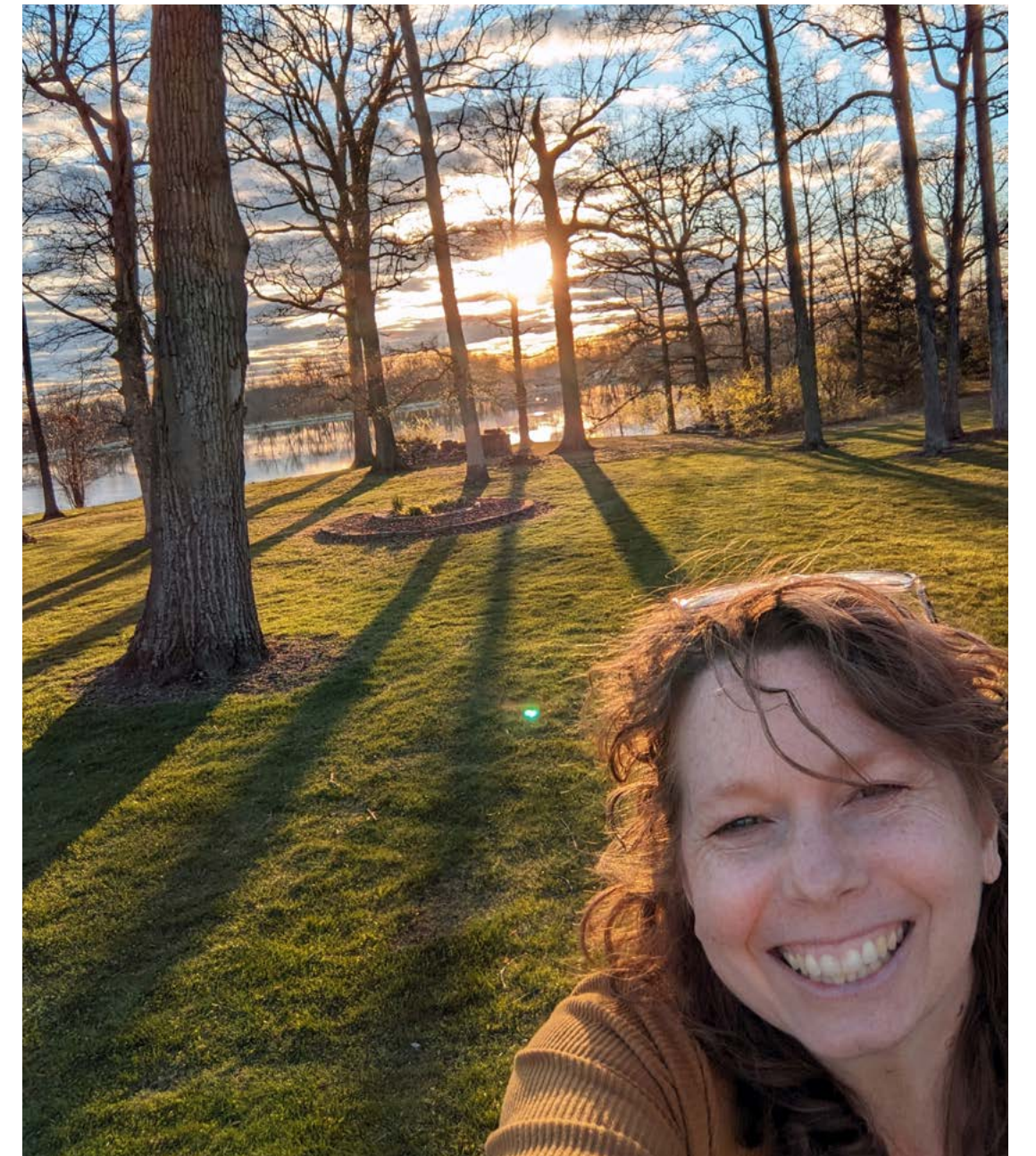
Greetings Fellow RV

Enthusiasts,

It's summertime, and this time of year often makes me look back to my childhood fondly. Endless days playing outside. Cooling off by the lake or pool, preferably with some ice cream or a popsicle. And, of course, family vacations throughout this beautiful country.

Every year, for one precious week, my dad would gather our family of six and hitch up our trusty Great Divide camper to head out for adventure. It was a tradition we now cherish (though there may have been some grumbling at the time as the space grew tighter over the years). It's where I came to understand Robert M. Pirsig's quote, "Sometimes it's a little better to travel than to arrive" from *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*.

Four kids, ranging in age from preschool to college would pile into the van, fighting over position, to hit the open road—often to a far-away family reunion or majestic American destination. Whether we headed south to the family farm in Missouri, visited a great aunt in Oklahoma, headed north to the



Black Hills or Yellowstone or out West to see the giant sequoias, it was always an adventure. The faces were familiar, but the relaxed laughter, food around a picnic table, or simple joy in being together made the trips more than just vacations.

These journeys instilled my passion for the open road and a very deep appreciation for the beauty, adventure, history, and cultures found in this country. My parents taught me the value of family time, the thrill of discovery, and the freedom that comes from exploring new places in nature.

Whether you're a seasoned RVer or are just starting out, I hope this issue inspires you to create your own memories and to find your own love for the open road and all the amazing adventures available to us.

Happy travels!

*Sue Mosebar*  
**Sue Mosebar**

IN THE NEWS



## Rebounding RV Sales

The pandemic era had surprising effects on the economy, including a large uptick in sales of RVs from popup trailers to luxurious motorhomes to van-life purchases, as many people escaped to the outdoors. Often for the first time. The big spike in sales flipped the industry on its head.

However, once society returned to “normal,” the aftershock of the influx of RVs, combined with a staggering increase in interest rates, led to RV sales plummeting. Many potential RVers bought early due to low borrowing rates after the pandemic, leading to a ~40% increase in 2021 from 2020. In turn, this drained some of the expected 2022 and 2023

sales. And by 2023, RV orders plummeted from over 600,000 in 2021 to just 313,000 in 2023.

While consumers are still showing some hesitancy, RV retailers are once again seeing mild improvements in demand. And the industry is starting to exhibit cautious but growing optimism. RV shipments are beginning to pick back up, and once interest rates start coming down, industry experts expect it to trigger more active RV consumers again. Thus, the RV industry is once again returning to equilibrium, with shipments, production, and sales being more closely aligned.

People’s desire to purchase and own an RV is still strong. And once inflation, interest

rates, and opportunity align, they’ll be able to make their dreams of adventure in a new RV a reality. In the meantime, many people are finding some pretty good deals, as folks who bought during the pandemic found their #vanlife purchases didn’t pan out and are now looking to sell, or fell in love with the RV lifestyle and are now ready for an upgrade.

### Where’s Your RV From?

85% of RVs sold in the US are made in Indiana. Nearly 2/3 from Elkhart County alone.

# 85%



## Adventure Van Expo Colorado

**July 27 - 28, 2024**

**Evergreen, CO**

This family-friendly event welcomes people of all ages to roll into this picturesque part of Colorado to celebrate the van-life community, view more than 50 van vendors (showing off everything from roof racks and bumpers to solar panels and water filters, interior storage to window coverings, and more), and tour unique van builds—all while enjoying live music, food trucks, local brews, and of course, camping. If you have your own custom build, sign up for the DIY contest to be viewed by eventgoers and rated by experts.

## Adventure Van Expo MA

**August 3 - 4, 2024**

**Topsfield, MA**

Check out custom van builds, meet new friends, listen to

experts, and check out dozens of vendors selling top-rated equipment. It's not just about vans, either. You'll see 4x4 trucks with rooftop tents, campers, and trailer systems. There's plenty of room to camp. Plus, you'll enjoy live music, food trucks, and more, including a DIY contest.



## CampNation Expo: Boot Camp Elite Training

**August 23 - 24, 2024**

**Casa de Fruta, Hollister, CA, Online Event**

Calling all vintage camper restorers (novice and experienced alike)! Gather online with fellow enthusiasts, roll up your sleeves, and get expert advice and an immersive experience as you learn the ins and outs of how to revive your beloved classic, including step-by-step instructions.

## FMCA International Convention & RV Expo

**August 14 - 17, 2024**

**Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, Redmond, Oregon**

RVers from across the country and Canada are invited to the 109th convention and expo. With 100 acres of parking, RV owners can enjoy awe-inspiring views of mountain peaks with comfortable, clean facilities and lovely landscaping. But this event is not just for current RVers; it's also for those who are considering if this is the lifestyle for them. Plus, numerous RV manufacturers and dealers will be on hand to show off their latest models as well as RV-related accessories, services, and other products. In addition to informative seminars, there will be plenty of entertainment and time to socialize.



# MirrorCheck

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE RV NEWS AND COMMUNITY

## 2024 Progressive NCRVDA Raleigh RV Show & Sale

August 23 - 25, 2024  
NC State Fairgrounds,  
Raleigh, NC

With something for everyone, from newbies to seasoned RVers, solo adventurers to families, you'll see the latest models, get expert advice, and enjoy exclusive deals on a wide selection of RVs, accessories, and services. Get



ready to embrace RVing and the great memories for you, your family, and your friends—old and new!

## Overland Expo Mountain West

August 23 - 25, 2024

The Ranch, Loveland, CO

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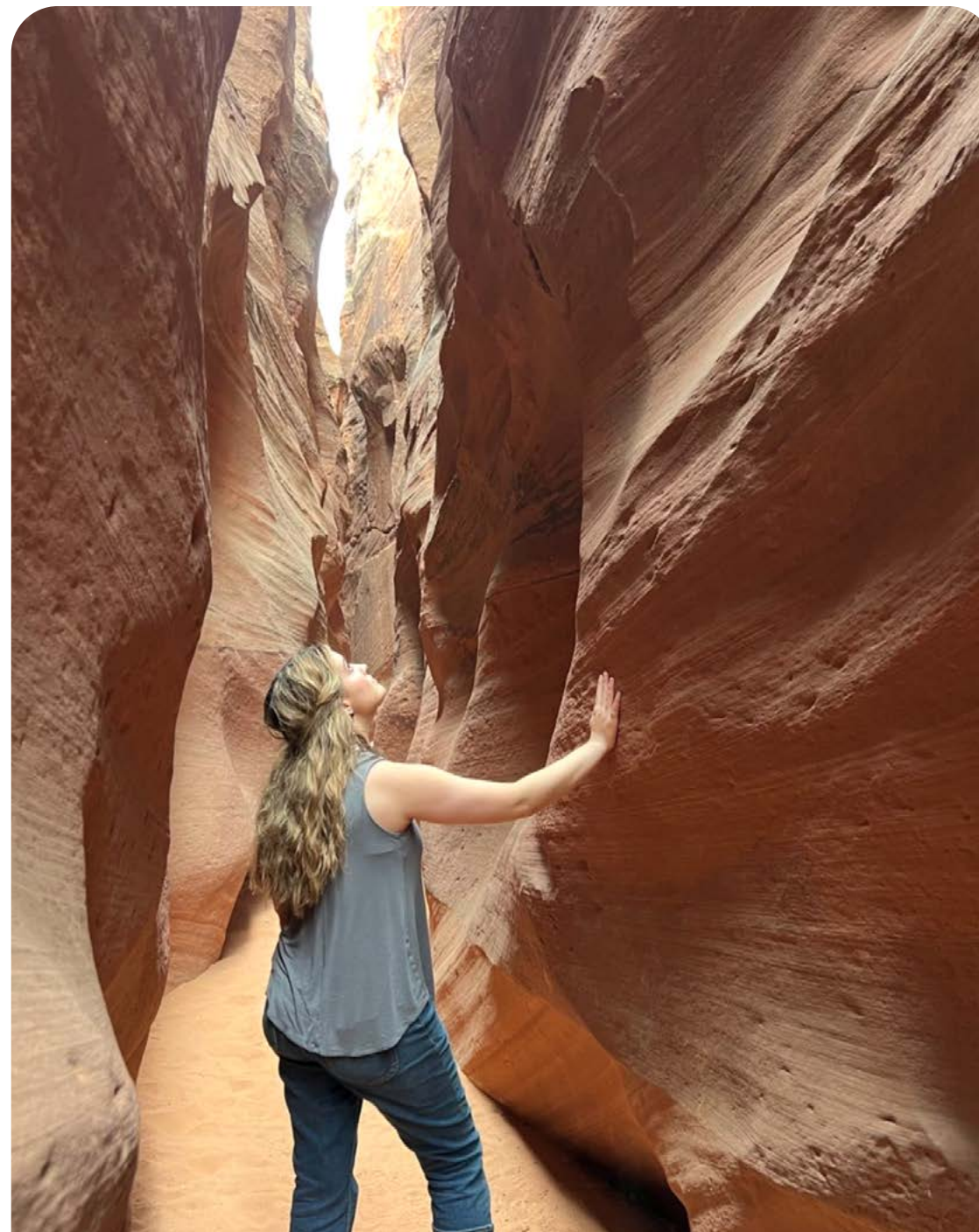
## AM/FM PLAYLIST

### SUMMER HOUSE 2024 PLAYLIST

YOU HAVE PLANS TO MAKE, PLACES TO EXPLORE, PEOPLE TO MEET, AND MILES TO COVER. ONE THING YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IS CREATING AN UPBEAT PLAYLIST TO KEEP YOU ENERGIZED AND DANCING IN YOUR SEAT, NO MATTER HOW MANY HOURS IT TAKES TO REACH YOUR NEXT DESTINATION. FIND YOUR SUNSHINE, GET OVER A CRUEL SUMMER, SEE HOW IT FEELS, AND CHASE AWAY THE SUMMERTIME BLUES WITH THIS PLAYLIST MADE FOR KEEPING COOL ON THE ROAD IN THE SUMMER HEAT!

