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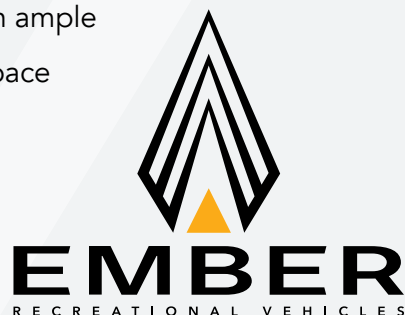
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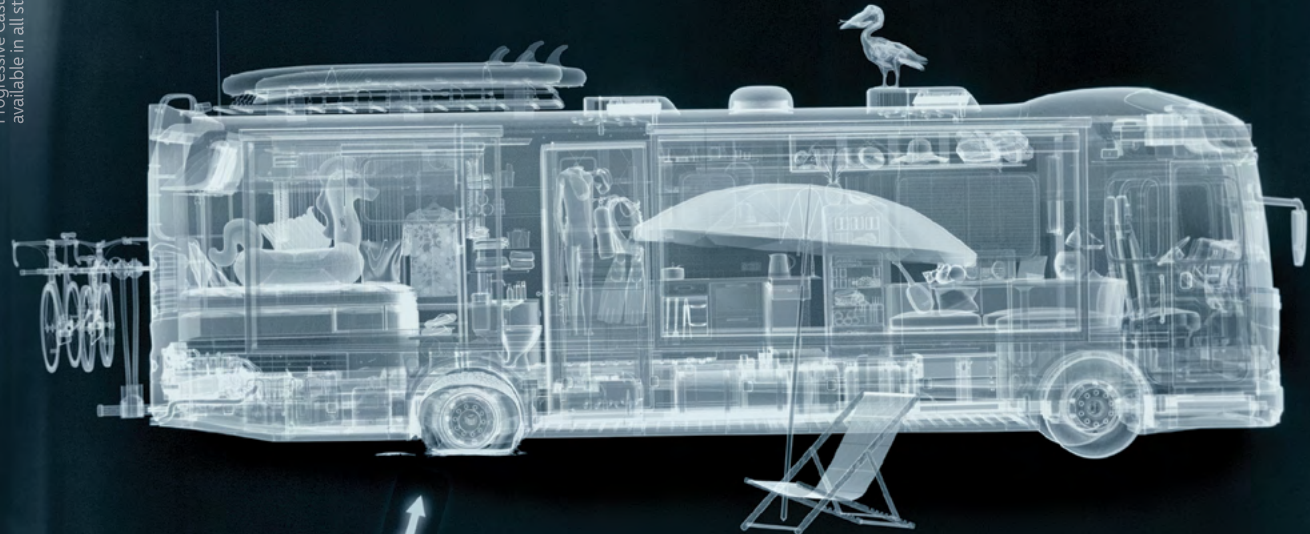
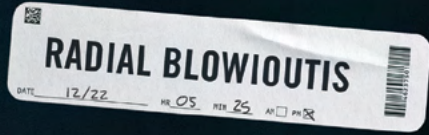
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## Arrive at your best life.

*If it's OK, I'd like to get personal for a minute.*



A younger me would have scoffed at the idea of building the life I wanted. Not because I disliked the concept, but because I had barely any idea of what life I actually wanted, and less of an idea how to get there. I was watching peers build careers while I stared out my window wondering where the world would pull me.

In 2009, I deployed to Iraq with the Army. After a tough reintegration back home, I went through a divorce, and a new economic reality emerged: I had to care for two young kids on a single income. My life had been hit by a reset button that I hadn't pressed. Suddenly, building a different life had been thrust upon me.

But the beauty of being at the beginning of a journey, whether you chose it or not, is that you always have the ability to steer.

We're at the end of our first year of I Heart RVing magazine, which I like to call the best magazine in the history of RVing. I like to call it that because I believe it to be true. Building this magazine is also part of the journey I chose. And assembling this team of some of my favorite creative geniuses on the planet and delivering this piece of art to you has been a singularly beautiful waypoint in my life's journey.

Some of you have just started your newly mobile life. Some of you have mastered it, this art of the happy trails. But some of you find yourselves staring out

**“... the beauty of being at the beginning of a journey, whether you chose it or not, is that you always have the ability to steer.”**

the window of life, like I did, knowing that something better is out there, wondering if it will ever find you. Bad news: It won't. Good news: *You* can find it. And an RV is a great way to get from here to there.

Whether you're looking for your first rig, researching your first trip, or thinking of retiring to your best life, we say do it. Drive it. Grab the wheel with both hands and steer. Fortunately, you don't have to do it alone. We'll be here with you along the way, helping you learn, enjoy, and master this lifestyle so you can arrive at your best life. That's what this magazine is all about.

Thanks for joining us on the ride. Hope to see you next issue.

Love ya, mean it.

*Marc.*

**Marc Acton**  
 Publisher



Get a glimpse of the future (as LG sees it).

IN THE NEWS

## LG's Suite Vision for Van Life



**SOUTH KOREAN TECH GIANT LG** has a big vision for the future of RVing. At the Consumer Electronic Show (CES) this past

January, LG announced the concept for a new futuristic vehicle called Vision Omnipod, described as a “mobility concept solution that blurs the distinction between home and car.” (Here, we have a different, super-technical term for mobility concept solutions: RVs.)

The Vision Omnipod’s exterior may look like a standard van,

but the interior is stacked with a suite of high-tech LG home appliances, from refrigerators and TVs to drink dispensers. LG says that the vehicle can also be configured to various modes for shopping, fitness, camping, sleeping, remote work, and even a special mode for accessing the metaverse (with a floor-to-ceiling screen). Finally, there is your virtual assistant Reah: a personal concierge, fitness instructor, and companion, all in one. (Joaquin Phoenix is already in love.)

Though LG has not determined a release date for the Vision Omnipod, images of what future RVs may look like continue to tickle our excitement.



## A New Line of RV Grills Heats Up

• Magma Products, a marine and outdoor grill supplier, is introducing a line of new grills designed specifically for RVers. The Magma Crossover Cooking System has a high-efficiency firebox that can transform from a stove to a grill, pizza oven, griddle, or plancha. The Crossover Series is exclusively available online through BBQGuys.

Check out the BBQGuys RV Grill Buying Guide at [BBQGuys.com/learning-center/beyond-the-backyard](http://BBQGuys.com/learning-center/beyond-the-backyard).



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## RV Inventor Says, “Hail, No!”

• An inventor out of New Mexico recently designed a product to keep hailstones from damaging RV roof vents. Speaking to InventHelp, he says, “I wanted to create a protective accessory for the rooftop air vent cover and skylight on a recreational vehicle. So, I invented the Air Vent Cover.” Currently, the patent-pending product design is available for licensing or sale to manufacturers or marketers—so your next RV could be better equipped to survive the seventh plague.

Got an innovative RV idea you think you could patent? Contact InventHelp at [InventHelp.com/contact](http://InventHelp.com/contact).

## National Parks to Require Reservations

• National parks saw an enormous increase in visitor volume last year. July of 2021 was Yellowstone’s busiest month in almost 150 years. Acadia National Park hosted 4 million visitors last year—a park record. (You can see why on Page 15.) As a result, the National Park Service is introducing a reservation system to keep the crowds manageable—especially during a park’s peak season.

Find out more about reservations at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov).

## Sunshine State to Add Over 5,200 Campsites

• Florida is making big moves to answer consumer demand for RV parking spots. RV News reports that by 2023, the Sunshine State will add 15 new RV resorts with over 3,700 campsites. Simultaneously, another 13 existing RV resorts are expanding, which will collectively add nearly 1,500 more RV sites. Bobby Cornwell,

Florida RV Park and Campground Association executive director and CEO, says that mobile workers are flocking down in addition to the usual snowbirds.

Find your parking spot at [CampFlorida.com](http://CampFlorida.com).

## Premium Batteries Made Standard

• In an exclusive agreement, Dragonfly Energy lithium batteries will now be provided as standard or optional on Keystone RV travel trailers and fifth wheels. Josh Miller, Keystone RV’s VP of sales, sees this as a huge win for RV buyers, “Customers will be able to purchase a Keystone RV equipped with the best batteries in the industry.” He notes that while interest in lithium batteries is at an all-time high, the cost can deter potential buyers. Keystone RV consumers will no longer have that problem.

Looking to buy a new battery? See Page 43.



## Spread the News

Help keep us posted on what’s coming down the pike. Share the news stories you’re excited about with the entire I Heart community at [editorial@IHeartRVing.com](mailto:editorial@IHeartRVing.com).

## A Pretty Fly Playlist

ENJOY A PERFECT LISTEN WHILE YOU’RE FISHIN’.



### The Beatles, “Here Comes the Sun”

Try not to be happy while listening to this song. You just can’t. A cornerstone in The Beatles’ chart-topping catalog, this song will help you welcome the sun—and warmer weather—on the way to that fishing hole.



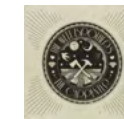
### Loretta Lynn, “Spring Fever”

Roll out of dreary winter and into the comfort of spring with this all-time classic. Loretta’s ode to the sunny season reminds us that what’s old can be shiny again. Or maybe it never wasn’t.



### Zac Brown Band, “Same Boat”

Same boat, same RV, same difference. Togetherness is in short supply these days, and this is the perfect tune for when you’re racking up some country miles, casting a line with a friend, or giving your Tuesday a little lift.



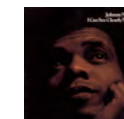
### The Avett Brothers, “A Father’s First Spring”

Spring is about new birth, and the Avett Brothers bring that theme home in this folksy tune that captures the emotions of a new father. Evoking the clearness of morning and wind kissing the hills, it’s a breath of fresh air.



### John Prine, “Fish and Whistle”

“Fish and Whistle” is the kind of song that makes you wonder why they don’t make music like this anymore. Simple but memorable lines like, “We’ll whistle and go fishing in heaven,” will keep you humming down the highway.