PLAY ON SPOTIFY

## Scrolling the Virtual Campground

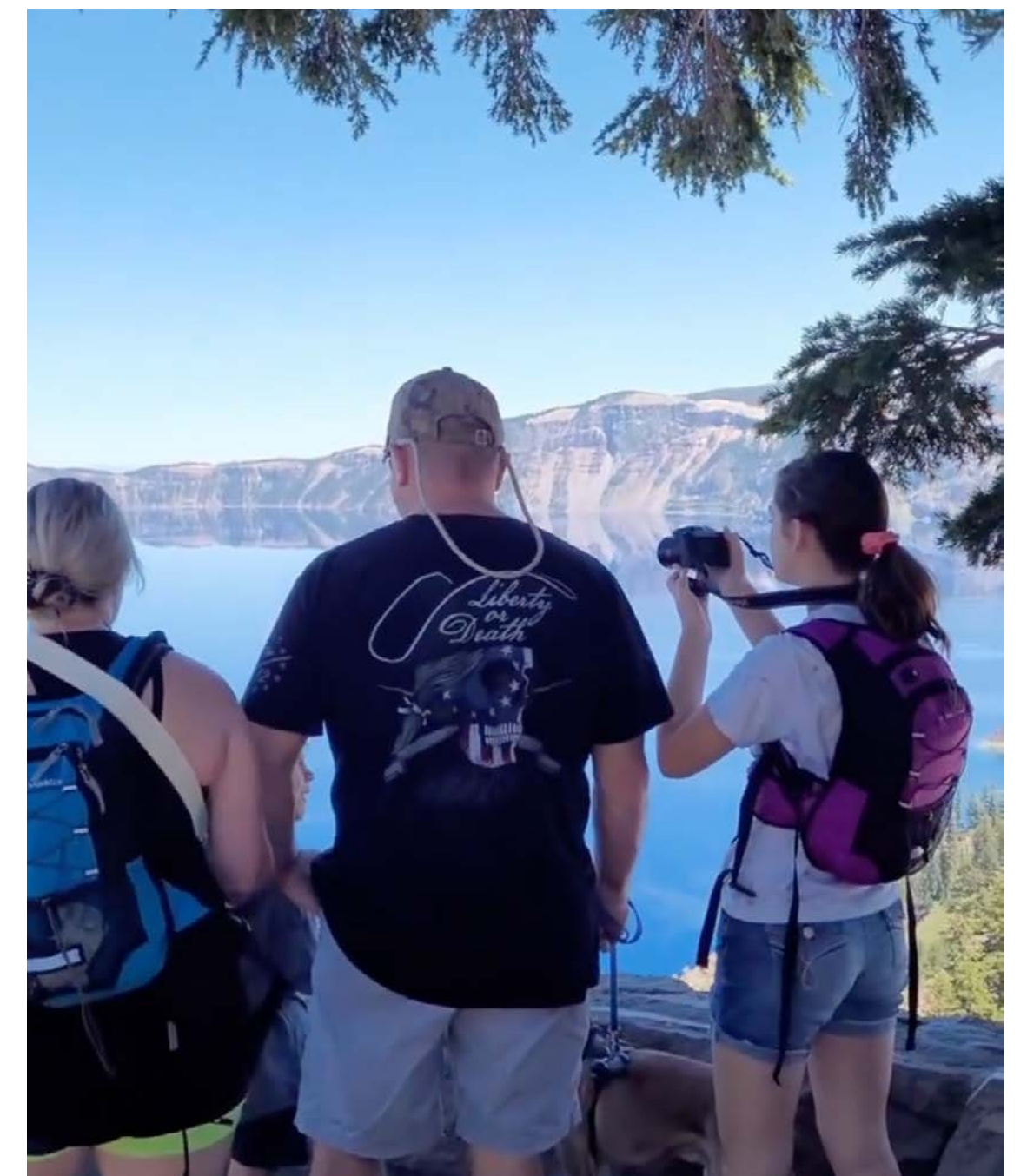


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**Why We Heart It** –RVing is all about family and no one does it better! We also love their appreciation of natural beauty.



RV QUIZ



## How Much Do You Know About Your Fellow RVers?

*WHETHER YOU'RE GETTING READY TO HIT THE ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME OR YOU'VE BEEN AN RV ENTHUSIAST FOR YEARS, SOME OF THESE FACTS MAY WELL SURPRISE YOU! TEST YOURSELF AND SEE HOW MANY YOU GET RIGHT!*

**No. 1**

How many Americans go RVing every year?

- A.** 100,000
- B.** Over 1 million
- C.** Over 5 million
- D.** Over 25 million



**No. 2**

How many Americans live in an RV full-time?

- A.** 10,000
- B.** 100,000
- C.** 1 million+
- D.** 5 million+

**No. 3**

What age group is most likely to own an RV?

- A.** 18 – 25: After all, they're not quite ready to settle down yet.
- B.** 25 – 35: It's time to make lasting family memories!
- C.** 35 – 54: Dreams do come true, and those dreams are made of adventure.
- D.** 55+: Once you're approaching retirement (or already there), you have more time to spend in your RV. Why not make the investment?

**No. 4**

How much money can RVers save over a typical airplane/hotel vacation?

- A.** None – it's way more expensive to vacation in an RV
- B.** None – everything is so costly now
- C.** 10% – it may not be a lot, but everything adds up
- D.** Up to 60% – RVing makes family vacations truly affordable

**No. 5**

How far does the average RV travel before arriving at their campsite?

- A.** 110 miles
- B.** 190 miles
- C.** 340 miles
- D.** 560 miles

▶ **ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

## Quiz Answers:

### No. 1

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How many Americans go RVing every year?

**Answer: D.** According to the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, over 25 million Americans hit the road in a recreational vehicle every year.

### No. 2

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How many Americans live in an RV full-time?

**Answer: C.** While ~11 million Americans own an RV (the highest number ever recorded), just over 1 million call one home year-round.

### No. 3

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What age group is most likely to own an RV?

**Answer: C.** 35 to 54-year-olds are the most likely to own an RV, followed by seniors. The younger generation, though, has big plans. Over half of Millennials are interested in purchasing an RV, and 26% say they're highly likely to do so.

### No. 4

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How much money can RVers save over a typical airplane/hotel vacation?

**Answer: D.** RV vacations are right around 60% less expensive than traveling by plane and having to get a hotel room, making it a perfect way to spend time together as a family, whether you can get away for only a couple of days or spend several weeks on the road.

### No. 5

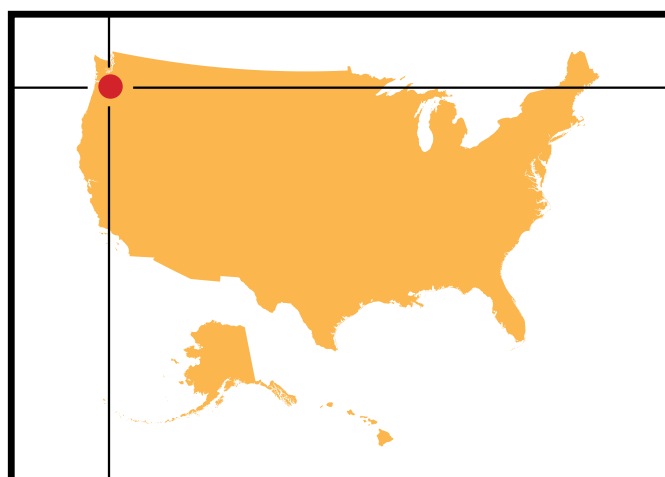
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How far does the average RV travel before arriving at their campsite?

**Answer: B.** While it differs dramatically between RV adventurers, the average is 190 miles, often following the 2/2/2 rule. That is, drive no more than 200 miles each day. Stop every two hours to stretch and move your body. Arrive at your destination campsite by 2 p.m. And stay for at least two nights. This helps with planning, prevents travel fatigue, and saves on gas for a happier, more positive RV experience.

# American

VANTAGE POINTS OF AMERICAN BEAUTY



- ▶ OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK
- ▶ 47.8021° N, 123.6044° W
- ▶ WASHINGTON
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# Vista



**ESCAPE FROM THE SWELTERING HEAT AND BUSTLING CROWDS IN THE SUMMER WITH A VISIT TO OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK**, found in the Northwestern region of Washington State. This park encompasses nearly a million acres of diverse landscapes, including rugged coastlines, temperate rainforests, snow-capped peaks, and alpine meadows. Embrace the tranquility and beauty of this special destination and discover why it's so sought after for those seeking summer solace.

Because it's a jungle out there.



Florida's Lower Keys are home to two wildlife refuges, epic ocean views, miles of unspoiled wilderness and an array of outdoor accommodations ranging from rustic campsites to lavish RV parks. From Big Pine to Stock Island, you'll never run out of extraordinary places to step off the treadmill and watch the world go by.

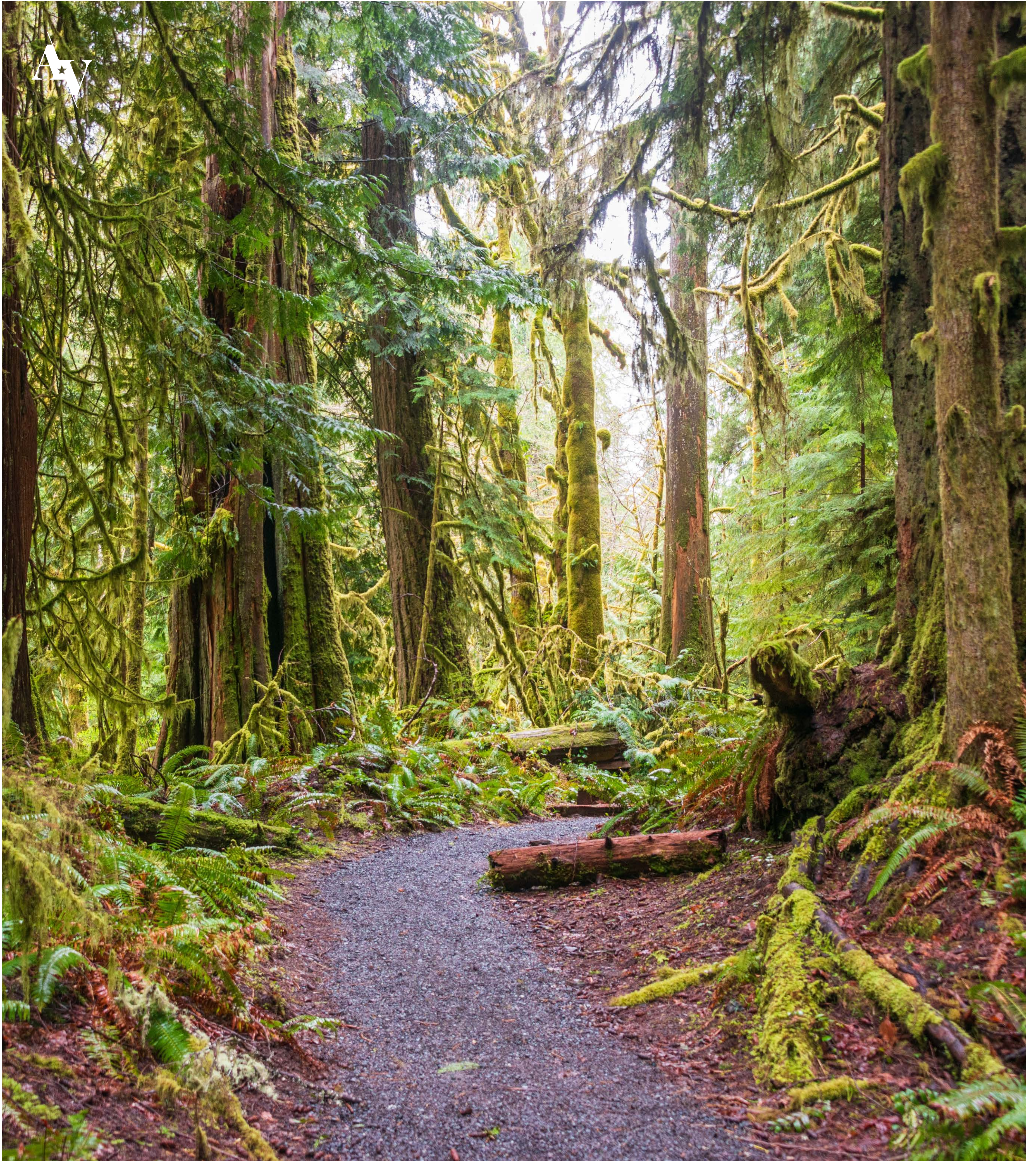
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Enjoy stunning views of the rugged sea stacks rising dramatically from the Pacific Ocean off Rialto Beach in Olympic National Park. These ancient, weathered rock formations create a striking contrast against the crashing waves and sandy shores.





Hiking the Marymere Falls Trail in Olympic National Forest is delightful for nearly all skill levels. The well-maintained trail winds through lush old-growth forests, offering a peaceful and picturesque journey over charming wooded bridges and past moss-covered trees, culminating with a stunning 90-foot waterfall.





The untamed coastline and rugged cliffs of Olympic National Park offer some of the most stunning sunset views imaginable, casting a warm glow over the jagged cliffs and pristine beaches. The dramatic interplay of light and shadow highlights the raw beauty of the coastline.





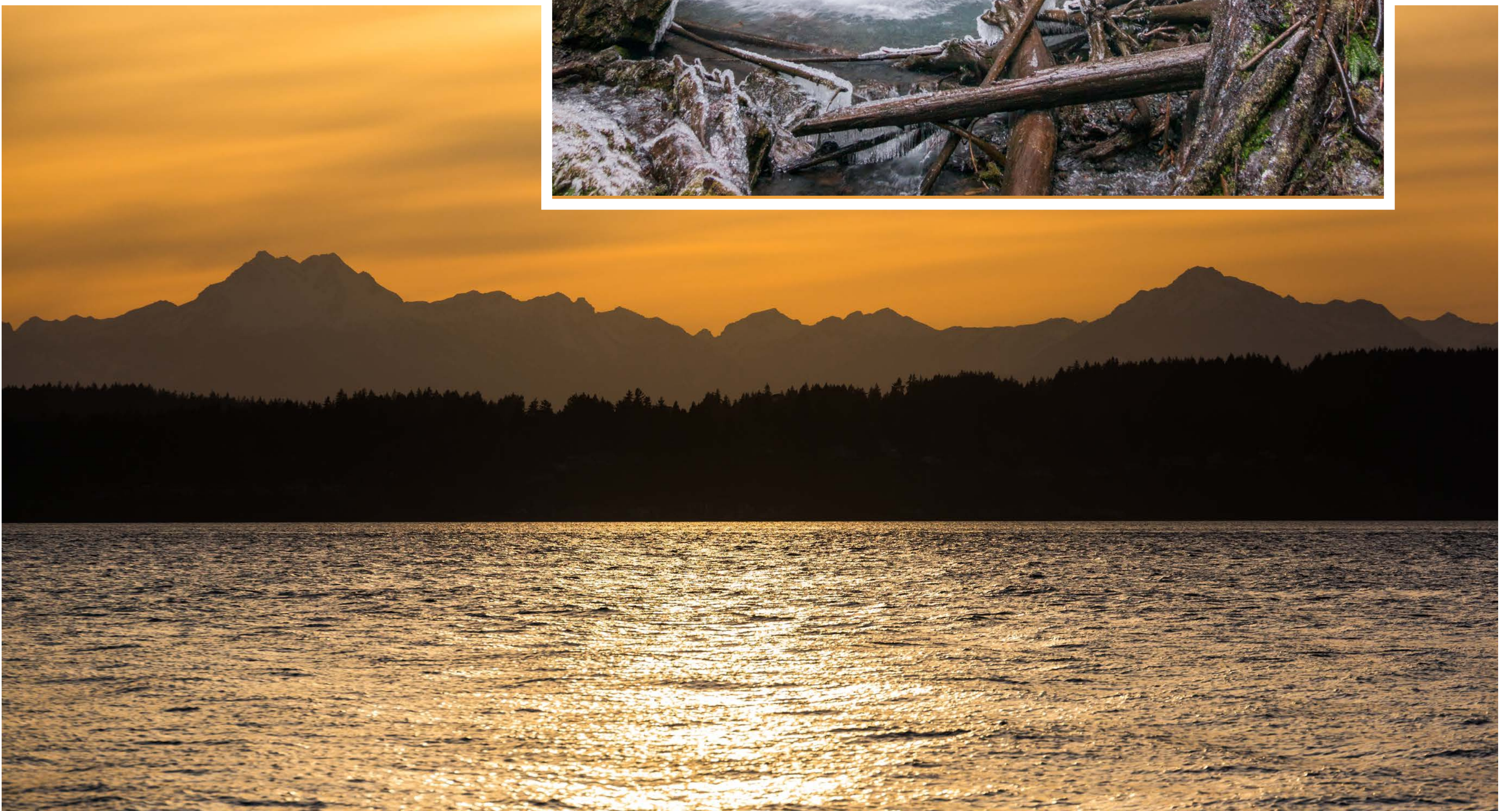
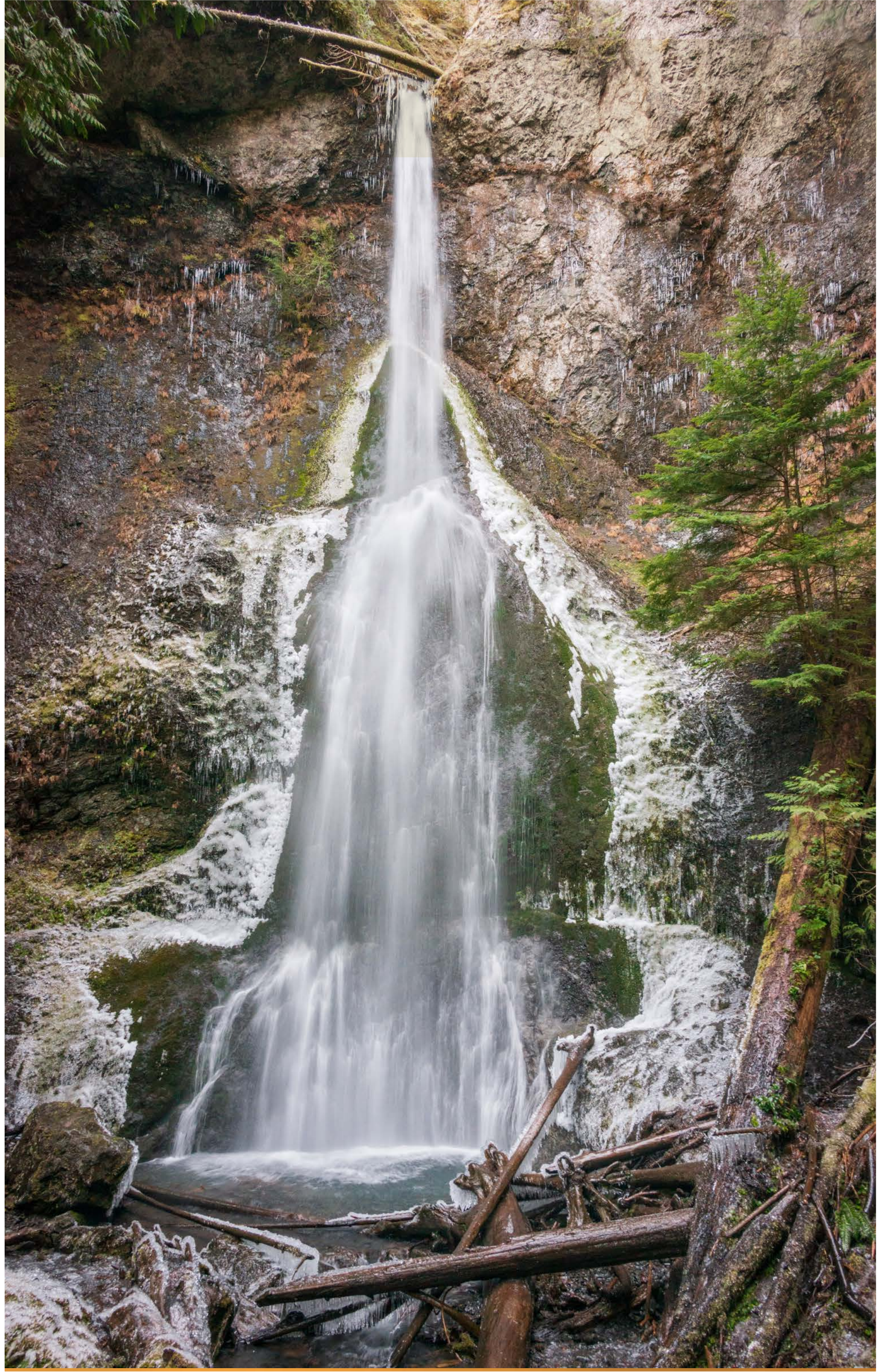
The removal of the Elwha River Glines Canyon Dam in Olympic National Park stands as one of the most significant ecological restoration projects in history. Completed in 2014, the removal of the dam allowed the Elwha River to flow freely for the first time in over 100 years, rejuvenating the ecosystem and revitalizing the natural habitat for salmon and other wildlife, restoring native vegetation, improving water quality, and proving the remarkable resilience of nature when given the chance to heal and thrive.





**The sight and sound of Marymere Falls** *cascading into the pool below creates a magical and tranquil setting, inviting you to relax and truly find peace. This is a must-do hike for nature lovers.*

**During the Golden Hour,** *the landscape is bathed in warm, ethereal light. As the sun rises or sets, every element of the diverse landscape is illuminated with a soft, rich, golden glow. This is the perfect time to let time slow as you take in this fleeting period of breathtaking transformation.*

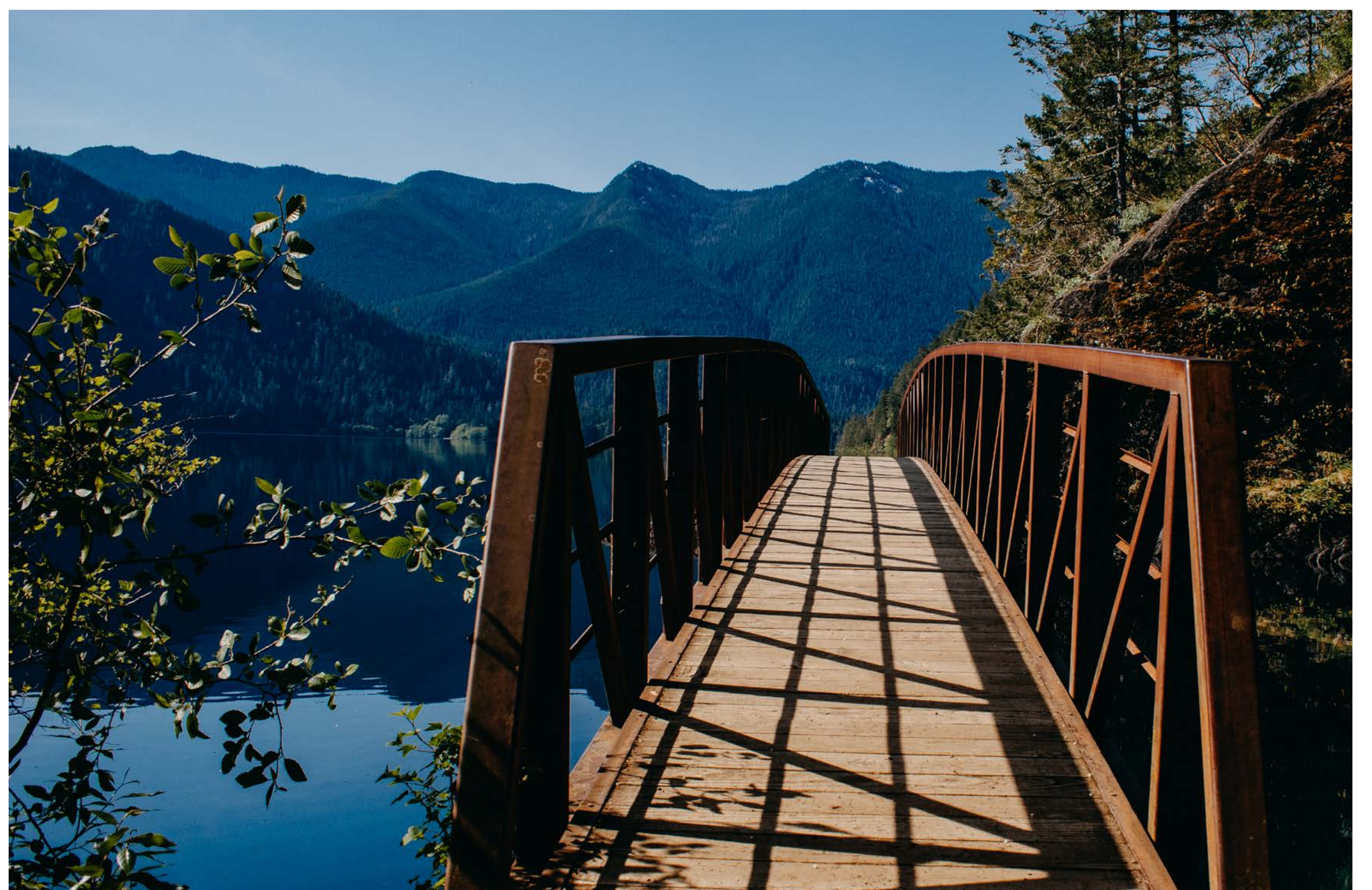




**The pristine alpine area around Royal Lake in the Royal Basin** teems with diverse species, offering nature enthusiasts a chance to witness majestic elk and black-tailed deer grazing in the meadows while marmots and pikas scurry among rocky outcrops. The serene setting makes a captivating destination for those looking for a wonderful wilderness experience.



**The Devil's Punchbowl Bridge** is a captivating landmark spanning a dramatic gorge carved by the swift waters of the Punchbowl Creek. Walking across the bridge, you can feel the power of the water rushing beneath you, adding an element of adventure.

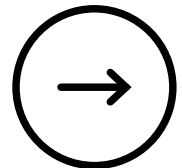


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## HOME-LIKE KITCHEN

For gourmet and home-cooking enthusiasts alike, you won't need to compromise on what's for dinner or how to prepare it. The Fleetwood Discovery LXE kitchen features stainless steel appliances, including a full-size refrigerator, convection microwave, induction cooktop, and even a dishwasher. The solid-surface countertops and ample storage make meal prep as convenient and enjoyable as in a home kitchen.

## LAVISH LIVING AREA

After breakfast or dinner, kick back in a spacious, comfortable living area with environmentally friendly, soft, and supple Ultraleather furniture, high-

end entertainment, and large windows that fill the space with natural light. You'll enjoy a welcoming, stylish, and high-end atmosphere, making your home on the road feel like, well, home!

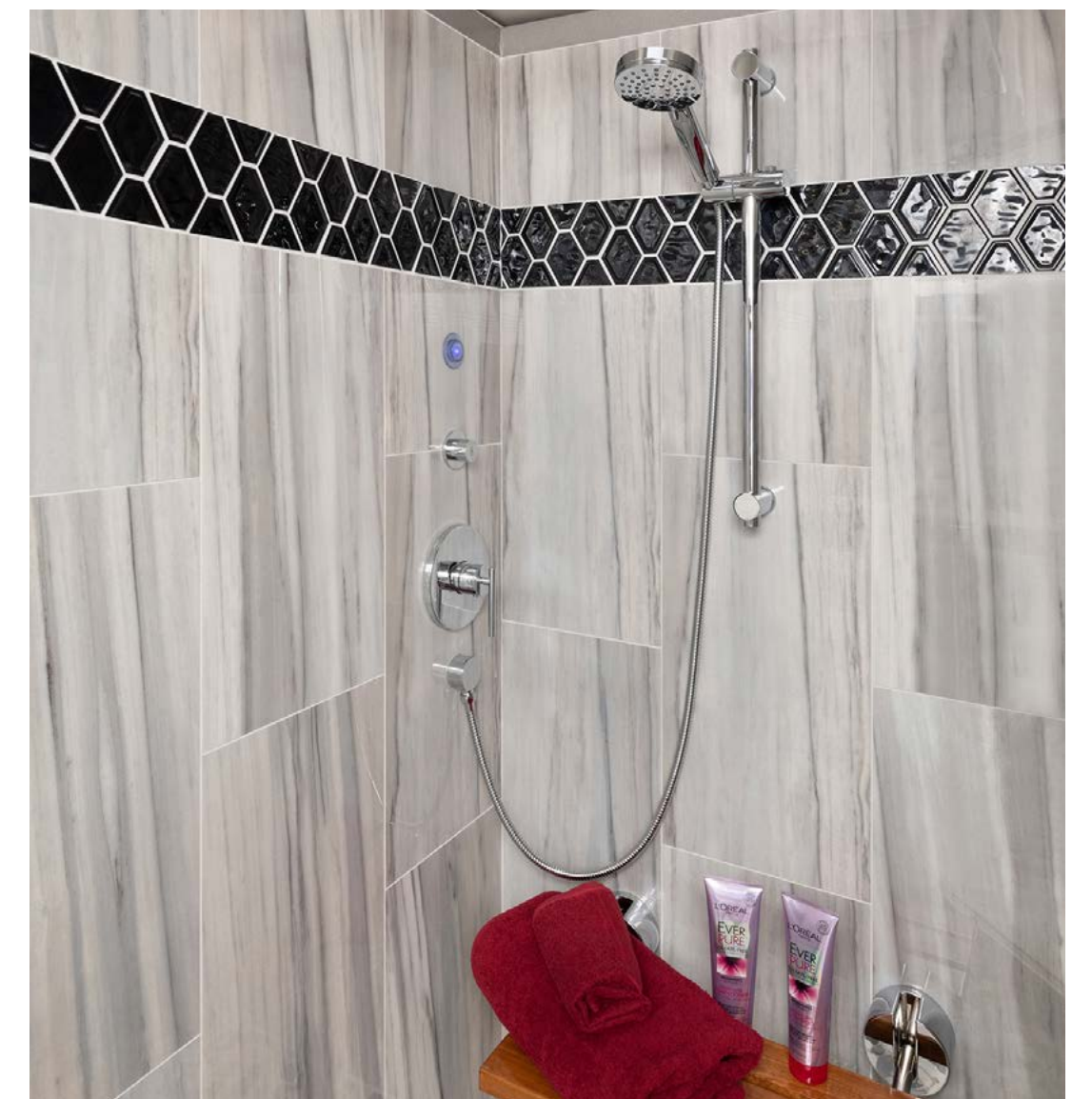


## LUXURIOUS BEDROOM

At the end of the day, it's time to retire to a sanctuary of comfort and luxury with a king-sized bed with a premium mattress for a restful night or late-night entertainment with your flat-screen TV. Getting ready for the day is a breeze due to the ample storage, including a large wardrobe and dressers and room to move. Again, the elegant décor and high-quality materials provide a touch of sophistication. Additional amenities, like a stackable washer and dryer, provide additional comforts and convenience of home.