### Johnny Nash, “I Can See Clearly Now”

An oldie but goodie, with a melody as fresh as they come. When springtime comes and you hit the road, this song is like a shot of sunshine as you chase those blue skies and watch road markers tick by.



## REEL IN MORE TUNES ON SPOTIFY

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## THE NEXT RV GENERATION HAS ARRIVED

# 11,200,000

HOUSEHOLDS OWN AN RV

# 22%

OF RV OWNERS ARE AGED 18-34

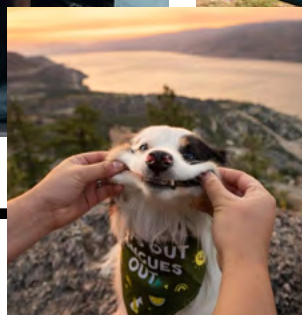
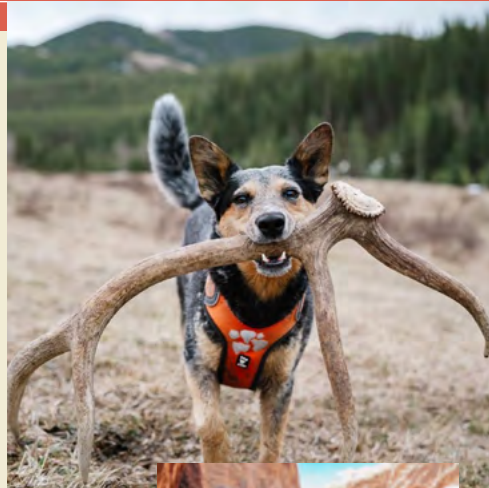
► Millennial and Gen Z interest in RVs has soared in the last year, according to the RV Industry Association (RVIA). Of the 11.2 million households that now own an RV (a 62 percent increase over the last 20 years), 22 percent are in the 18- to 34-year-old age group.

# One Red-Hot Handle

TALKING WITH THE CAMPERS WE LOVE AND FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

→ We love to be reminded that we don't deserve dogs. Which is why we're crazy about @campingwithdogs. Their Instagram account has grown into a wildly photogenic community who shares a passion for dogs, the outdoors, and off-the-scale cuteness. They also offer great advice for taking Rover on the road, and even partner with local rescues to help match dogs with the perfect owner.

Take a look at their aww-inspiring photos on Instagram and discover loads of great pup merch—from T-shirts to dog gear—at CampingWithDogs.com.



## Why dogs are perfect for camping

@campingwithdogs Exploring the outdoors builds stronger connection between dog and owner, and gives both parties an outlet. Whether it's the comforting feeling of having your dog beside you on a major hike or cuddling at night in a tent during a weekend camping trip, dogs provide unmatched companionship outdoors. Exercise, tough terrain, and quality time all create strong bonds.

## Best dog friendly adventures

@campingwithdogs We believe there is no such thing as a bad adventure with your dog, but some of our favorite spots are dog-friendly national parks and trails. We launched a collection of National Park T-shirts in 2021 that focused on our favorite dog-friendly national parks. Our top four are Acadia in Maine, Hot Springs in Arkansas, the Great Sand Dunes in Colorado, and the Grand Canyon. These spots offer a wide variety of hiking and camping opportunities across many different areas of the country.

## The secret behind a great dog photo

@campingwithdogs Some of our favorite shots to show off are pictures with scenic views. There's nothing like acknowledging the beauty of our planet, and we love to see where our followers are exploring. We also can't pass up a dog picture with a lot of personality. Bring on the funny faces, paw-fives, and dogs being silly—because sometimes all we really need is something to bring a smile to our face.

## How to submit a photo (asking for a friend)

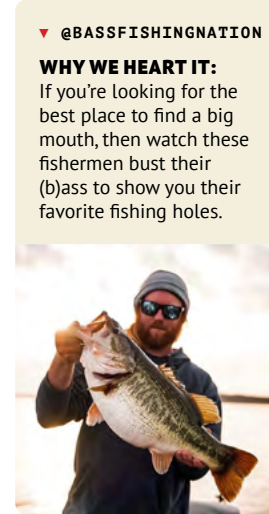
@campingwithdogs Share photos and videos with us through DMs and tag our account in photos. Additionally, we have a campaign called #MyDogStory where we showcase how an owner and their dog came to find each other, and what got them into exploring together. We want to share the joy of dog ownership with everyone and continue to encourage people to spend time outdoors with their dogs. ❤️

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**WHY WE HEART IT:** Who says you can't camp with cats?! Not these guys. If you prefer Felix over Fido, then this is the account for you.



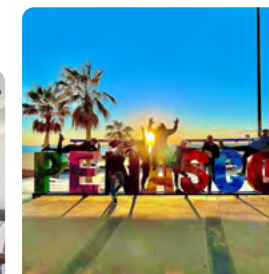
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▲ @REBEKAHANDJARED

**WHY WE HEART IT:** It's lovely when an RV couple takes us along for the ride! And Rebekah and Jared are taking us south of the border. (Not Taco Bell.)



# Scrolling the Virtual Campground



▲ @RVTRADER

**WHY WE HEART IT:** Sure, @rvtrader makes viewing, buying, and selling RVs easy. But we follow them mostly to gawk at their amazing setups.



# KEEP UP THE CHATTER

Your feedback is what drives us. (Well, that and our rigs.) Your idea might even become a feature. 🗨️ See Page 26

Jenn J. I love this magazine. Every time I look at it, something makes me laugh. 😄

JJ We ❤️ laughing with you, too, Jenn. Laughing is our favorite ... after RVing.

Michael H. As a longtime RV enthusiast about to dump the corporate anchor for full-time RV living in our new Class A, I love your magazine as the best content yet out of other magazines in the past.

MH Awesome, Michael! See you on the road.

Regina C. The QR code where I can just scan to watch the video you guys mention is the vibe I'm looking for in 2022. 🌞

RC Perfect! We live to serve.



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**RV QUIZ**



# Think You Got a Doctorate in Doolittle?

Vet your ability to read the body language of your furry passengers.

No. 5

**Dogs wag their tails because they're happy.**

- A. True
- B. False

*Answer: A. Congrats, you must be a genius.*

No. 6

**If your cat brings you a dead mouse, it is ...**

- A. Giving you a gift.
- B. Asking you for a reward.
- C. Hinting that you dispose of the body.
- D. Reminding you what it is capable of.

*Answer: A. Remember, it's not the gift, it's the thought behind it. (Yikes—maybe we should reexamine those other answers.)*

No. 7

**Motion sickness during travel affects ...**

- A. Only humans.
- B. Both cats and dogs.
- C. Cats but not dogs.
- D. Dogs but not cats.

*Answer: B. Apparently, none of us furry friend on the road. Rest stops to remember when you take your Rousseau could have been describing feline ethics when he said, "I have seen these contradictions, and they have not discouraged me."*

No. 1

**If your dog is repeatedly licking its lips, it could mean ...**

- A. It's time to fire up your Traeger grill!
- B. A snack is stuck in their whiskers.
- C. They're experiencing physical stress.
- D. You're out of milk bones.

*Answer: C. Of course, dogs lick their lips when they're hungry. (You might too after looking at Page 35!) But when it's extremely repetitive, they're most likely trying to cope with—or give you a hint about—some kind of physical stress (like needing a potty break).*

No. 3

**Typically, larger dogs have longer dreams.**

- A. True
- B. False

*Answer: A. That's what the researchers tell us anyway. But apparently, big dogs dream big—about five minutes—while smaller breeds have more rapid dream cycles. Whatever the size of your dog's dream, the percentage on Page 56 will give them something to drool about.*

No. 4

**When a cat twitches its tail, it indicates ...**

- A. It is excited.
- B. It is upset.
- C. Sassiness.
- D. All of the above.

No. 2

**What causes cats to get the "zoomies" in the a.m. hours?**

- A. Shared genetics with nocturnal felids, like leopards.
- B. A need to expend excess predatory energy.
- C. A desperate desire for attention.
- D. An absolute disregard for human sleep.

*Answer: B. Cats might imagine that they're leopards (to the detriment of your REM cycle), but when they sprint around your RV, they're burning off energy they'd naturally use to hunt.*

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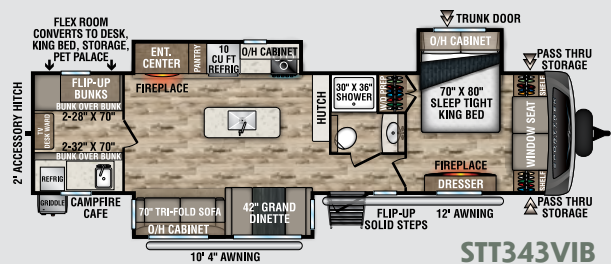
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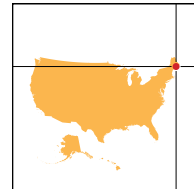
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**The Sea Wall  
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**TWO VOYAGERS' FAVORITE**

After sharing 35 years of bliss in an RV together, Bob (holding the camera) and his wife Jean (shown) still consider Acadia their favorite national park.



**“We spent a lot of time there. There’s just so much to do. You can go for bike rides. You can go hiking. A lot of times, we’d just pack a picnic lunch and watch the tides go in and out.”** – Jean G.

**Drive the boundary line between earth and sea.**

To take Maine State Route 3 south onto Mount Desert Island is to see where worlds converge. As you circle onto Park Loop Road, you’ll watch earth meet sea. Under the shadow of Cadillac Mountain’s 1,526-foot peak, eastern deciduous and northern boreal forests also join to house a host of wildlife—including black bears and bobcats, mink and moose, falcons and osprey, otters and seals. The park is equally friendly to domestic animals—with Blackwoods and Seawall campgrounds permitting pets on the island.