## ELEGANT AND FUNCTIONAL BATHROOM

Designed for a spa-like experience, the bathroom in the Fleetwood Discovery LXE offers a large, tiled shower with a glass door and a built-in seat for added comfort. In addition, you'll find a solid-surface vanity with ample counter space, a porcelain toilet, and high-end fixtures. The skylight, plenty of storage cabinets, and stylish décor ensure functionality along with elegance for a relaxing retreat after a day of travel or adventures.



## Fleetwood Discovery LXE Specs:

▶ ENGINE: CUMMINS L9	▶ EXT LENGTH: 40 FT 1 IN
▶ GCWR: 46,600 LBS	▶ EXT HEIGHT: 12 FT 10 IN
▶ FRESH/GRAY/BLACK: 105/75/50 GAL	▶ EXT WIDTH: 102 IN

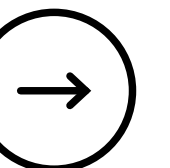


# RoadAbode

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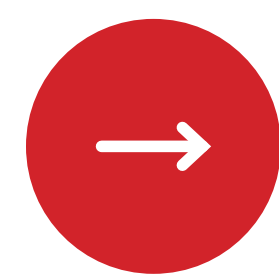
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# Delicious (and Easy) Dutch Oven Recipes



**DOES ANYTHING BEAT THE JOY OF COOKING AND ENJOYING A MEAL OUTDOORS, SURROUNDED BY NATURE?**

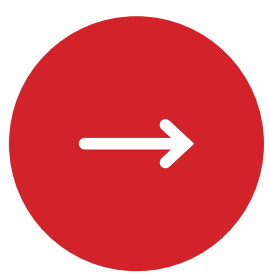
With a trusty cast iron Dutch oven, you don't even need to leave the campfire to whip up something delicious. You can transform simple ingredients into mouthwatering dishes that will rival anything you could make at home.

Whether you're looking for a delicious breakfast as you watch the sunrise, taking a quick lunch break with friends, are ready for a hearty dinner, or want just a little something sweet, these recipes are sure to satisfy or even delight!

So, grab your Dutch oven, gather your ingredients, and meet us by the campfire. It's time to get cooking!



# Dutch Baby (or German) Pancakes



Start your day off with a touch of magic with these fluffy, golden pancakes

that rise beautifully in a Dutch oven. Even better, while it's a showstopper, it's surprisingly easy to make. Add a sprinkle of powdered sugar, some juicy berries, or a drizzle of maple syrup to kick off your day with satisfied smiles.

## INGREDIENTS:

*3 large eggs (room temperature)*

*1/2 cup milk*

*1/2 cup all-purpose flour*

*1 Tbsp maple syrup*

*1/4 tsp salt*

*1/4 tsp cinnamon or nutmeg (optional)*

*4 Tbsp unsalted butter*

*Optional toppings: Maple syrup, fresh berries, powdered sugar, or cinnamon sugar*

## DIRECTIONS:

- 1.** Prepare your coals or start a fire. (You can also preheat an oven to 425 degrees F if you don't have a campfire handy.)
- 2.** In a large mixing bowl, add the eggs and beat until smooth. Then, stir in the milk before adding the flour, syrup, salt, and cinnamon or nutmeg (if using). Mix until smooth.
- 3.** Once the embers or charcoals are ready, preheat the Dutch oven by setting it over the coals. Add the butter to the bottom of the Dutch oven. After donning some fire/heatproof gloves, carefully swirl it around until it's completely melted.
- 4.** Once the butter is melted, it's time to pour your Dutch baby batter into your Dutch oven.
- 5.** Place the lid on the Dutch oven and place it over the coals. Then add hot coals on the lid to create an oven.
- 6.** Give it 10 minutes before taking a look to check the progress. You'll know when the Dutch baby is done, as it will be all puffed up with golden brown spots.
- 7.** Once it's done, remove it from the heat and serve immediately with your favorite toppings and, perhaps, a piping hot beverage.

Enjoy!



# Dutch Oven Enchiladas

Whether you're serving a hungry family or sharing with a group of friends, this satisfying meal is something that provides nearly universal appeal.

## INGREDIENTS:

*8 flour tortillas*

*1 tsp avocado oil*

*1 diced sweet onion*

*2 diced bell peppers, seeds removed*

*1/2 cupped cherry tomatoes (halved)*

*One 4.5-oz can green chilis*

*1 Tbsp taco seasoning*

*1/2 tsp salt*

*2 cups enchilada sauce*

*14 oz can pinto beans, drained*

*2 cups shredded chicken (optional)*

*2 cups shredded cheese*

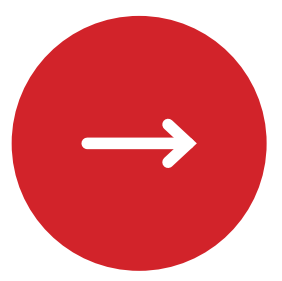
*2 cups shredded lettuce*

*1 cup diced tomatoes*

## DIRECTIONS:

- 1.** Prepare campfire coals. Set aside around 20 prepared hot coals.
- 2.** Wrap cold (but fully cooked) tortillas in aluminum foil. Set them on a grate over the hot coals for a couple of minutes until they're warmed through. While tortillas are warming, dice vegetables. Set aside the tortillas.
- 3.** Put oil, diced onion, peppers, chilis, tomatoes, and seasoning into the Dutch oven. Set the oven over the prepared coals and cook until tender, stirring occasionally. Remove the vegetables from the heat and put them into a bowl. Then, add beans and shredded chicken (if using) and stir.
- 4.** Pour one can of enchilada sauce into the bottom of the Dutch oven. Add between 1/4 and 1/2 cup of the bean mix into each tortilla (depending on how much filling you have).
- 5.** Roll up the filled tortillas and set them seam-side down in the Dutch oven over the enchilada sauce. (If you still have filling, you can spoon it into the bottom of the Dutch oven with the enchilada sauce before adding all the filled tortillas.)
- 6.** Top the tortillas with the rest of the enchilada sauce, sprinkle on the shredded cheese, and put on the lid firmly.
- 7.** Set the oven over the hot coals and add the hot charcoal you had previously set aside on top of the lid. Let it cook for 20 minutes or until the cheese is melted and gooey and the liquid has cooked down.
- 8.** Remove from heat and allow the enchiladas to set for a few minutes. Add a handful of shredded lettuce and diced tomatoes right before serving. Enjoy!

# Dutch Oven Apple Cobbler



At the end of the day, it's a special treat to enjoy something sweet around

the campfire. This Dutch Oven Apple Cobbler is as American as, well, apple pie and perhaps even more delicious. The warm, spiced apple filling topped with a buttery topping is just the right dessert for celebrating the end of a fun day outdoors. Really want to take it over the top? Add a scoop of ice cream. Yum!

## FILLING INGREDIENTS:

*1 1/2 pound bag of apples, cored and sliced*

*1/4 cup sugar*

*1 Tbsp cinnamon*

## TOPPING INGREDIENTS:

*1 cup whole wheat pastry flour*

*1 tsp baking powder*

*1/4 cup sugar*

*1/4 tsp salt*

*1 tsp cinnamon*

*1/4 cup frozen butter*

*1/3 cup milk*



## DIRECTIONS:

1. Prepare your coals. You want them to be white and hot before you start baking.
  2. Line the Dutch oven with parchment paper or aluminum foil for easier cleanup.
  3. Coat the sliced apples with cinnamon and sugar. Then, arrange them in a single layer at the bottom of your Dutch oven.
  4. Combine the flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, and cinnamon for the cobbler topping.
  5. Slice the frozen butter into cubes. Then, using a fork, pastry cutter, or better yet, just your clean fingers, work them into the flour mixture until you have a coarse mixture. Gradually add the milk and combine them to form the dough for the cobbler.
  6. Dollop the cobbler topping over the apples.
  7. Place the lid over the Dutch oven and place it over the coals. Add coals to the lid (to achieve an oven temperature of around 350 degrees F).
  8. Bake for 30 minutes or until the cobbler is golden brown. Place a serving in each bowl and top with a scoop of ice cream if desired.
- Enjoy every delicious bite.



# Simple Campfire Nachos



Who says lunch has to be boring? If you're hanging out around the campfire in the afternoon, nachos are a sure crowd pleaser that's so fast and simple to throw together—especially if you have a Dutch oven. With layers of gooey cheese, energy- and protein-rich beans, and loads of flavor from your favorite toppings, you'll tempt everyone's tastebuds and be ready to take on the afternoon's adventure.

## INGREDIENTS:

*1 Tbsp avocado oil*

*2 five-oz bags of tortilla chips (try the Jalapeno Lime Grain-Free Chips from Siete for a new twist!)*

*1 can Ro\*Tel® (or your favorite canned diced tomatoes), drained*

*1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend*

*1 can black beans (drained)*

*1 large avocado, cubed*

*4 green onions, sliced*

*Handful of fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)*

*1 lime, cut into wedges*


*Salsa*

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Lightly oil the bottom of a large Dutch oven.
2. Evenly spread 1/3 of the chips in the bottom of the pan. Add a quarter of a can of tomatoes, 1/4 can of black beans, and 1/4 cup of shredded cheese.
3. Repeat the layering with all the ingredients until you've added the remaining chips, tomatoes, beans, and cheese.
4. Cover the Dutch oven and place on a metal grate over your campfire. Cook for about 10 minutes or until the cheese is fully melted.
5. Top with the avocado, green onion, cilantro, lime wedges, and your choice of salsa.

Camping is all about making memories. And great food is just icing on the cake, so to speak. These Dutch oven recipes are designed to be fairly quick and easy to make yet delectably tasty. Whether you're enjoying the sunrise with a hot cup of coffee and a delicious Dutch baby for breakfast, or winding down and watching the stars with a scoop of apple cobbler, or any meal in between, you're sure to find every bite delightful. So, the next time you're packing up your RV, don't forget to include your Dutch oven. Happy camping and Bon Appetit! ❤️

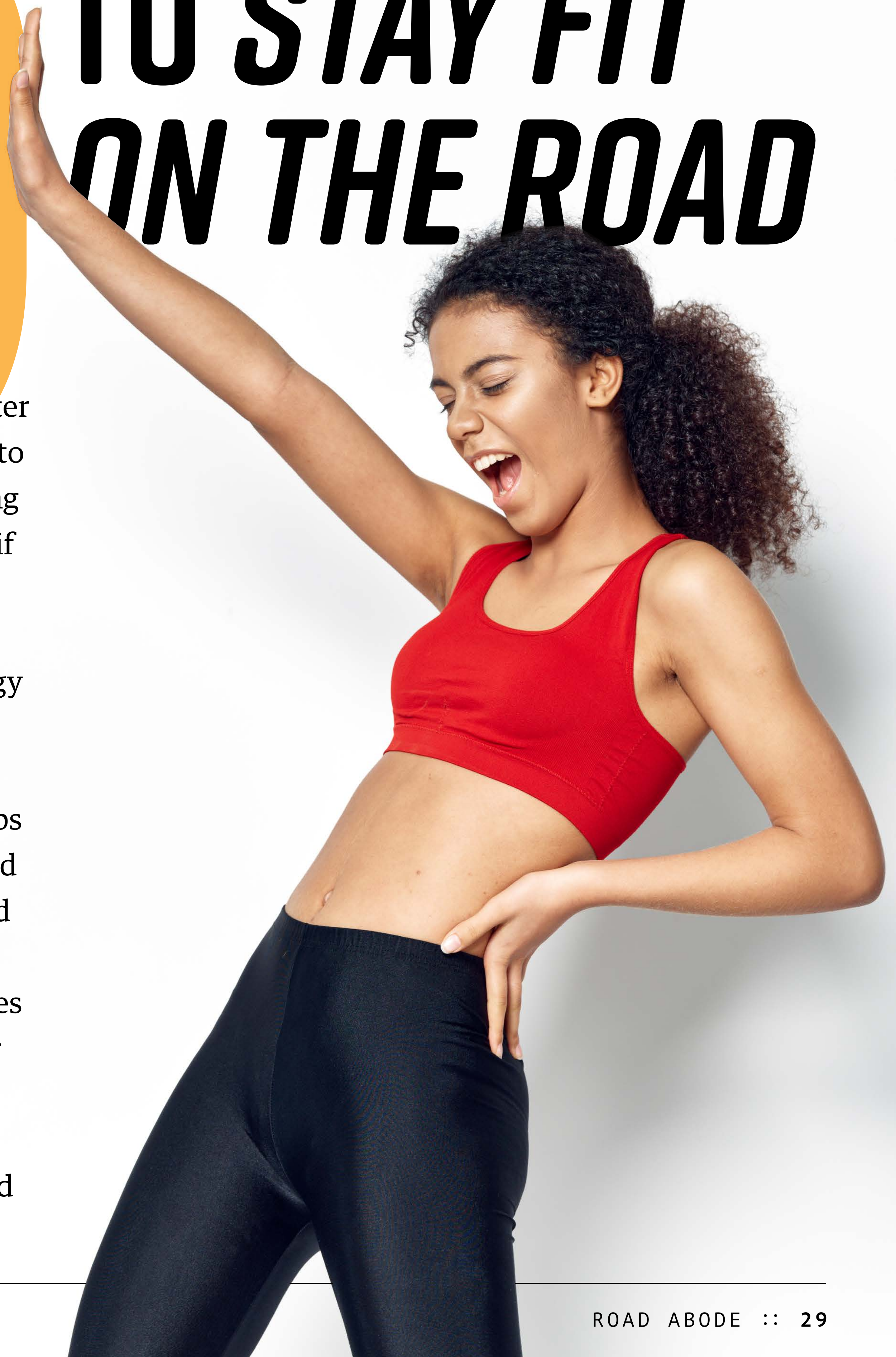
# SIMPLE EXERCISES TO *STAY FIT* *ON THE ROAD*



**E**specially after spending hour after hour on the road, it's easy to want to stay sedentary even after arriving at your destination. Unfortunately, if you don't move it, you lose it. And, it's vital to keep your body active to maintain overall health, boost energy levels, and prevent discomfort.

Regular movement improves circulation, reduces stress, and keeps your muscles and joints flexible. And fortunately, movement doesn't need to take a lot of time or equipment. Several simple body-weight exercises are designed for limited space in- or outside of your RV.

Give these a try to prevent stiffness and energize your body and mind!



# STANDING MARCHES:

Standing up straight and tall with your feet about hip-distance apart, lift your knees up to hip level and march in place, allowing your arms to swing naturally. Turn on some tunes to help you find your rhythm for between 1 and 5 minutes (or longer if it feels good). This is a great way to get your blood flowing and warm up your muscles. It can also help improve balance and coordination.

# CHAIR SQUATS:

Standing in front of a stable, sturdy chair with your feet about hip-width apart, take in a deep breath, roll your shoulders back, and then, as you let out your breath, bend at the knees and push your rear end back as you slowly lower your body down as if you're going to sit in the chair. Just before you touch the seat, take a breath in and push through your heels to return to standing. Repeat for 10 to 15 repetitions. This simple movement helps strengthen your legs and glutes while engaging your core. It's also good for improving lower body strength and stability.

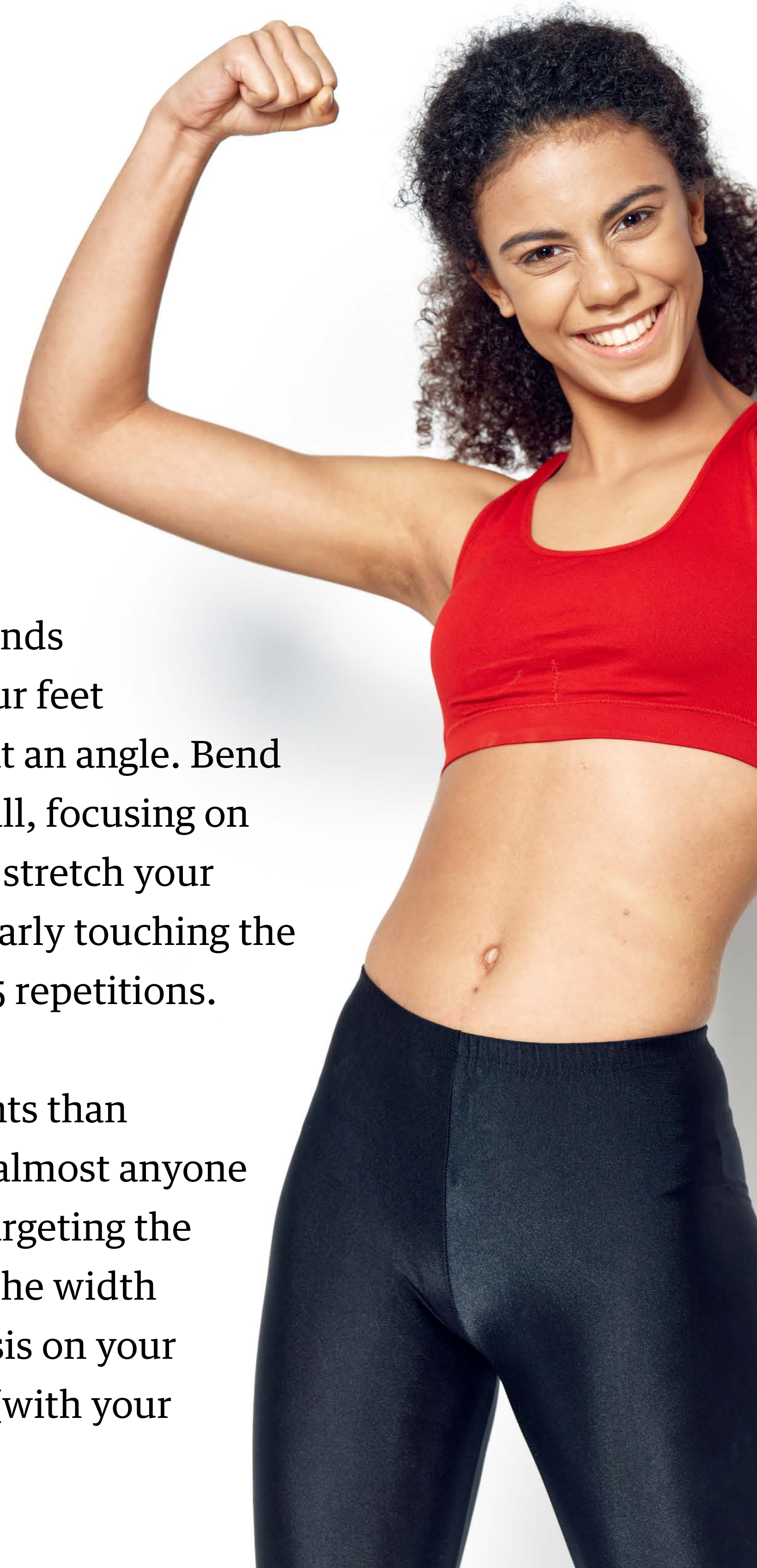
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# 3 WALL PUSHUPS:

After sitting in the captain's (or passenger) seat for a couple of hours, your shoulders and back can round, making your back and neck feel tight and stiff. You don't have to get into a standard pushup position to help stretch and strengthen your chest, shoulders, upper back, and triceps. Find an open wall inside or outside of your RV. Stand a few feet away from the RV and place your hands against the RV with your arms straight and your feet another step behind you so that your body is at an angle. Bend your elbows to bring your chest toward the wall, focusing on bringing your shoulder blades together as you stretch your shoulders and chest. Once your forehead is nearly touching the wall, push your body back up. Perform 10 to 15 repetitions.

As a bonus, wall pushups are easier on the joints than traditional pushups and can be performed by almost anyone of any fitness level. Yet they're still great for targeting the muscles in the upper body. You can also vary the width of your hand placement to place more emphasis on your chest (with your hands wider) or your triceps (with your hands closer).



Staying active on the road doesn't have to be complicated. You can do simple exercises like those above, enjoy some stress-relieving yoga moves, or get out for a hike or bike ride. Remember, even a few minutes of movement can make a big difference in how you feel, which can help you enjoy your RV adventures to the fullest. So, take a break, get the blood flowing, and keep moving. ❤️



# Dry it Out!

## **THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO DEHYDRATING FOODS**

Dehydrating foods is a fantastic way to preserve fruits, vegetables, and even meat—especially when you're on the road and have limited space. Not only are dehydrated foods easier to store, but they also retain their nutritional value as the long, slow process removes only water and not vital nutrients. Thus, the foods offer the same health benefits as fresh varieties.

Today, we'll explore the numerous benefits of dehydrating foods, the best foods to take on the road with you, and how to dehydrate in your RV.

## Why Dehydrate Foods?

One of the biggest reasons to dehydrate foods for your RV is because they're easy to store and transport. Dehydrated foods take up way less space when compared to fresh or canned foods. As we know, even a luxury RV has space and weight limitations. So, it's a good idea to go lightweight and compact whenever possible.

What's more, properly dehydrated foods can be stored for months or even years. This extended shelf life means you have access to quality foods even if you park far from a grocery store and don't have frequent access to fresh foods.

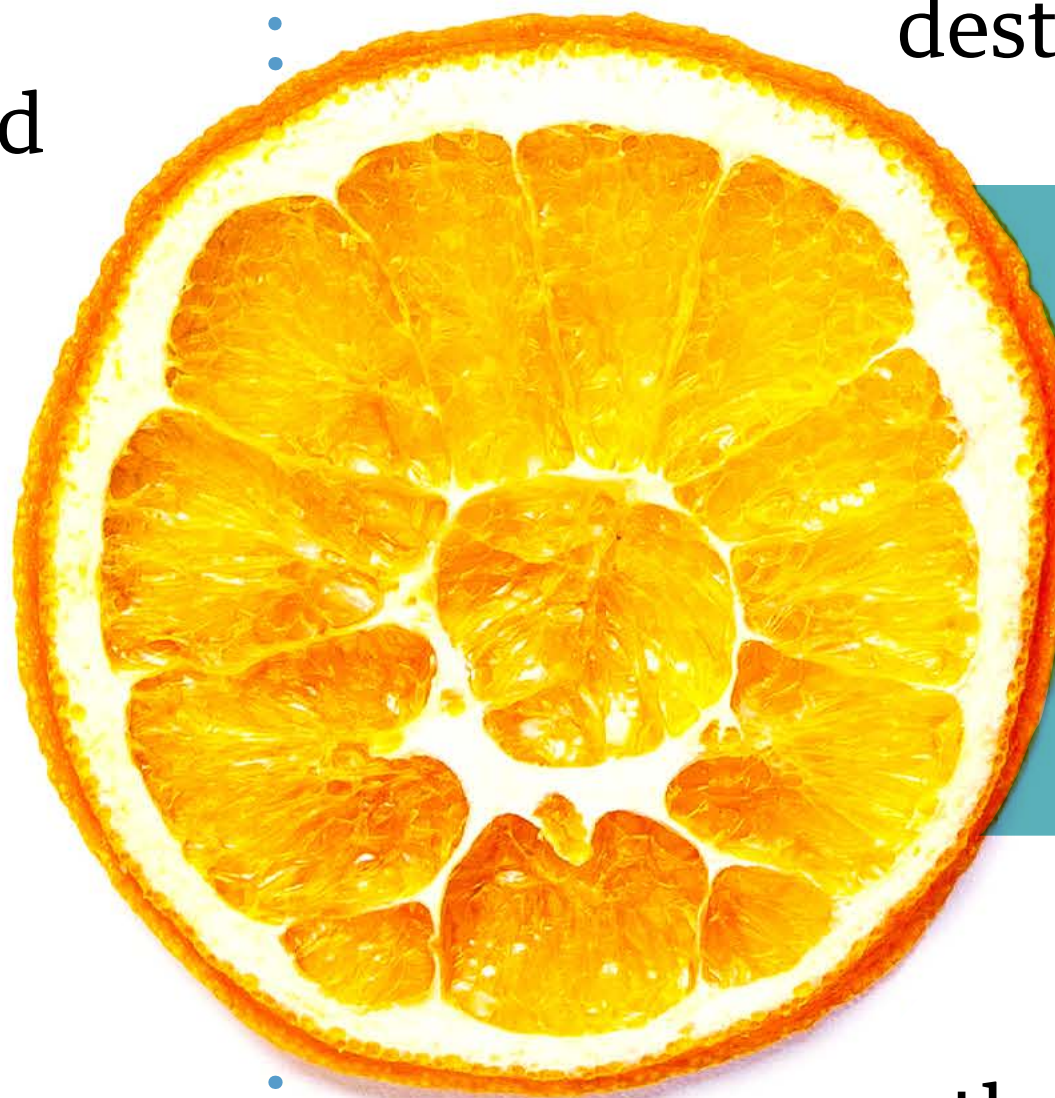
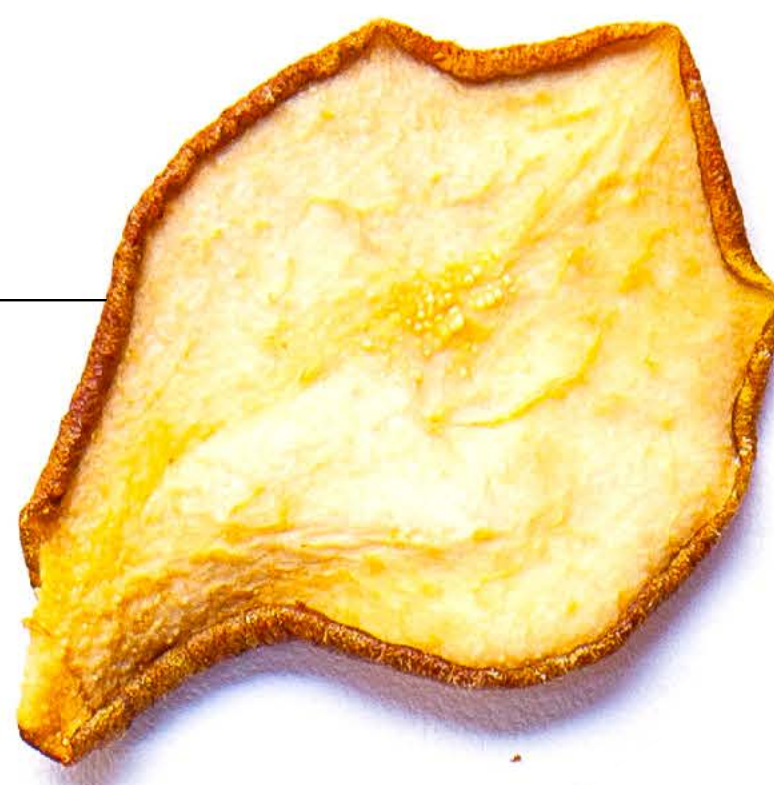
Another benefit is dehydrating foods can help you save money. For instance, if you buy produce in bulk or when it's in season, you can often get it for much better prices. But it's not always easy to eat, say, an entire flat of peaches or tomatoes. Fortunately, you can dehydrate what you won't be able to eat immediately and enjoy the flavors of summer well into the winter months. This also helps minimize food waste while you take advantage of a surplus harvest.