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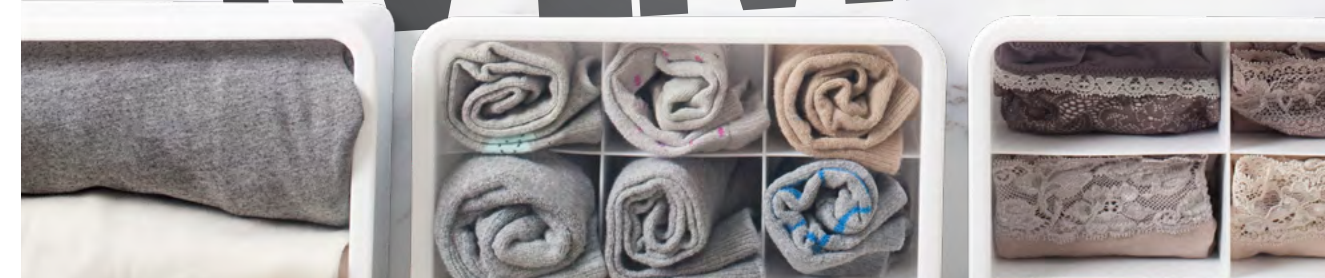
Enjoy mouthwatering meals all weekend with only 18 ingredients. Page 35

# Road Abode

IMPROVING LIFE ON THE GO



## 12 SPACE SAVERS FOR RV LIVING



**SAYING THAT SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM** in your RV is like saying that the Grand Canyon is ... *roomy*. (Yeah, we all know.) But a lack of space doesn't have to create disorder. Because when space is small, innovation can be big. And with some smart choices—and a few savvy buys—you can turn a tiny space into a storage masterpiece. In fact, with these tips as your guide, you just might achieve storage nirvana. (Where emptiness means even more space.) *by Stephanie Acton*

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**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!**

Last summer, Melanie C. from Mississippi wrote to us and said, "Would love to read about storage hacks for our camper, on the inside." Well, this one's for you, Melanie. Enjoy!

# These 12 storage hacks are simple. Easy. And thrifty.

MAKE THEM YOURS AND MAX OUT THE SPLENDOR OF SMALL SPACE LIVING.



## Swap food bags for containers

► Spend some time on RV Pinterest and you'll find that clear food storage containers are IN. Like way in. But what we like more than the cute factor is that they're stackable. (Hello, vertical space.) Your containers don't have to be fancy. Any old Tupperware will do, but get the same type of container so that stacking is seamless.

**YOUR REWARD** Food storage feels like beginner Tetris.

**I HEART TIPS**  
Opt for rectangle or square containers over round ones. They make better use of any space. (Unless maybe you're in an Airstream.)



## Go vertical with it

► Closet and cabinet interiors are notorious for wasted space. (That single horizontal rod in the closet just isn't going to cut it.) Instead, maximize the entire height of the space, from top to bottom, with vertical storage options. Stackable, modular storage containers (oh, look! they're in the sidebar) help create a customizable solution to fit any tiny spot.

**YOUR REWARD** Clutter-free closets and cabinets. At last.



## Make it magnetic

► Line a few magnetic strips along the backsplash area of your kitchen to store knives and utensils. These items are used regularly while cooking, so amping up their accessibility has a huge convenience payoff. But more importantly, it frees up precious cabinet, drawer, and counter space for other kitchen necessities.

**YOUR REWARD** A tighter kitchen, high on function.

See how to do your own install.



## Get the micro version

► It might seem hard to justify buying new containers just because they're travel-sized. But if you can reduce the size of even 10 percent of your items, that is a huge net gain in reclaimed space. Toiletries may be a no-brainer (we've all been to Walgreens), but your next level hack is to apply the same principle to kitchen items, like seasoning containers and saltshakers. Trust us.

**YOUR REWARD** A spice cabinet that drops three sizes.



**I HEART TIPS**  
Whenever possible, store like items. It makes it easier to find which vacuum-packed bag you stored your favorite I Heart RVing T-shirt in.

## Retake some air space

► Clothing takes up more than its share of valuable RV real estate, especially seasonal items like coats and blankets. So make it simple: If you're not using it, store it. With vacuum sealer storage bags, you can remove all of the air and compress the items to a fraction of their size. The amount of space you'll save will shock you.

**YOUR REWARD** Closet space that's worth its weight in gold.

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## Stash it under the bed

► If you're lucky enough to have some storage under the bed, put it to good use. But be careful not to make it a dumping ground for random items. Plan to store items that you only use occasionally, like those seasonal clothes you just shrunk down to storage size. They can share space with items that you need but just can't bear to look at.

**YOUR REWARD** A more organized hideaway.

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## Be multi... purpose... ful!

► Ever ask yourself: Why have three separate items with three separate purposes, when you can store just one item? (Good question, self.) The kitchen is an excellent place to invest in some multipurpose tools, like a combination bowl and colander, or a spoon that doubles as a fork. (We kid. Sorry, KFC: Sporks are an abomination.)

**YOUR REWARD** Fewer bowls = tidier stacks.



## Keep some things collapsible

► Collapsible dish drying rack, anyone? A quick search on Amazon will yield quite a few items that can collapse down to take up no space at all. From water bottles and colanders to laundry baskets and trash cans, you can easily replace some bulkier items to save yourself some space.

**YOUR REWARD** Items that appear, do their job, then vanish.

## Give the doors some double-duty

► Behind every single cabinet or closet door is an area waiting to be transformed. Since typically the backs of doors don't come with premade storage, it's easy to overlook. But, by adding simple hooks, adhesive shelves, or a specialized over-the-door solution, you can add so much additional storage to your RV.

**YOUR REWARD** Extra room for essentials. And every guest's admiration.

## While you're at it, check those seats, too

► For motorhomes, the backs of captain chairs are also prime space to store quick-to-grab items. With just a few behind-the-seat organizers, you can transform that blank space into something useful. A snack station. A magazine stand (wink!). Or a kids' zone with a tablet, activity books, and small toys? Your RV, your choice.

**YOUR REWARD** Getting more fun out in the open.



## Slap a label on it

► OK, so putting a label on your items won't technically create more space, but it will help you stay more organized. And staying organized is ground zero for keeping a small space tidy. It'll also help you discern what you do (or don't) have, so you don't end up with ... duplicates! The bane of every space saver.

**YOUR REWARD** Improved reaction times for unplanned searches.



## Just get rid of it

► Heck, when all else fails, just toss it in the trash or donate it. (Can I get an amen?) You likely didn't need it anyways, and if it turns out you did, you can always pick up a replacement at the next campground cantina. Like my mom always says, "When in doubt, throw it out."♥

**YOUR REWARD** One less thing to organize.

### Did we miss your favorite space saver?

Tag I Heart RVing on social media to share it with us.



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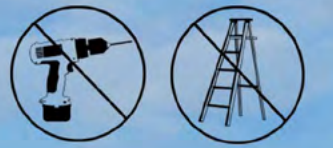
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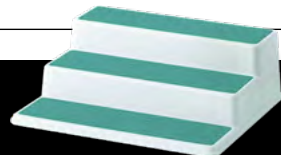
## Must-Haves for Small Space Living

Small space living is a way of life. A state of mind, even. But it's also having the right tiny stuff for the right tiny job. Here are 4 great investments in your small space lifestyle.



### Zippered Vinyl and Mesh Pouches

Sure, you could use clear Ziploc bags (and we are also big fans of those), but we've got to give it up for these puncture-resistant pouches, which bring a lot of substance with their style. \$3-5 ea., containerstore.com



### Copco Shelf Risers

Shelf risers make even the tiniest spaces more visible and accessible, giving easier access to the back row of items. Because they deserve it. \$8, amazon.com



### 3M Command Hooks

These inexpensive multi-taskers work just about anywhere you need extra storage space. No need to drill holes into the wall. Use them to hang anything from towels to your favorite spatula. \$5-20, containerstore.com



See how Andrew Chwalik uses command strips in his teardrop trailer. (And explore Ultimate Toys' sweet teardrop on Page 66.)



### Modular Stackable Storage

It might be difficult to toss the current hodgepodge of plastic containers in your RV. But having a system of matching containers makes stacking easier and more stable. And stability is a first cousin to usability. Prices vary by brand and material.

# Spring Don't Want No Scrub

Essential tips and supplies to get your RV primed to shine this camping season.

by Pam Kennedy



➔ **AS SPRING ROLLS IN**, it's time to roll out. And while we all take pride in our RVs, very few of us are truly in love with the idea of spring cleaning—especially when we think about getting on our knees to scrub at marks we've almost learned to live with. Truth be told, like TLC, we don't want no scrub.

Well, I come bearing good news: Spring cleaning can be easy. With this quick and clever guide, you'll be equipped with all the essentials you need to give your RV a frustration-free cleaning—so you can roll out with pride.

## SHIMMER ON THE INSIDE

### Interior Cleaning Essentials

Bathroom cleaner	Shower/grout brush
Broom and dustpan	Toilet bowl swab
Flat mop for floors	Vacuum
Multi-surface cleaner	Window cleaner
Soft microfiber or cotton cloths	

**GO SECTION BY SECTION** Use the multi-surface cleaner to clean your interior. Start with the ceiling and work your way down. When you wash the walls, start at the bottom and work up to avoid clean streaks. Moving to the bathroom, grab the bathroom cleaner and a fresh

cloth then clean in this order: toilet (inside and out), shower, walls, sinks, and floor. (Don't forget to use a different cloth to wash and dry with.)

Next, apply your window cleaner to a wide variety of surfaces, from mirrors and windows to your TV (Gabe's Pride Window Cleaner only). In the kitchen, wipe down your microwave, oven glass,

and any glass cabinet doors so they're streak-free. Using both broom and vacuum, get rid of all the dust and debris from inside your cabinets and on your floors. And don't forget to sweep any detritus off your mattress and carpets.