Because the process of dehydration preserves most of

a food's nutrients, including vitamins and minerals, you get the most out of your meals and can enjoy healthy, convenient snacks. Another bonus, they're lightweight and easy to pack for your next hike, bike ride, and other outdoor activities as well as when you want something healthy to nosh on the drive to your next destination.

## What Foods Can You Dehydrate?

Dehydrating foods is one of the oldest methods of preserving food. Thousands of years ago, long before we were able to refrigerate and freeze foods, ancient civilizations, including the Egyptians and Native Americans, used the sun and wind to dry their harvests. This ensured they had food supplies when food was scarce, such as during the long cold months or perhaps during prolonged droughts. Dehydrated foods were crucial to our early survival as these foods could be stored for months or years without spoiling.



Of course, the practice has since evolved, with new technological advancements making the process more efficient. For instance, in the 18th and 19th centuries, industrial drying techniques were invented, which allowed the mass production of dried foods.

Today, dehydrating foods remains one of the most popular methods of preserving foods. And with the advent of electric and solar dehydrators, this method of food preservation has become more accessible and convenient from your home or RV.

Just like our ancestors, we can take advantage of surplus harvests and dehydrate fruits, including apples, pears, bananas, strawberries, pineapples, and mangos. Vegetables like carrots, bell peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, and kale can be dehydrated to later add to warming winter soups, stews, casseroles, and other dishes.

You can also dehydrate a variety of meats into beef, chicken, or turkey jerky. Fish and tofu can also be

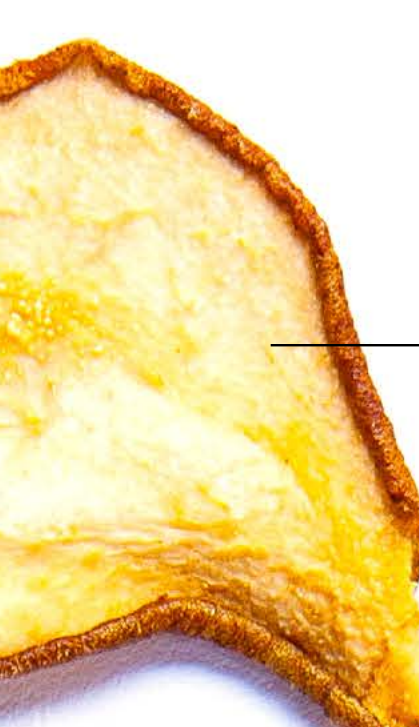
## Dehydration Methods

*There are several different methods to dehydrate foods. One of the most popular and efficient methods is with an electric dehydrator. You need a standalone device, but there are compact and portable models available for tight spaces. They come with adjustable temperature and time settings, which ensure consistent and even drying.*




*If you don't have the extra room for a device, you can also dehydrate foods in your RV oven. Just set it to the lowest temperature and place an even layer on baking sheets. As it dehydrates, keep the oven door slightly open, which allows moisture to escape. You will, however, want to monitor the dehydration so you don't over-dry or burn your food.*

*Another method is gaining popularity as it's so eco-friendly and inexpensive. And that's solar drying. If you will be spending time in a sunny location, you can use a specially designed solar dehydrator or drying rack that's collapsible and easy to store. Or, you can place the food on trays, cover it with fine mesh to protect it from insects, and let the sun do the work.*


*Similarly, air drying works well for some herbs and greens. If you have a hot, dry, well-ventilated area, you can hang your foods and let them naturally dry out. It takes a while, and weather can impact how well it works, but it doesn't require any special equipment or power.*





dehydrated and stored for future meals. Don't forget herbs and spices, mushrooms, onions, and garlic. And if you've ever bought beans and lentils or grains like rice and quinoa, you're taking advantage of industrialized food dehydration.


## *How to Dehydrate Foods*



The easiest way to dehydrate foods for a consistent product is to use a food dehydrator. Set it up in a well-ventilated area of your RV with access to a power source. Make sure you place it away from direct sunlight or any heat-sensitive materials.

Once you're ready to dehydrate, you'll need to prepare your food. Start by washing and drying it thoroughly. Then, slice it as uniformly as you can. (You don't have to be perfect, but you want the pieces to be pretty similar in size.) Thinner slices dry faster.



Some fruits and vegetables do better if they're either blanched (green beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots,

## **NOMADIC HUMANS HAVE BEEN DEHYDRATING FOODS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS**

peas, squash, etc.) or dipped in lemon juice (apples, apricots, bananas, peaches, pears, etc.) to prevent browning. Next, arrange the food slices in the dehydrator, being careful not to allow the foods to overlap. Set the dehydrator to the appropriate temperature for the specific food. It's typically between 125 and 160 degrees F. Allow the food to dry until it reaches the desired level. If you'll be snacking on fruits, for instance, you'll want to make sure it's crispy. But if you'll be storing it for later to use in soups or casseroles, you may want it to be a bit more pliable.

Before you store the dehydrated foods in airtight containers (to protect them from moisture and air exposure), make sure they're completely cool. Then, label the containers with a date and the food type, so you'll know what you're grabbing, even months later.



## *Dehydrating on the Road*

Nomadic humans have been dehydrating foods for thousands of years, and for good reason. With the right equipment and know-how, you can enjoy a variety of healthy, delicious, and easy-to-store foods no matter where your next adventure takes you! ❤️

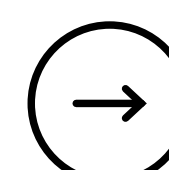
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*INSIDE: Your Next  
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# WHERE SHOULD WE CAMP IN OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK?

## REMOTE AND RUSTIC

For people who relish a bit more solitude and simplicity but still need RV access, Fairholme Campground is a great choice. Located at the western end of Lake Crescent, this campground has 87 sites that can accommodate RVs up to 21 feet, with some sites allowing up to 35 feet. Amenities are pretty basic but do include potable water and flush toilets. The best reasons to camp at Fairholme Campground, however, are the stunning lake views, access to hiking trails, and the peaceful atmosphere and natural surroundings that provide a true escape.

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND AFFORDABLE

For budget-conscious campers looking for great family fun, Heart O' Hills Campground is a wonderful option. Just five miles south of Port Angeles, you'll find easy access to Hurricane Ridge and other attractions. For amenities, many of the 105 sites can accommodate RVs up to 21 feet, with access to potable water, flush toilets, and fire grates. The affordable fees and convenient location to old-growth forests and abundant wildlife make this campground ideal for families who are looking for adventure without breaking the bank.

## RESORT-STYLE CAMPING

If you prefer a more luxurious RV experience, Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort Campground is the way to go. Located within the Sol Duc Valley, this campground provides a greater range of amenities, including hot springs pools, a restaurant, a small store, and RV sites with full hookups. The resort's setting amidst lush forests and soothing hot springs makes it the perfect retreat after a full day of hiking or exploring. Plus, the added conveniences and beautiful surroundings provide greater comfort for your camping experience.

# Your Next Getaway Plan

Planning Your Fall RV Adventures to Embrace Cooler Temps and Breath-Taking Colors

*It may seem premature to dream about crisp autumn air and vibrant fall foliage. After all, you're still basking in the summer sun. But now is the perfect time to start planning your next RV adventure. And what better time to get outdoors than when nature displays its most stunning palette? Plus, planning ahead gives you the opportunity to secure the best spots at popular campgrounds and map out the best routes. As the weather begins to cool, RVing becomes even more comfortable and charming. Campsites, trails, and attractions are typically still open, but they're much less crowded. So, you can enjoy greater serenity, breathtaking views, and more inviting temperatures. And you can find those views in every part of the country. Here are just some of the popular spots to immerse yourself:*



**Cades Cove Campground in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park:** This popular spot provides picturesque views, abundant wildlife, and well-maintained facilities. The surrounding forest really comes alive with the colors of fall.

**Backwoods Campground, Acadia National Park, Maine:** Located close to the ocean and surrounded by dense forests, this campground provides stunning views of fall foliage combined with the rugged coastline. It does close in mid-October and has just 60 RV sites, so it pays to prepare and get your reservation in early.



**Big Meadows Campground, Shenandoah National Park, Virginia:** Known for its sweeping views, fantastic fall foliage, and proximity to Skyline Drive, this campground is perfect for people who are looking for scenic overlooks and hiking trails and don't mind forgoing RV hookups.

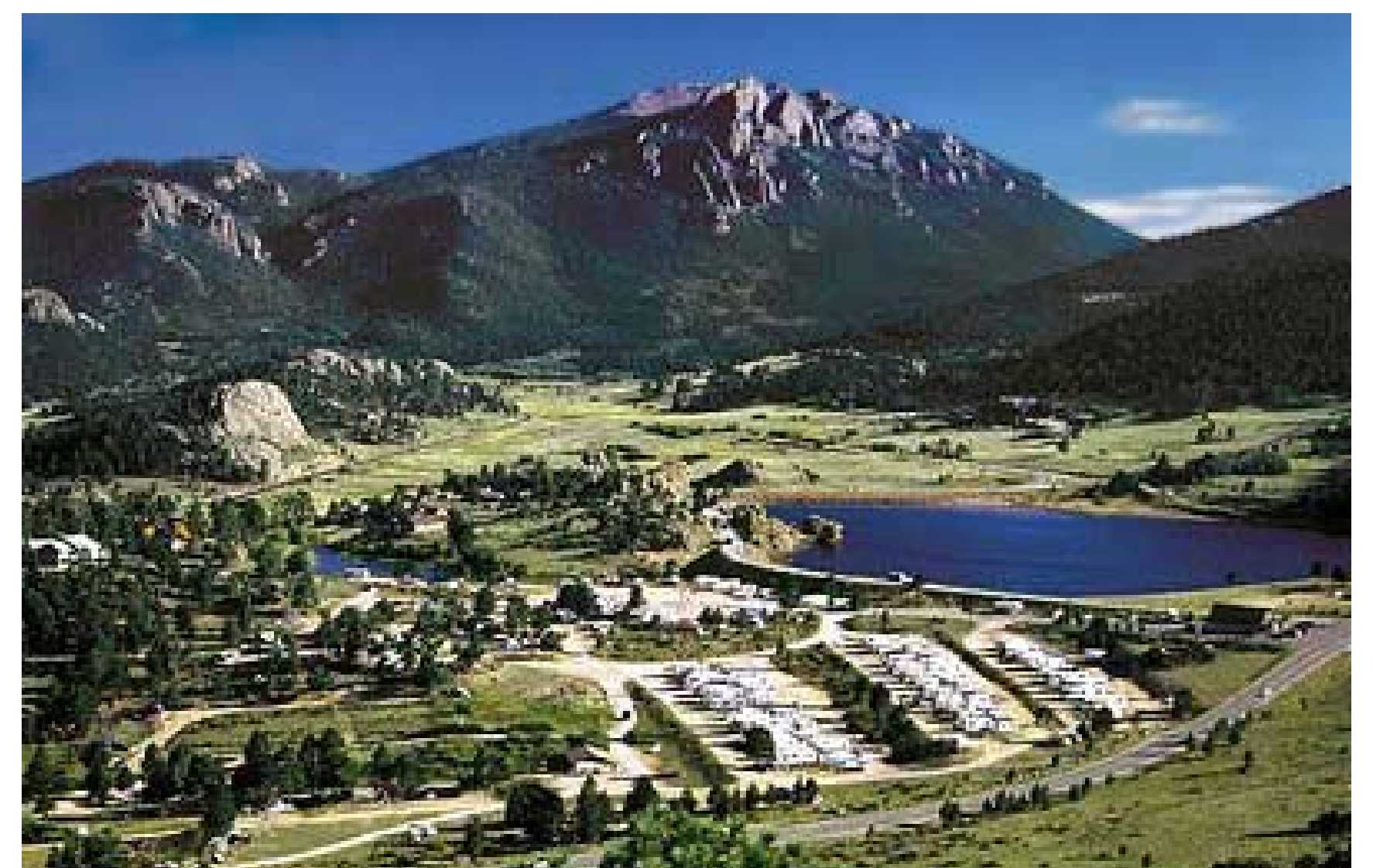
**Blanchard Springs Campground, Ozark National Forest, Arkansas:** Surround yourself with towering bluffs and lush forest in this picturesque setting that's perfect for the changing seasons.



**Tahquamenon Falls State Park Campground, Upper Peninsula, Michigan:** Famous for its majestic waterfalls, this campground is surrounded by dense forests that explode with color in the fall.



**Hancock Campground, White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire:** A bit more off the beaten path and rustic, this campground provides a tranquil setting along the Pemigewasset River with plenty of chances to enjoy the fall scenery.



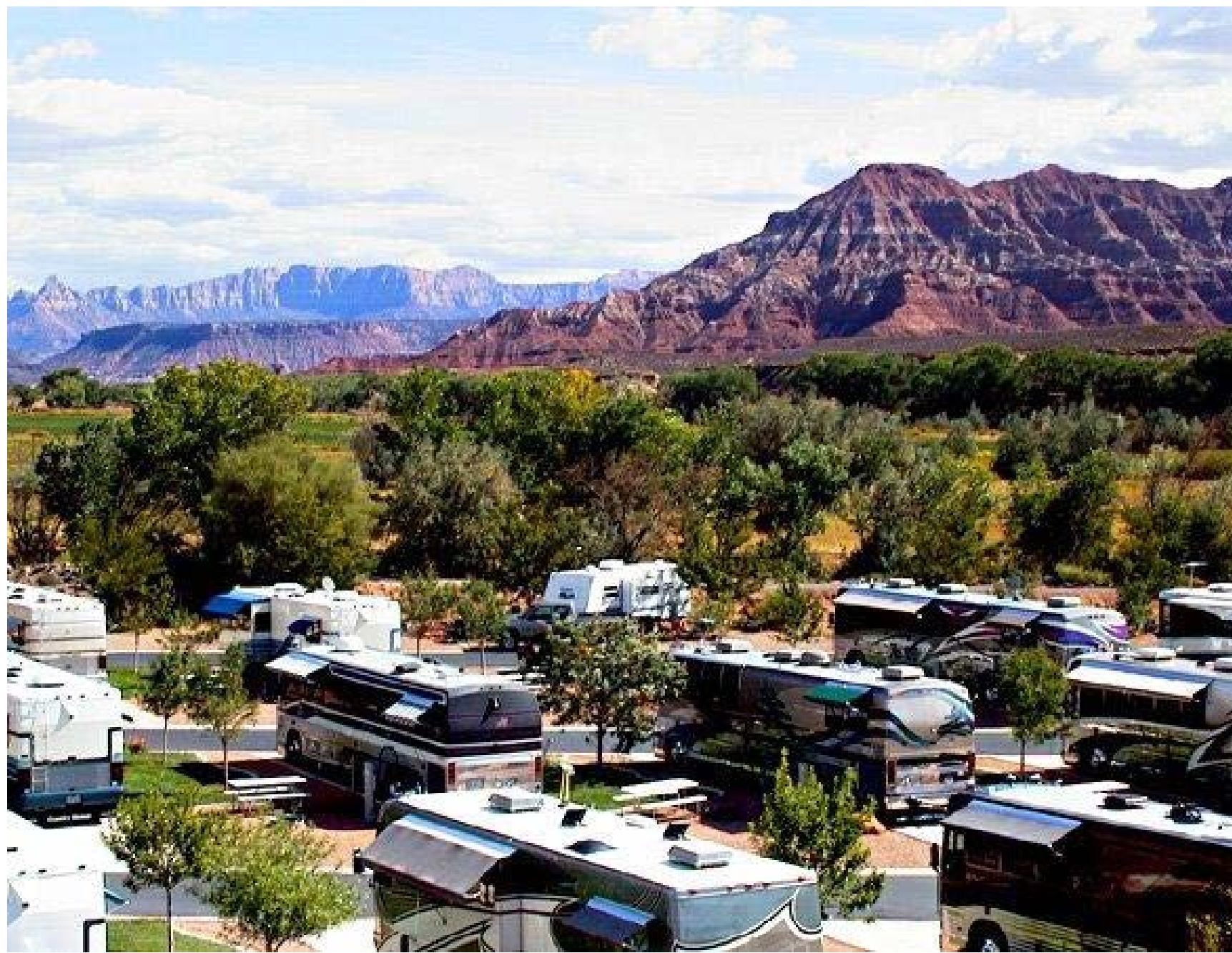
**Estes Park Campground at Mary's Lake, Colorado:** Nestled close to Rocky Mountain National Park, this campground provides breathtaking peaks, vibrant autumn foliage, and plenty to do to pass the time.



**Curt Gowdy State Park Campground, Wyoming:** Located between Cheyenne and Larmie, this expansive park features rolling hills, a large reservoir, beautiful fall colors, and plenty of trails for hiking and biking.



**Ohanapecosh Campground, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington:** While you may not have internet service or hookups, with the astounding views and abundant hiking within the old-growth forest, this is one of the most serene settings to enjoy the spectacular fall colors you can find.



**Zion River Resort, Utah:** Minutes from Zion National Park, this campground offers stunning views of the fall foliage against a breathtaking backdrop of red rock cliffs.



**Lost Maples State Natural Area Campground, Texas:** Many areas of Texas can look pretty much the same year-round, yet with its vibrant maple trees, this campground has become a popular place to come and view a stunning display of fall colors. Enjoy hiking, bird-watching, and just being out in nature any time of year, but especially in the fall.

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way to cool down in the hot

summer months. Yet there's only so much room in your RV for toys to make your time on the water relaxing, rejuvenating, and fun. Fortunately, you can find a wide variety of lightweight and easy-to-stow gear for any water trip. Here are a few we can't do without!

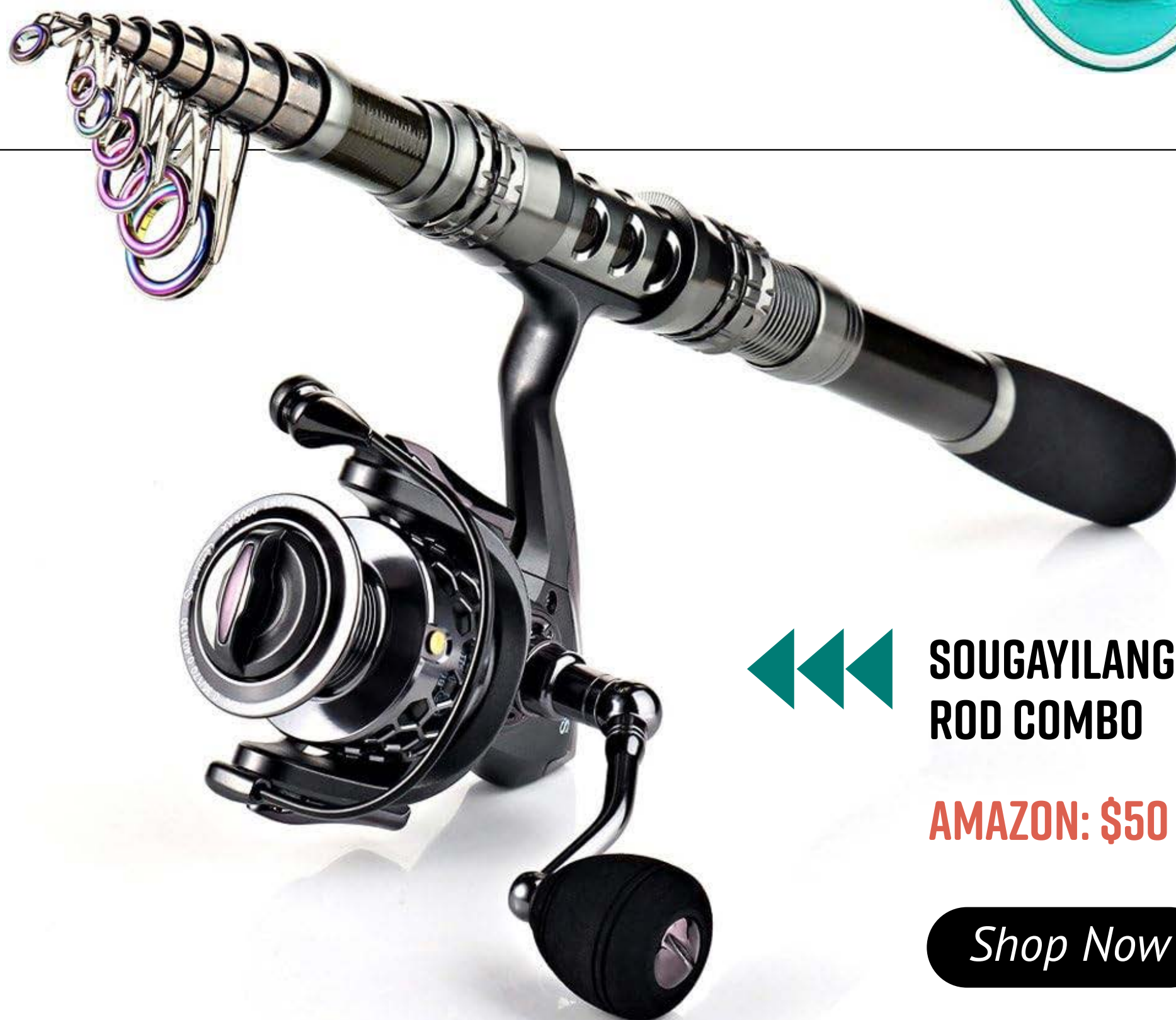
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# CHILLING

## COOLER ADVANCEMENTS TO KEEP YOUR FOOD AND DRINKS COOL ON THE HOTTEST DAYS

**When,**

it's getting hot out there! When temperatures soar through the summer, especially if you're taking an extended trip in your RV, one of the most important aspects of staying safe and comfortable is ensuring your food stays cool and fresh. Plus, an ice-cold beverage helps you cool off when you're ready to chill at the campsite. Fortunately, coolers have evolved over the years, and they're more convenient and efficient in keeping perishables fresh and your drinks ice cold.

### **coolers**

#### *A Brief History*

Portable coolers, at least in concept, date back to ancient times. But the modern coolers we know and love began to take shape in the mid-20th century. Coolers started out as simple metal or wooden boxes insulated with ice to keep the contents cold. There have been numerous advancements in materials and technologies over the decades, leading to the

development of the popular, durable, and well-insulated coolers we find today.

## Cooler Technology

Coolers and advanced technology? You better believe it. Coolers used to be made with basic foam for insulation. Today's high-end models, in contrast, use advanced materials like polyurethane foam, which is superior for long-lasting insulation.

The interior of coolers isn't the only change. Modern coolers are built with more rugged designs and materials to withstand harsh conditions. For instance, rotomolded construction makes some coolers virtually indestructible and ideal for outdoor and RV adventures.

Features, too, have advanced. Some contemporary coolers can be found with integrated wheels and convenient handles, so they're easier to maneuver, or cup holders and built-in bottle openers, adding greater convenience at the campsite. Some high-tech models even include electronic temperature control or solar charging capabilities. Heck, you can even find coolers that can charge your electronic devices.

Some of the most notable advancements in cooler design include:

**ROTOMOLDED COOLERS.** This process creates seamless, highly durable containers that provide exceptional ice retention. So, they're perfect for long trips or extended boondocking.

**ELECTRIC COOLERS:** You can forget the ice (and dealing with the water once it's melted) by using coolers that are powered by 12-volt car adapters or solar panels. You can still keep all the contents of the cooler cold. And you can even control the temperature.

**SMART COOLERS:** If you're a tech person or just want a cooler that's more than a cooler, you can find advanced options that integrate Bluetooth and Wi-Fi technology so you can monitor and control the temperatures remotely (e.g., to get those drinks ice cold as you approach your RV after a hike, bike ride, or day on the lake). Again, some models can be used to charge electronic devices.



## Choosing the Right Cooler for You

There are so many coolers to choose from. You can even find some of the old-school options your parents or even grandparents would find familiar. Some popular modern models that are worth taking a look at include:



**THE YETI TUNDRA SERIES:** Yeti is a well-known, high-end brand that's set a new standard in coolers. The Tundra is their flagship and is renowned for its durability and ice retention. They're ideal for RVers who are looking for reliable, long-lasting cooling in rough environments.

**+PROS:**

- Exceptional insulation with up to 2 inches of polyurethane foam.
- Rotomolded construction for long-lasting durability.
- Robust latches and hinges designed to deter even bears.

**-CONS:**

- Yetis are high-end, with a price to match.
- All of that construction also increases the weight, so they're less portable.
- The weight and placement, especially when loaded, need to be considered when you're loading your RV.

**IGLOO MAXCOLD SERIES:** Igloo has been a staple in the cooler market for decades. The MaxCold series provides great performance. Yet the price is more affordable. So, these coolers offer a good balance of performance and value and are more attainable for budget-conscious RVers.

**+PROS:**

- Widely available and more easily affordable.
- Extended ice retention with extra insulation.
- Lightweight and easier to carry.

**-CONS:**

- Less durable than rotomolded options.
- Less ice retention compared to more high-end brands like Yeti.





**RTIC HARD COOLERS:** RTIC is known for its high quality and competitive prices. These durable coolers also provide long-lasting ice retention. When compared to Yeti coolers, customers like the similar performance without the premium price tag.

**+PROS:**

- Rotomolded construction (similar to Yeti), which offers excellent durability.
- Superior ice retention capabilities.
- More competitive pricing than other high-end models.

**-CONS:**

- The increased durability also means they're heavier and less portable.
- The color and accessory options are somewhat limited.

**DOMETIC CFX3 SERIES:** A leader in mobile living solutions, the CFX3 series is the latest in portable refrigeration technology. If you're looking for consistent cooling and are willing to make the investment for an electric solution, the Dometic coolers provide convenience and performance.

**+PROS:**

- No need for ice.
- Precise temperature control.
- Can be powered by your vehicle or with solar panels.

**-CONS:**

- The initial cost is significantly higher than for a traditional cooler.
- All the models require a power source to operate.





Whether you're heading to the high country, a picturesque waterfront campsite, or basking beneath wide-open spaces with never-ending stars, as the sun drops low and the temperatures drop, you may start feeling the call of a warming fire. The crackling logs and glow of dancing flames create the perfect environment to find peace, fully relax, and build lasting memories with family and friends. Of course, fires can quickly go from friendly to

dangerous. So, it's essential to be prepared to prevent any potential fire hazards.

Here are some of the crucial fire safety types to keep you, your family, and your RV safe as you create cozy fireside memories.

## **RV Fire Statistics: Sounding the Alarm**

Did you know that every year, approximately 20,000 RV fires are reported in the U.S. alone? Fires can be caused by various factors.

And many of them are preventable with proper awareness and precautions.

### **The most common causes of RV fires include:**

- *Electronic issues, such as faulty wiring or overloaded circuits*
- *Leaking propane, which is highly flammable*
- *Cooking accidents, often due to unattended stoves or grills*
- *Engine malfunctions, such as overheating or fuel leaks that ignite*
- *Camp mishaps, such as improperly managed campfires that quickly get out of control!*



## Fighting Fire Risks: 4 Safety Tips for RVers

Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to ensure your campsite experiences stay safe and enjoyable.

### 1 Know Where You Are and How to Report an Emergency

As you're setting up camp, take note of your exact location (e.g., campground and campsite number). If there is an emergency, you'll need to pinpoint your location for first responders. Make sure you know where the campground map is and that everyone in your party knows the name of the site and has access to the address and emergency contact numbers.

### 2 Make Fire Drills a Family Affair

Especially if you have young children, practicing fire drills can help ensure everyone knows what to do if there is an emergency. Focus on fun and education rather than

instilling fear. This could include taking a big breath so you can respond calmly in case of a fire, how to use any emergency exits, and then setting a safe meeting space outside the RV. Don't forget your pets in your fire safety plans. Ensure they have a spot to retreat in case of an emergency and how to get to them quickly if need be. Adding some pet essentials (such as food, water, and a leash) to your emergency grab bag is also a good idea.

### 3 Extinguish All Fires Properly

The most important part of a safe campfire is ensuring it never gets out of control or is left unattended. And when you're ready to go in for the night or move on to the next destination, ensure any fire is completely out. That is, douse any flames or hot coals with water, and then stir the ashes, making sure they're cool to the touch before you pack up and leave. This can prevent hidden embers from reigniting.