With a flat mop, use your multi-surface cleaner to mop all the floors starting at one end of the RV and working your way to the other. Rinse your mop out occasionally to ensure it's always clean. Also, according to the CDC and EPA, you must preclean any surface on which you'll be using a disinfectant. Disinfect-

Don't use the same cloth for different cleaners.



## Apply Those Finishing Touches



### ◀ A Taboo Wipeout Gabe's Pride Window Cleaner

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tants don't work on dirty surfaces because they're not cleaners. Remember: Cleaners clean, disinfectants disinfect.

Don't use vinegar, bleach, oil-based cleaners, citrus cleaners, ammonia, or any cleaner with a disinfectant. They only harm your surfaces and leave a gross film behind.



## SPARKLE ON THE OUTSIDE

### Exterior Cleaning Essentials

Garden hose	Good nonpetroleum- or nonacidic-based cleaner that can be used on the roof, sides, and awnings without damaging surfaces (like RV Streaker)
Foam gun for cleaner	
Smooth microfiber pad	
Soft brush	
Soft cleaning head	

**LET THE CLEANERS DO THE WORK** When you're ready to tackle the outside, go in this order: sides, underneath your awnings, roof, then top of awnings. As you clean the sides, start at the bottom and work upwards in small sections at a time. Rinse well from top-down before moving on to the next section.

Don't use anything abrasive or solvent-based. A good cleaner should do the work for you. If you're scrubbing too hard, your cleaner isn't working.



To finish up, do a final rinse of the entire RV, clean the windows, and voila! Spring cleaning is behind you (for one year at least). Now hit that open road!♥

### Expertise We Hear

Pam Kennedy is co-owner of Gabe's Pride. Raised in a family-owned contractor and cleaning supply company, she has over 25 years of experience in the commercial industry and enjoys traveling in her own RV around the country with her family.

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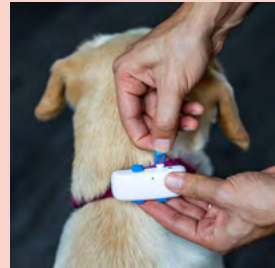


### Let Sleeping Dogs Chill

### One Nice Homing Device



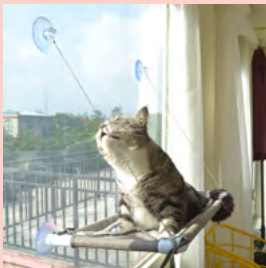
Give your dog a cool place to go down when the temps go up. The **ARF PETS COOLING MAT PAD** offers up to three hours of cooling comfort and then recharges after 15 minutes of nonuse. You also don't need any electricity, refrigeration, or water for it. And there are multiple sizes to fit dogs of every dimension. And, if you find yourself envious (you might), there are also human size ones available on Amazon as well! [\\$23-\\$70, amazon.com](#)



RVs help you escape into a wild world of carefree living. But that certainly doesn't mean you want your four-legged friends roaming too far and too wide. A collar, like **TRACTIVE'S GPS TRACKING COLLARS** for dogs and cats, lets you keep tabs on them whether they're on their authorized potty break or beginning the world's longest version of "Homeward Bound." The collars aren't cheap (and some have subscription fees), but the peace of mind they give you is priceless. [\\$50-\\$58 + subscription fees, tractive.com](#)

### The Purrfect Passenger Seat

### Don't Skimp on the Temp



Sure, your cat is going to make themselves right at home on every flat surface in the RV, but they'll especially love having a special place to perch. The minimalistic **PEFUNY CAT WINDOW PERCH** uses suction cups to attach to the window. Simple but still effective. It can hold quite a bit of weight and will stay secure through the bumpiest of rides, letting your cat lounge away their days with a view of the great outdoors. [\\$22, amazon.com](#)

Overheating is a big concern your pet faces on the road in warmer months. If you need to leave your pet in the RV (it's gonna happen sometime), a temperature monitoring system will help make sure your pet rests comfortably. There are many different systems available, ranging in price, but the **SENSORPUSH HT1 WIRELESS THERMOMETER** is an affordable option that sends temperature updates straight to your phone. Its sensor is so small that you can store it just about anywhere. [\\$50, amazon.com](#)

## 4 Products Your Pets Will Flip For

Pets make your home-away-from-home feel even more ... like home. Now it's time to return the favor.

by Stephanie Acton



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## What to Bring

Creeking doesn't require much, supply-wise. But a few items will make your experience smoother and more fun. For example, water shoes help give your kids a better grip on slippery surfaces and protect those delicate feet. (Who wants the drama of a stubbed toe?) And because you're actually encouraging your kids to get wet and dirty (way to go, you!), you might as well bring their swimsuits and/or some old T-shirts.

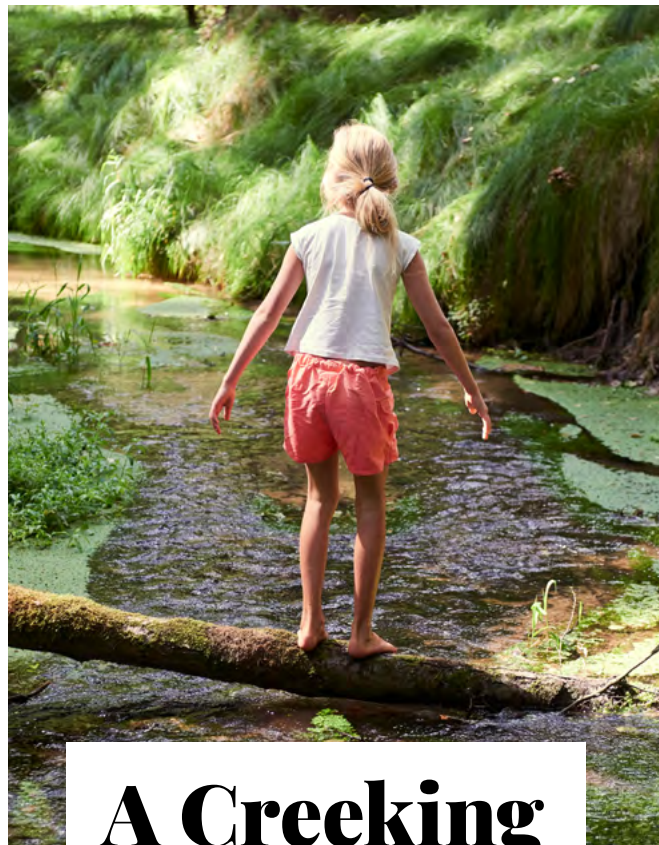
Remember, creeks are tiny ecosystems. With lots of tiny life. (We're talking about bugs here.) Bring some nature-friendly bug spray to keep away the mosquitos so the kids can explore more and complain less. With the pesky bugs repelled, it's also great to have some nets and buckets to explore the cooler creepy crawlies. Speaking of which ...

## Some Safety Tips

Time spent in a creek can kinda ... slip downstream. Which means you may end up spending more time in the sun than expected, even with some tree cover. Take no chances: Bust out that sunscreen.

Also, kiddos aren't the only creatures who love creeks. Snakes do too. They love still waters, sunbathing on warm surfaces, and hiding under rocks. Keeping the kids on the lookout is a good idea—and it'll amp up the adventure factor.

Because creek depths vary with rainfall, always keep your little ones in your line of sight while creeking. And there's no shame in putting life jackets on those who can't swim. ♥



## A Creeking Good Time

With creeks across the continent, a sensory adventure is just around the bend. *by Torrey Swan*

**STODGY OLE WEBSTER** may not recognize "creeking" as a word, but it's a verb in our book. And in this age of screens and video games, it's more important than ever to get the kids outside and experience nature. (Heck, that's why most of us RV anyway.) Fortunately, creeks are natural—and near universal—playgrounds with hours of splashing, exploring, and, yes, even learning (you sneaky parent, you).

Here's how to make the most of your experience wherever you are, coast to creeking coast.

### Fun Fact for Future Brainiacs

You've heard the phrase, "God willing, and the Creek don't rise." Well, its earliest origin may not have been about water levels, but local relations with the Creek tribes. Not the case here—we're talking water levels. (Check those water levels.)

## Fun Things to Do

Half the fun of exploring is getting to take a closer look! In a creek, your kids will get lots of those. Look at that rock under the water. And at that crawdad under the rock. From frogs to fossils, it's a world of constant discovery—which makes your kids feel brave. With their net, they can catch crawdads, fish, and bugs without having to touch anything slimy (unless they want to).

But maybe the best thing is the feeling of independence your kids get. Building bridges out of sticks? Skipping rocks across the water? Splashing their big brother? Give them the go ahead to creek out a little bit.



### Stick it to Mr. Dictionary and start creeking!

Turn your creek adventure into a home school lesson by visiting [USGS.gov/special-topics/water-science-school](https://www.usgs.gov/special-topics/water-science-school).









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**F**OOD IS A NECESSITY. Great food is a luxury. *Sharing* great food is an absolute treasure. And you don't have to let the tiny confines of your

home away from home steer you away from sharing great meals. Smart meal planning makes shopping easier, but also leads to drool-inducing results—because your big weekend trips should mean an adventure for your taste buds too.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

PORK ROAST | BAKED POTATOES

CHOPPED GREEN SALAD | TOASTED MAMMOTH MARSHMALLOWS

► A slow cooker is the perfect spot for a picnic half pork roast, because it only requires liberal seasoning and about a cup of broth in the slow cooker. Then fire and forget for six to eight hours minimum, depending on size. The beauty of slow-cooked roasts is that the cheaper cuts, like picnic or picnic halves, usually perform the best.

Depending on the length of your Friday evening drive, you can bake your potatoes ahead of time (if helpful), reheating them for mealtime with your favorite campground heating mechanism. (That choice is yours.) For the green salad, finely chop the iceberg lettuce, mini cucumbers, and celery, then season and toss with dressing. Add a small amount of the Asian slaw for extra flavor and crunch, before finishing with avocado and a sprinkle of cheese. For bonus flavor, add a dusting of finely chopped chili pistachios on top.

Toasted giant marshmallows put the final sticky note on an epic start to your weekend's dining adventure. (Additional



Give that picnic pork roast the love it's due, and it will hog attention all weekend long.



chocolate and graham crackers—I hear you, s'mores lovers—are optional.)

Save a healthy amount of leftover pork roast—it's gonna be your protein for more meals this weekend.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

BACON AND EGGS | FRIED POTATOES

► Start Saturday morning with a classic bacon and egg breakfast. Fry your bacon

1. Every meal must have an element from scratch.
2. Emphasis on reusing leftovers.
3. Only include ingredients on the shopping list, except oils and seasoning.
4. All dinners must include a fresh veggie component.
5. NO SKIMPING!

first, reserving all of that glorious bacon grease so it can serve as cooking oil—and your sneaky seasoning—the rest of the weekend. Fry your eggs and leftover potatoes in the remaining bacon grease, with a sprinkle of salt and pepper to finish, for a classic breakfast that brings everyone to the table.

Cook at least one extra egg, scrambled, and a slice or two of bacon per person, and reserve for tomorrow's breakfast.

SATURDAY LUNCH

PORK QUESADILLAS | CAMP NACHOS

► Here's your first chance to recycle your pork roast: Lunchtime quesadillas are as easy as they are delicious. Smear a tortilla with a very light helping of bacon grease and lay it flat on any frying sur-

face. Liberally sprinkle with cheese and leftover pork roast, and fold in half. Flip when golden brown.

Meanwhile, camp nachos are as easy as sprinkling cheese (and whatever else you want) on some nacho chips and heating it up with any available heat source, including a campfire. Top with avocado and salsa, and your palette will thank you.

SATURDAY SNACKS

CHEF'S CHOICE

► Both the celery and the chips you haven't finished make a great snack, with either ranch dressing or salsa. For sweet toothers, marshmallows have almost zero nutritional value and way too much sugar, but they're not the worst snacks ever in moderation because they're typically fat free.

SATURDAY DINNER

AMERICAN PAELLA RÁPIDA | BROCCOLI

SORT OF SOPAPILLAS

► Paella is a lot like soup in that it's a collection of delicious things cooked together as one. For this rápida (quick) version, start by sautéing any leftover bacon with some finely chopped celery over medium heat in a large frying pan to get a flavor base. Then add some of the Asian salad, which is mostly nutritious superfoods, for a veggie component that will add both flavor and texture. After a couple minutes, add some finely chopped chili pistachios. Lastly, after the Asian components have softened, add the Ready Rice, which will soak up all that glorious oil and liquid from the sauté. If you like crispy rice, which is a more traditional paella preparation, turn up the heat to medium high and refrain from stirring until your rice crisps up on the bottom. For your side dish, microwave your broccoli, and add butter, lemon juice, and salt.

Make your Sort of Sopapillas by brushing a couple of tortillas with a small dose of bacon grease mixed with butter,

then sprinkle liberally with white sugar and brown sugar—or honey if you have it. Fry, either in a pan or skillet, until the tortillas puff up sort of like their namesake, being careful not to burn. To eat invites delight.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST TACOS

► Breakfast tacos with leftover egg, bacon, a sprinkle of cheese, and a smidge of salsa will deliver a simple taste to die for. Easy. Delicious. Instagram-worthy, even, if the lighting is just right.



SUNDAY LUNCH

PORK MINI SUNDAY SANDWICHES | CHIPS AND SALSA

► Put the final pork roast leftovers to bed by tucking them into sandwiches. If you successfully seasoned your roast, you won't need to do more than slice (or finely chop if you prefer a pulled pork texture) your roast, add some basic accoutrements like mayo, your leftover salsa or fresh tomato, and all of your remaining avocado. If you can find them in your grocery store, mini brioche hoogie rolls are the perfect canvas on which to write your final weekend culinary masterpiece. And your leftover mini cucumbers will provide a fresh finishing touch to those Sunday sandwiches. Slice them lengthwise, salt to taste, and place them on your sandwich where lettuce would usually go. (Same goes for any remaining Asian salad and its crunchy cash out.) Then, use your sandwich and chips to mop up any remaining salsa appropriately.♥



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# EDGE OF THE MAP

FROM THE HIGHWAY TO THE CAMPGROUND



INSIDE: Close the circuit on your battery know-how. Page 43



## A CIDER HOUSE WITH NO RULES

Minnesota is a land of lakes and legends, and the perfect place to forge your own path. Which is exactly what Wild State Cider is doing. On Page 46, get a glimpse inside the cider house that is making its own rules—and partnering with Harvest Hosts to give the RV community a warm welcome on Lake Superior.

Photos courtesy of Wild State Cider

	▶ WILD STATE CIDER	▶ DULUTH, MN
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# Heading Upriver to Lake Country

Take a scenic route of the Upper Mississippi as your travel to Voyageurs State Park—and drop some fishing lines along the way.

**LET'S BE HONEST HERE:** The Gateway Arch is not most folks' favorite national park. However, it is the perfect starting point for an all-American journey—just ask Lewis and Clark. But while those bros headed west, we propose taking a big right turn to go north. With the banks of the Big Muddy on your passenger side, you can accelerate upstream—like a salmon—to where the Father of Waters becomes the land of lakes. Whether you're looking to find the right fishing hole or to just enjoy the scenic splendor of the Mississippi watershed, the journey itself is the true adventure. And you don't have to be Mark Twain to love that. (Heck, ole boy didn't even have an RV.)

## Into the Land of Fishing Holes

As spring thaws out the U.S.-Canada border, the highways warm themselves to the RV crowd—and provide access to some of the most beautiful landscape in America. Lush forests pull from the Upper Mississippi at their root and explode in a vibrant display of life. Which means it's the perfect time to pack your camera, fishing pole, and ride-or-dies into your RV. Starting at the man-made portal to the West, the Gateway Arch National Park in St. Louis, you can traverse the course of the Mississippi to its source, steering north through three Midwest States—four if you start with ancient Native American mounds at Cahokia. It's an epic trip for any traveler. But it's a candy land for an angler.

Depending on the frequency

you plan to drop a line, it's best to go ahead and shore up your fishing licenses in any or all of the states you plan to fish in: \$49 in Missouri; \$48 in Iowa; and \$51 in Minnesota. For those for whom fishing has no hook, there's a lot of other fun to catch, from the Mark Twain Cave Complex in Hannibal, Missouri to the lake-view labyrinth of Voyageurs National Park.

## Journey North to the Border

Proceeding out of St. Louis, you'll emerge from big-city traffic on I-70 and break north onto a string of US and state (and sometimes two-lane) highways that connect you with I-380 around Iowa City and then I-35 in Minneapolis. US Route 53 finishes the final stretch as you head from Lake Superior to Voyageurs National Park and the Canadian border.

### The Twin Cities' Secret Spot

On the way to Minneapolis-St. Paul, you'll drive across country striped with river branches and dotted with lazy lakes. So, as you approach the Twin Cities, you might think the fishing is behind you. But think again. U.S. Lock and Dam No. 2's catch-and-release fishery is a prime spot for monster walleye—and that trophy shot you want on Instagram. Trust us: The Mall of America can wait.

## VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

### Finding Some Superior Lakes

Lake Superior is the largest lake in North America and ranks second in the world. And seeing its broad, blue, freshwater expanse at Duluth certainly gives an immense sense of arrival. (Especially if you're here for walleye, see Page 58.) But Lake Superior is not the only great lake in Minnesota. (In our estimation, anyway.) Just a few hours further north, Voyageurs National Park presents a maze of 30 lakes that your kayak is just itching to explore.

### Wild State Cider

2515 West Superior St  
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### Flying J, I-380 Exit 68

445 Evansdale Dr  
Elk Run Heights, IA 50707

### Catfish Charlie's Bar & Grill

1630 16th St  
Dubuque, IA 52001  
(563) 582-8600

## Cedar Rapids

### A Delicious Detour

True, you may have all the road-trip recipes you need (see Page 35), but that doesn't mean you don't have time for a detour. Take US-151 North out of Cedar Rapids toward Iowa's riverbank. On the water, Catfish Charlie's gives freshwater entrees a proper finish, from fried bluegills and walleye to all varieties of catfish. Even better? An on-site tap with brew titles like Sandy Bottom Brown Ale and Mudlake Belgian Tripel. Do yourself a flavor and get a flight.

### Flying J, I-70 Exit 188

1 Camp Branch Rd  
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## ST. LOUIS

### Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

30 Ramey St  
Collinsville, IL 62234  
CahokiaMounds.org

### A View Atop an Ancient City

Before you put St. Louis in the sideview mirror, take some time with the kids and step into the past. Along the city's Illinois banks, the immense grass-covered, thousand-year-old ruins of Cahokia still tower. The pinnacle of Native America's Mississippian mound-building culture, Monk's Mound rises 100 feet in the air and leaves visitors of every age in absolute awe.