### 4 Ensure Fire Extinguishers Are Accessible

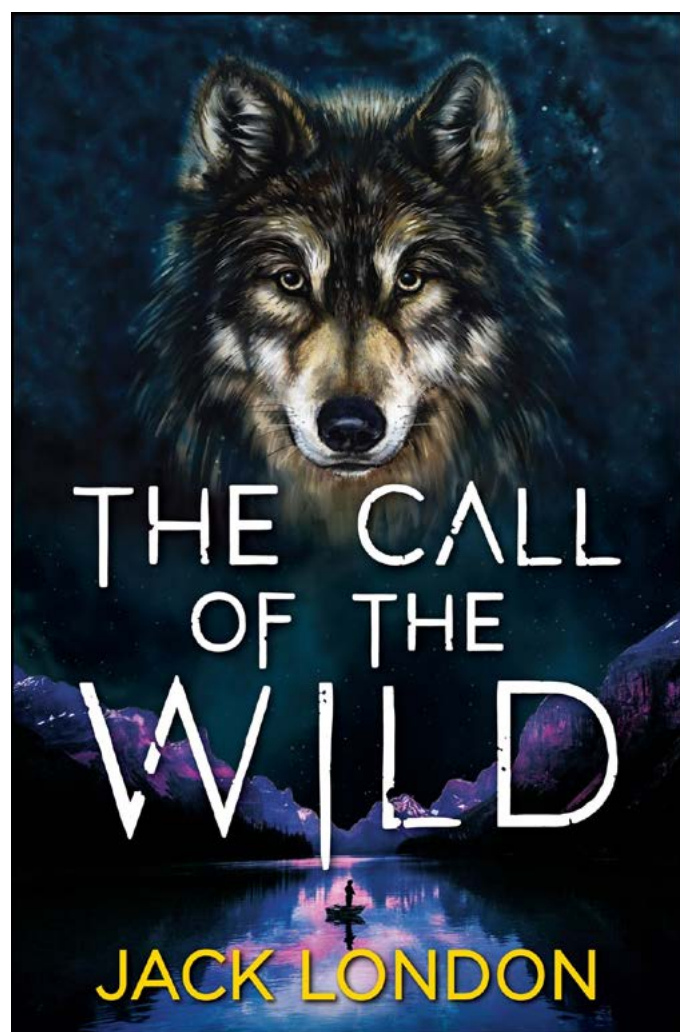
Whether you're cooking inside or out, setting up camp or packing out, it's always important to know where your extinguishers are and have them at the ready. It's also important to understand how to use them. Please don't wait to read the instructions until you actually need them. Refamiliarize yourself with the how at least once a year. Then, store them in easy-to-reach spots, such as near the kitchen or the main exit. Fire extinguishers also expire. So, check before your next journey to ensure they're within date and still able to do the job.

Getting into nature in your RV is one of the best ways to leave your worries behind. A cozy campfire is just part of the recipe for relaxation. And with these simple safety tips, you can ensure your adventures stay safe as well as fun.

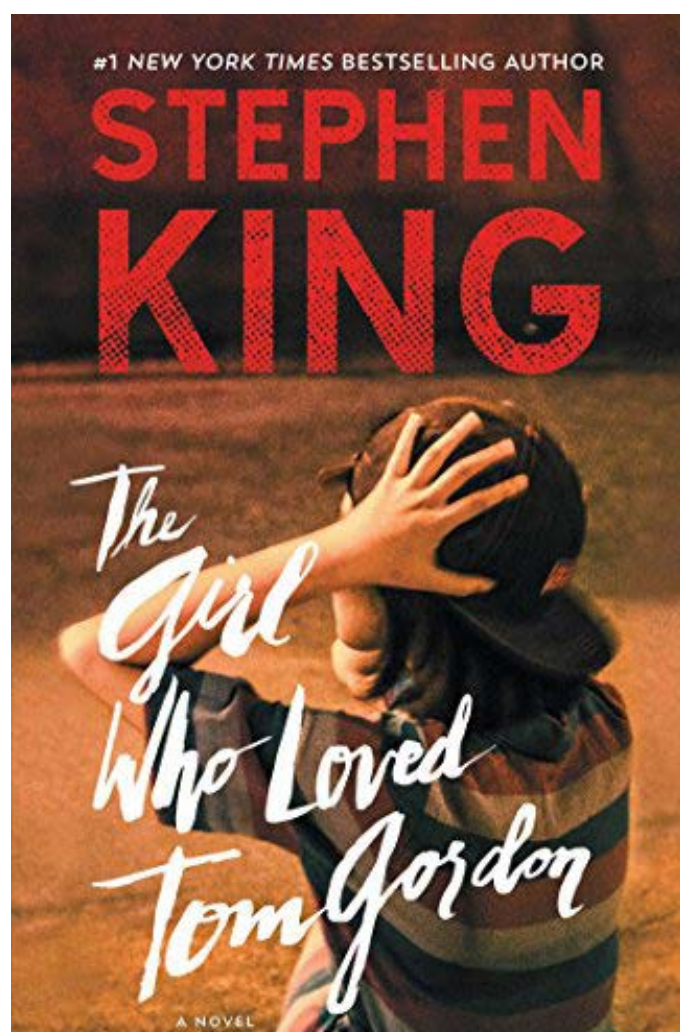


# Turning Pages

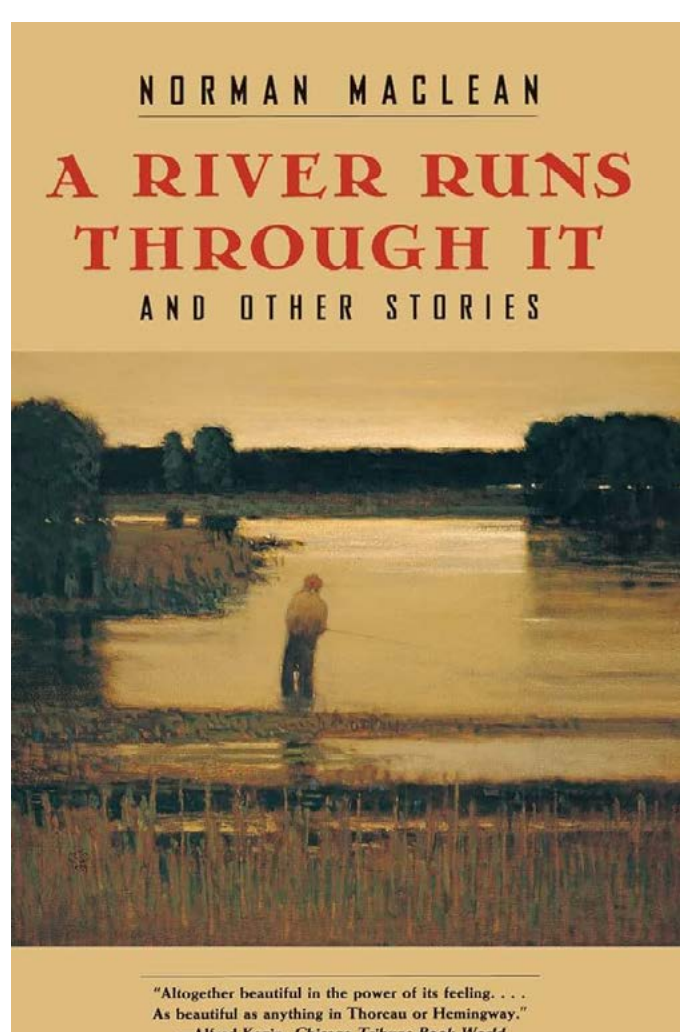
One of the best things about being on the road is the chance to unplug and just be. To escape into nature, connect with friends and loved ones, explore new places, bond over a board game, and, of course, get lost in a great book. Looking for your next summer read? Here are some of our favorites, perfect for settling in around a campfire.



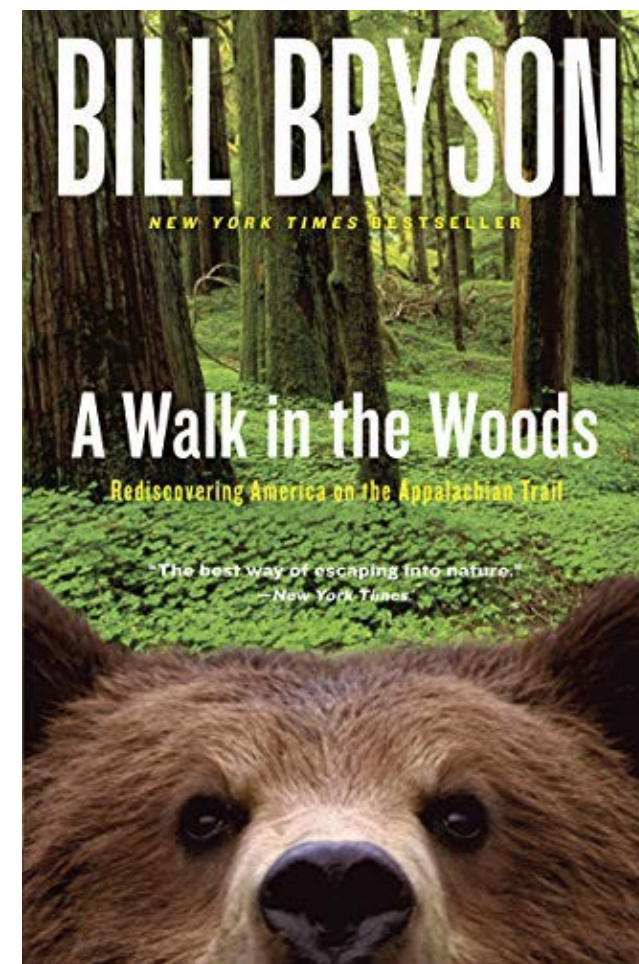
***The Call of the Wild*** by Jack London is a beloved classic about the triumphant survival of an adventurous sled dog during the Alaskan gold rush.



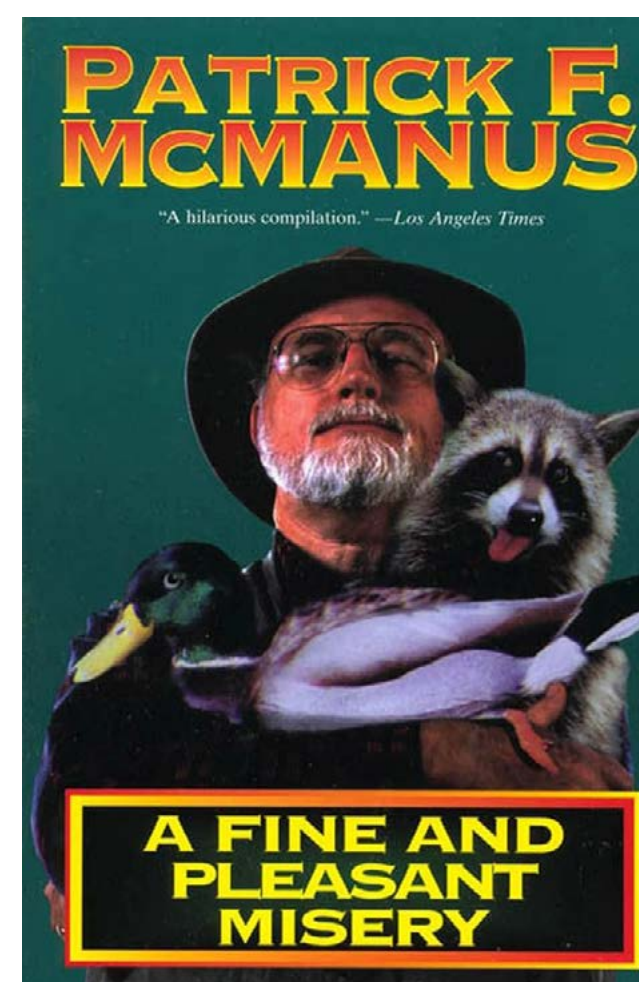
***The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon*** by Stephen King is an intense story about a young woman who gets lost in the woods and must fight for survival... along with her surprising source of strength.



***A River Runs Through It and Other Stories*** by Norman Maclean combines the love of family with the love of fly fishing to connect, build relationships, and overcome hardships. A beautiful reminder that all things are, indeed, related.

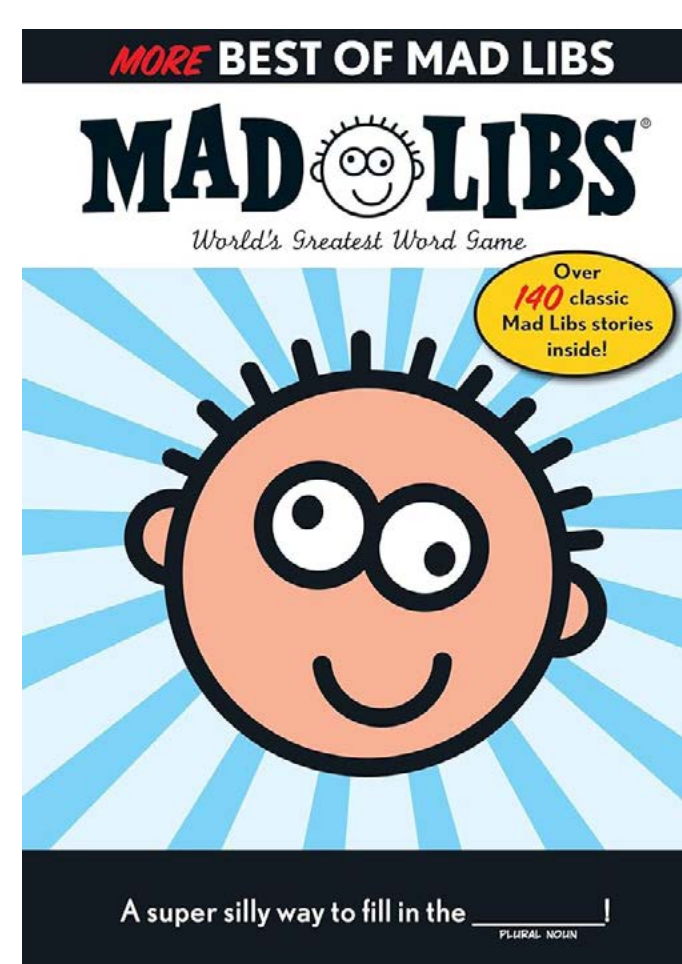


***A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*** by Bill Bryson will have you chuckling, then laughing out loud, and finally howling as you feel like you're on the trail with these hardy (or is it foolhardy?) men hiking this famous trail.



**Anything by Patrick McManus**, one of America's favorite humorists, as he comments on the absurdities of camping, fishing, and the great outdoors. Beware: You may need to stop reading to catch your breath after

laughing so hard. For even more fun, gather around the fire to read these short stories out loud and share the ridiculous adventures with family and friends.



If you're looking for a kid and adult-friendly "reading" game, get some ***Mad Libs***. Yes, these have been around forever. But since the answers are always different (and usually very silly), they never get old and can keep the entire family in stitches.



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