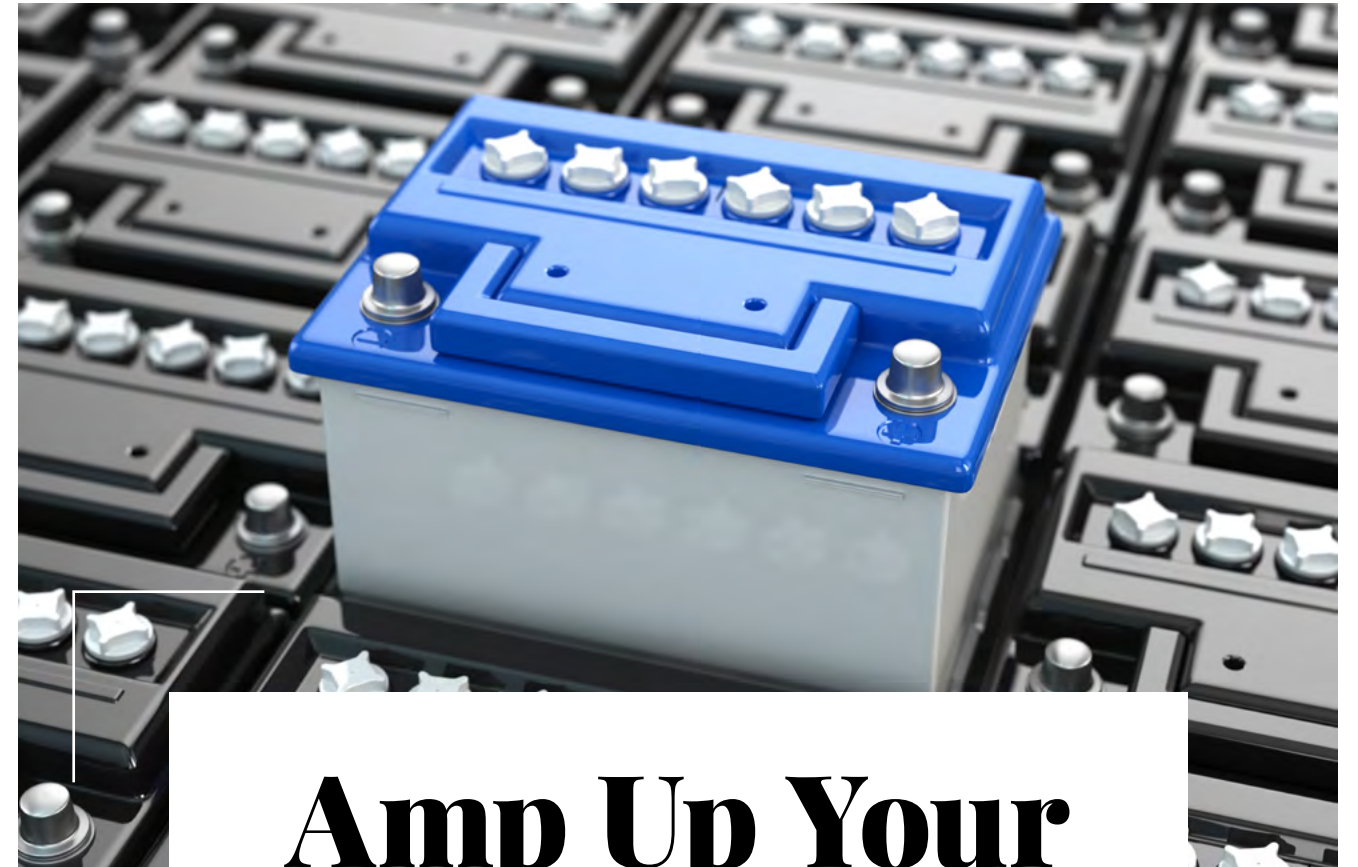
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## Amp Up Your Battery Life

Choosing the right battery can help you optimize your power and get the most juice from your RV's squeeze.

*by Craig Ernst*

**T**here's nothing quite like hitting the accelerator. Cutting the cord. Bounding out toward the boundary. Goodbye, civilization; hello, fresh air. But if we're honest with ourselves, we never totally turn off our electronics. And we don't really want to. (GPS much?) To even get out the door, we may have to take a little work with us. (No judgment here.) Then arriving at our campsite, we relax—while flipping on the LED lights, firing up our appliances, and charging our smart devices.

To be cost-effective, we need to optimize every power generation source we have—

including our batteries. If gas for a generator is scarce (or the generator runs too loud), high-performance batteries can power up your lights and appliances in silence. If solar panels are mounted, they can help charge up your batteries during the day, so you have power through the night.

But how do you choose the right battery for the job?

Most RVs are equipped with lead acid batteries, but lithium batteries are increasingly popular because of their low toxicity, performance, and safety profile. Whichever you choose, here's how to find the right option for you.

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**Size According to Cycle Life**

This is a big one. Cycle life contributes to the number of years you can use a battery. Sizing your system to keep depth of discharge (DoD) around 80 percent will increase the number of times you can cycle the battery. Most lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries can provide 6,000+ cycles, compared to lead acid, which averages about 800 with only 50 percent usable DoD or capacity. LFP batteries typically have a longer cycle life than their NMC peers (aka lithium-nickel-manganese-cobalt-oxide). More cycles equates to more years of active use, even with multiple cycles or discharges per day.

**Ask About the Self-Discharge Rate**

This is the rate that a battery will discharge, even when it is not being used (like when your RV is in storage for a season). Low self-discharge can eliminate the need to trickle charge batteries or to remember to throw on the battery charger at the last minute. Before storing your RV, charging up LFP batteries with a low self-discharge rate will ensure that they'll be ready when you hit the road again.

**Check the Chemistry**

There are different types of lithium batteries. NMC and other cobalt-based batteries have lower cycle life, greater risk of thermal runaway and fire, and narrower operational temperature ranges. By contrast, LFP batteries, like SimpliPhi, provide a safer chemistry profile; have been proven not to pose a risk of thermal runaway, fire, and explosion; and can operate at a wider temperature range. So, LFP batteries are considered safer and more stable in enclosed spaces.

**Evaluate Energy Density**

This is the amount of amp hours (Ah) per square inch you have available in any battery. In small spaces, the more energy-dense your power is, the more you can maximize your living space. You can also power more loads for longer within a small footprint. Lithium batteries have a higher energy density when compared to lead acid, making them an ideal replacement to free-up critical space in tight quarters.

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**Consider Usable Capacity**

Usable capacity is the amount of actual Ah a battery can contribute to power your loads before there is a detrimental effect on its lifespan. Most lead acid batteries suggest a DoD of 30 to 50 percent. Most lithium batteries have 100 percent of their usable capacity available to power loads—with a suggested capacity usage of 80 percent to extend cycle life.

**Review the Charge and Discharge Rate**

Lead acid batteries limit the amount of instantaneous power available to run loads. Most require that you discharge batteries over long durations to prevent decreased life, so a battery with 200 Ah can be discharged over five hours, with 40 Ahs available every hour. Lithium batteries can

be discharged more quickly, allowing more Ah per hour for loads. A C/2 discharge rate (two hours) allows for half of the battery's capacity to be used to power more loads instantaneously. This means that you can charge that battery much quicker when connected to shore power. Which translates to less downtime.

**Don't Discount a Smaller Battery**

The more energy dense a battery is, the smaller and lighter it is within the same space. With less weight, you can increase available energy per square inch. A lithium option can often reduce battery weight by half and deliver more usable power per hour. The reduced weight even improves gas mileage, getting you further down the road. ❤️

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# NORTH KNOWS NO LIMIT



**WE ALL HAVE AN AX TO GRIND.** With jobs that keep us tied to a desk. With phone screens that shrink our vision of the world. With the limitless limitations that seem to rule our times. Whether it's 40-foot-deep snows and two-year winters—for the legends among us—or the mundane perimeter of stationary existence, we chafe at being confined because our souls are big. And to breathe, we need a world filled with great forests, lakes lurking with giant lunkers, and cider houses that make their own rules. So, at the first sign of spring, we cut our path north for a taste of the wild.

Hacking our way up the highways, we press upriver—where they say Paul Bunyan made the Mississippi by emptying a pan of dishwasher. Like Bunyan himself, the state of Minnesota looms large. Covered with dense green forests and filled with over 10,000 lakes—14,380 by some counts—the North Star State borders one lake that is greater than them all: Lake Superior. Holding 10 percent of the world's fresh surface water and more than 80 species of fish, Lake Superior is an outdoor playground of epic proportions. In fact, it's an embodiment of the region. You see, the land of the lakes is a land of legends.

And legends, like RVers, make their own way.

The growing legend of a Minnesota cider house with no rules and a warm welcome for RV guests. *by Mark Settle*

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# CLEARING A NEW PATH

**YOU COULD SAY** that Adam Ruhland had an ax to grind—with subpar cider. In the

alcoholic beverage industry, cider has a reputation for being candy-like. And artificial. And generally not the kind of drink that merits a second round. But Adam felt like the market was ready for a better kind of cider. The kind that nobody was yet making. Something drier and cleaner. Truer and more natural—without the training wheels of added sugar and concentrate. And when Adam met Andrew Price, a Minnesota native already in the brewing industry, the two men decided to cut their own path in Duluth, Minnesota. Starting Wild State Cider in 2018, and opening in 2019, the tandem immediately bucked industry trends, with flourishes of champagne yeast and flavor infusions of hops—to name just a few innovations. “In the taproom, at any given time, there’s probably 20 options which we have on site,” Adam says. “There’s always something new.”

Now, in their third year, Wild State Cider is the second largest producer of cider in that span. Today, sold in five other states and employing a team of 27, Wild State is blazing a new trail for cider, cutting a broad path in a less defined industry.

To be sure, something unique is happening on the westernmost shore of Lake Superior. And that something is what attracted the attention of Harvest Hosts. After all, from the beginning, Harvest Host CEO Joel Holland had his own ax to grind with an age-old, RV-pilot dilemma: Visit any brewery, winery, or cidery and *someone is not gonna be doing the tasting* (i.e., the driver). As an RV enthusiast himself, he and his wife had the unsatisfying experience of continually having



ANDREW



ADAM



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to draw the proverbial straw. Which felt dumb. There had to be a better way for campers to enjoy the fruit of their travels, be that in glasses or pints. Today, Harvest Hosts has carved a wide path, giving over 180,000 members access to over 3,145 unique hosts across the country. For just \$99 a year.

Which means unique venues like Wild State Cider do more than keep the doors open for RV travelers: They look for them.

Descending from I-35’s elevated northbound path, with the full weight of your rig or trailer behind you, Duluth slopes down to the greatest of North American lakes. Rippling with dark blue muscle, the surface of Lake Superior extends into the broad horizon with the majesty of an inland sea. Just two and a half hours north of the Twin Cities, you’ll hit the off ramp at Exit 254 onto South 27th Avenue West. A quick right turn onto West Superior Drive puts Wild State Cider on your driver’s side.

In a parking lot adjacent to their patio, Wild State Cider keeps two spots reserved for Harvest Host members who call in. During the winter months, the patio doubles as a curling sheet and, in warmer months, converts into a stage with lights for music performers. Walking through the doors of the cidery, visitors face a long bar. To the right, over 200 live plants hang on the wall, enjoying the floorplan’s openness and natural light. In fact, the entire vibe brings the outdoors in. Vertical structural elements harken to Scandinavian roots. A ski-lift chair sits against the front wall. And road-weary travelers can expect to be greeted by a bartender, who is going to offer you a flight of five 5 oz. pours. (Accept that offer, friend.) Sitting down,

to the left, the enormous production tanks tower beneath an elevated ceiling, giving you an idea just how big they are. Upstairs behind the bar, there’s even a four- to eight-person mezzanine.

Adam admits that Wild State’s bartenders share a particular love for their RV guests. For their stories from the road. Or even for the occasional RV tour that some campers offer. The team sees an incredible range of people and RVs. Adam laughs, “You can kinda tell which kind of person someone is by their RV. Like the level of comfort they’re seeking or the amount of adventure they’re after.”

Maybe it’s a situation of like recognizing like. After all, there’s a kindred among pioneers, way finders, and trailblazers. Because when you’ve cut your own path, you instinctively recognize someone else who’s doing the same.



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# EXPLORING A GIANT FOOTPRINT

**LEGEND SAYS** that Minnesota’s 10,000 plus lakes are simply the footprints of Paul Bunyan and his blue ox. Whatever the origin, glaciers or giants, Duluth puts you in prime position to explore Lake Superior.

From the cidery itself, in an area called Lincoln Park, you’re a half-mile walk away from the lake shore—amid a vibrant collection of breweries, cideries (yes, there’s more than one), restaurants, and coffee shops. Just two minutes from



Wild State, there's Ursula Minor Brewing, who also makes a mean wood-fired pizza. But Adam confesses his favorite is Corktown Deli, whose meat comes fresh from the vaunted OMC Smokehouse. At the cidery, they have their own menu, but Adam insists they have no problem with customers bringing in outside orders. Really, he says, the only thing not in the Lincoln Park area is a good grocery market.

The lake itself suffers no lack of commerce. In Canal Park, Duluth's iconic Aerial Lift Bridge—one of the few in America—can even be raised to 135 feet in under a minute to let colossal cargo ships pass below. It's a captivating sight. Once the bridge is back down, you can cross over to Park Point and enjoy miles of lake walk on the world's longest freshwater sandbar. Along the narrow strip, you'll find distilleries, restaurants, and beautiful recreation areas with prime access to the lake. Circling back to the mainland, Duluth's



downtown waterfront offers great places to explore—especially for kids. The Great Lakes Aquarium has engaging exhibits that explore sunken shipwrecks and explain how watersheds work. Nearby, Bayfront Festival Park has a great playground, and hosts outdoor music performances in the warmer months.

Pushing beyond the city limits, U.S. Highway 61 North follows the lakeshore, leading you all the way up Canada. Along the way, there's a lot of fun local shops, a lot of state parks, and no billboards allowed. Taking a two-hour day trip, you'll reach Grand Marais, a little town on the water. Proclaimed America's Coolest Small Town by Budget Travel Magazine, Grand Marais is full of arts and crafts, great food and grand views.

This is the allure of the northern adventure: Getting away from development is all too easy. Grand Marais is bracketed by the Sawtooth Mountains and Lake Superior. Inland lakes are



The Aerial Lift Bridge is a Lake Superior icon, and a tremendous sight for locals and travelers alike.

everywhere. Duluth itself is the starting point for the long-distance Superior Hiking Trail that goes 269 miles all the way up to Canada. (You can also do it in sections if you lack Bunyan's 7-foot strides.) Over 40 miles of mountain bike trails wind their way out of the city. And that's just if you push inland. The lake itself is a freshwater playground for kayaks, canoes, and fisherman. While there are a lot of fish in Lake Superior, Adam says, just don't fish with Andrew. (For better tips on landing a lunger, see Page 57.) Although Andrew is a man of many talents, fishing is apparently not one of them. But perhaps you can afford to not be the king of fly fishing when you're the master of flights.

began to be forged in the hop-rich training ground of breweries. But the process of making cider is uniquely its own. In an attempt to put what Andrew does in layman's terms, Adam breaks it down like this: "The simplest thing to say is that it's made like wine and packaged like beer. In brewing, you're heating something up and cooking. And then you ferment after that. In cider, you start with the fermentation and then you blend things together afterward. So we get a tanker load—you know, 5,000 gallons of apple juice—and we ferment that for ten days in our tanks. Then we take that alcoholic base and start to blend that with other things to create all our different styles. So we might put it in a barrel, or we might mix raspberry hibiscus with it. We

might put hops in it; we may filter it; we may leave it cloudy. We might add some juice to sweeten it. Once blending is done, we carbonate it, put it in aluminum cans, and sell it in four packs."

There's a lot of experimentation, because cider does not have the standard varieties common to beer or wine. There's no IPA equivalent. There's

## MAKING AN UNRULY CIDER

ANDREW PRICE KNOWS HIS CRAFT. A self-professed beer guy, his cider skills



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no shiraz or cabernet of cider (although Wild State’s Classic Dry does have a nice touch of champagne yeast).

Adam explains, “Customers don’t know what to expect because cider is such an unknown category. It’s small, still relatively new. There are no rules that you have to follow. It’s not like if you make an IPA and someone’s like, ‘This isn’t true to the style.’ In cider, there’s really not a lot of standardization.” Yet. In the meantime, Wild State Cider keeps forging ahead.

One rule that remains is the standard that Adam and Andrew set themselves: Cider should be natural and free. “Our biggest claim to fame is that we just use apples,” Adam says. “We never use a concentrate

or add sugar. So it’s just a very true, drier style.” And while Wild State has lots of styles, Classic Dry from their core group of flagship ciders remains their top seller. It also happens to be Adam’s favorite—proof that a better kind of cider not only exists, but is actually preferred.

Here, on the northern edge of the country, what is natural is free to make its distinct mark. Where legends can grow even greater with time. Pressed down, mashed, wrung, distilled, and fermented—the bright aftertaste of making your own path is always worth the struggle. To smell fresh air in a land of lockdown. To see sights too immense for any screen. To taste a cider no one thought was possible. To open a host of doors for campers across the country. Not everyone is able to do these things and brave the unknown. But we do—because we go. Guided by our true north, our road knows no limit. It admits no rules. And nothing but a year of two winters will slow us down.♥



CAMPGROUND GUIDE

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**Day Rate:** \$46–52 + tax  
**Camp Sites:** 80

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

**Check-In/Out:** 11 a.m./11 a.m.

[Graceland.com/RV-Park-Campground](http://Graceland.com/RV-Park-Campground)

### Hot Springs National Park KOA

838 McClendon Road  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
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**Road Trip:** If you visit Hot Springs! At the national park, you can take a relaxing dip at **Bathhouse Row**. Follow it up with a massage. Then make a toast at the Superior Bathhouse Brewery, which brews beer with thermal spring water. *8-minute drive*

**Day Rate:** \$51–69 + tax  
**Camp Sites:** 64

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

**Check-In/Out:** 1 p.m./12 p.m.

[Koa.com/Campgrounds/Hot-Springs-National-Park](http://Koa.com/Campgrounds/Hot-Springs-National-Park)

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**Day Rate:** \$40 + tax  
**Camp Sites:** 110

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
PROPANE	■	PET-CARE	■

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**Camp Sites:** 67

WATER	■	STORE	■
SEWAGE	■	LAUNDRY	■
ELECTRIC	■	WI-FI	■
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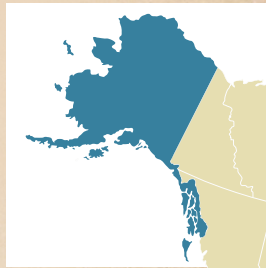
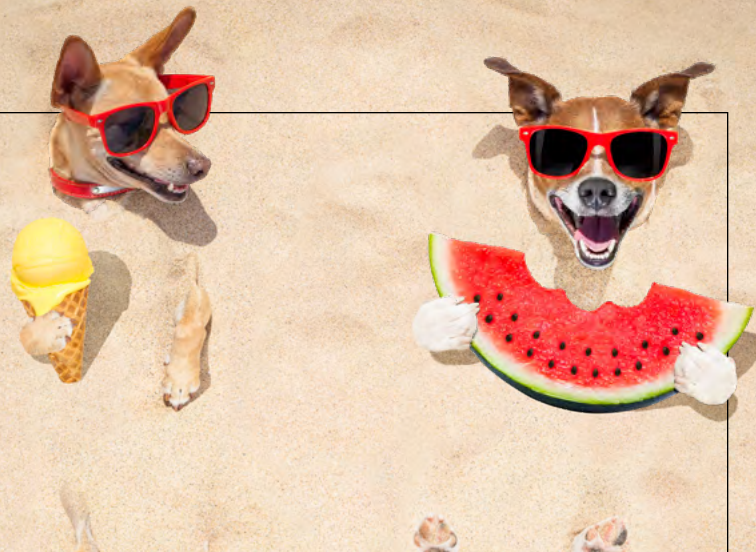


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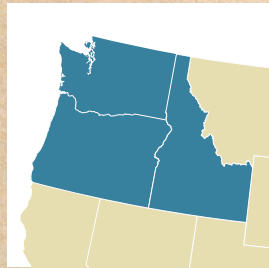
**Anchorage Ship Creek RV Park**

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[AlaskaTravelAdventures.com](http://AlaskaTravelAdventures.com)

• Look, we know what you're thinking. "Drive my RV? To Alaska?" But, there are easier ways to reach The Last Frontier. (Although we still like that first idea.) Alaska Travel Adventures not only has an RV Park but RV rentals as well. They will even help you book short cruises, road trips, and day tours. That way, all you have to worry about is bringing bear spray. (Kidding. Kind of.)



We get it: You're going to Alaska to be out there. Even so, Anchorage is just a short drive away, if you find yourself longing for a sign of civilization.



**NORTHWEST**

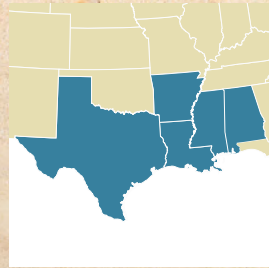
**Crater Lake Resort and Store**

Fort Klamath, OR  
[CraterLakeResort.com](http://CraterLakeResort.com)

• Crater Lake is not a place for RVs most seasons. (Umm, it's cold.) So take advantage of summer to catch those spectacular volcanic views. Crater Lake Resort and Store offers year-round lodging and grocery shopping for its guests. Snag an RV site or reserve a cabin for a little more elbow room as you relax on the 12-acre property—to rest up before and after that big, beautiful hike.



No need to stock up. The resort's store has beer, wine, a propane bottle exchange and fill station, souvenirs, RV supplies, fly fishing gear, apparel, and more.



**GULF COAST**

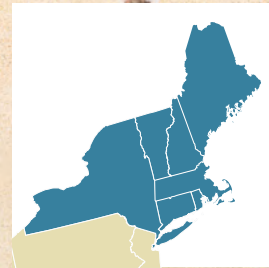
**Palm Harbor RV Park**

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• Rockport is a fisherman's paradise, and this quiet waterfront resort has 300 feet of beach access and 103 RV sites just waiting for you to pull in. You can stay for as little as a day, or as long as a whole season. Because time in paradise is not something you're going to want to rush. And with South Padre Island just three-hours south, you're in prime position to party.



For a small-town feel, head to Downtown Rockport. If you want the big(ger) city experience, then Corpus Christi is the place to paint the town red.



**NORTHEAST**

**Whispering Pines Campground**

Hope Valley, RI  
[WhisperingPinesCamping.com](http://WhisperingPinesCamping.com)

• Nestled in the shadows of 50 acres of towering pines, the Whispering Pines Campground is the perfect place to finally just ... slow down. There are pull-throughs, full hookups, and laundry on site. And here, you practically get two vacations in one—where chilling in a hammock and dashing out to Rhode Island's beaches (just 20 minutes away) are daily options.

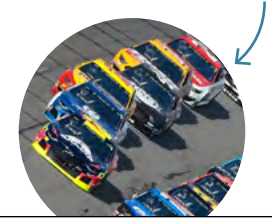


Check off a bucket list item: Take sailing lessons. Even if you're more of a passenger, you can enjoy the sunset cruise—while someone else does the heavy lifting.

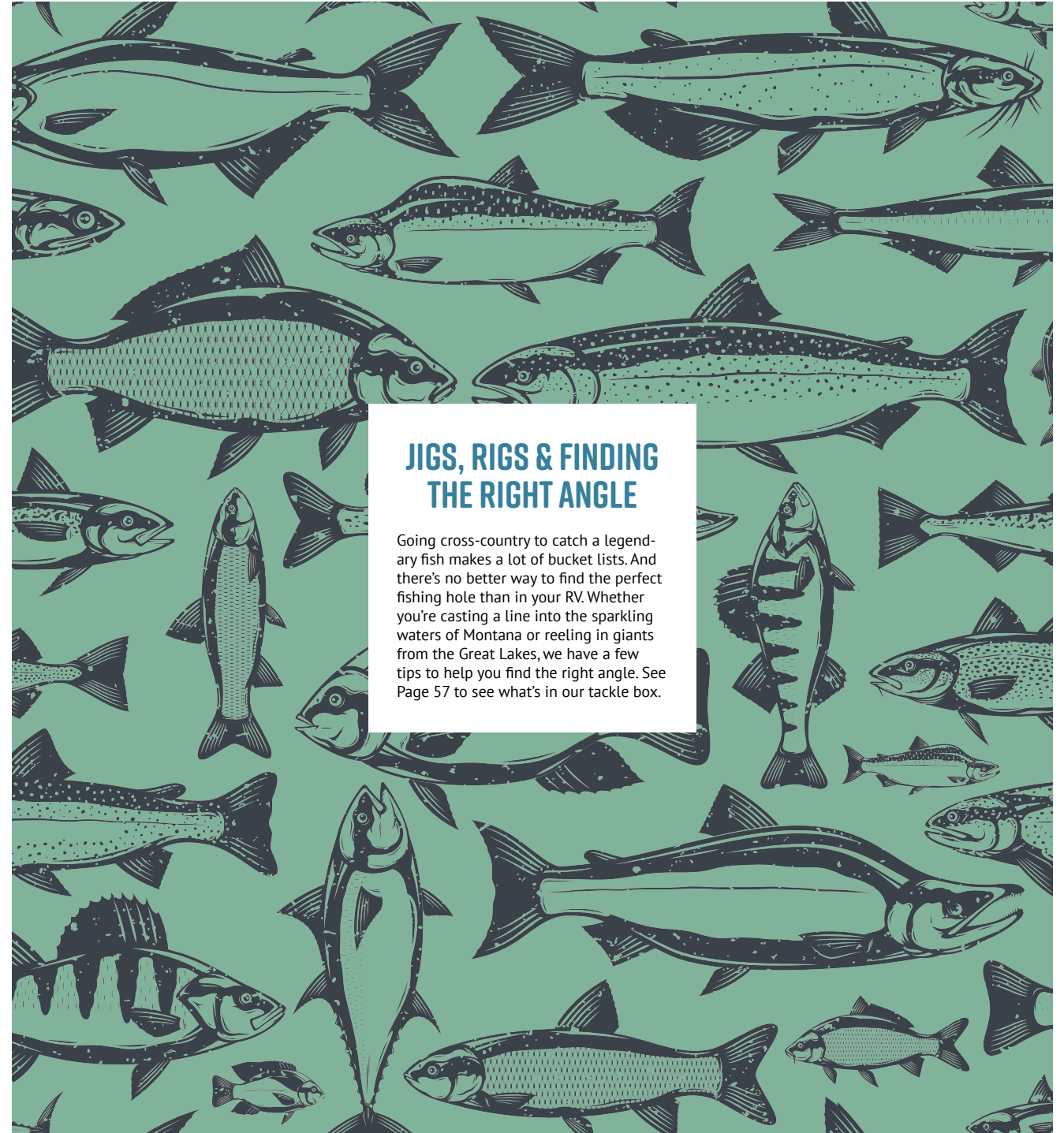
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# RVX

Get your engine started and calendar marked for NASCAR season. Page 60



CAMPING, ADVENTURE, AND THE RV EXPERIENCE



## JIGS, RIGS & FINDING THE RIGHT ANGLE

Going cross-country to catch a legendary fish makes a lot of bucket lists. And there's no better way to find the perfect fishing hole than in your RV. Whether you're casting a line into the sparkling waters of Montana or reeling in giants from the Great Lakes, we have a few tips to help you find the right angle. See Page 57 to see what's in our tackle box.

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# Release the Hounds!

**DOGS CAN MAKE ANYTHING AN ADVENTURE.** But some spots just beg for a special outing—because they not only welcome pups, they celebrate them. Here are four of our favorites for any double-dog-daring canines out there.

NEW TRICKS

## CATCH THE DOG WALK

Parked just seven miles north of downtown Portland, **JANTZEN BEACH** packs both a beach vibe and the traditional Pacific Northwest essence de la vie. In a city with more dog parks per capita than any other, you won't have to look far for more four-legged friends. Nor will you have to try hard to find dog-friendly dining, with restaurants like the Tin Shed Garden Café, which gives Fido his own menu to paw-ruse.

A NICE TREAT

## SNIFF OUT A PARADE

If your dog is confident and composed enough to be in a crowd, parades can be a sensory wonderland of sights and sniffs. They're also a great excuse to spend time outdoors. Just be sure to consider whether fireworks are part of the deal. If so, vamoose prior to kickoff. **SMALL TOWNS** from sea to shining sea will have parades for the Fourth of July, the perfect time to come together—both man and his best friend.

LET THE DOGS OUT

## UNLEASH ON THE LAKE

Spring's the perfect time for splashy fun. And while many lake areas require a leash, some, like **NORMAL F KRUSE PARK** in Meskegon, Michigan, let dogs run unencumbered in the water. (So bring some floating retrieval toys.) Famously Fido-friendly, the park doesn't have RV parking on site, but there are several in the area, including the highly rated Duck Creek RV Resort just 25 minutes down the road.

WHEN DOG TIRED

## LIE DOWN OVERNIGHT

There are a growing number of pet-friendly breweries and restaurants around, and a great way to check one out is through **HARVEST HOSTS**, a membership organization that connects members with RV-friendly locations that let you overnight for free. With 680 wineries and restaurants available, and an option to search for pet-friendly locations, the right spot is easy to find and curl up in. (Learn more on Page 46.)



# Fishing for the Right Spot

Northern states have an incredible cast of fish. Here are some reel good tips to locate and land some lunkers. *by Mark Settle*



**HUNKERED BENEATH** that sunlit sheen of water, they wait. Legendary big fish. Lunkers troll rivers and lakes with their

cool, plated bodies. Lifting their eerie doll eyes to the surface, they feel sound and see shadow when something ripples through the moving ceiling of their world. With weird fish logic, they calculate: whether to take the bait—or not.

This contest between man and fish is a little bit of chess. A little bit of luck. And a whole lot of fun. It can also be a high-stakes game of honor—especially when you take the RV across the country with a specific fish in mind. The northern states are choice territory for angler ambitions. Here, the reward is great, because very little is as satisfying as pulling a slapping giant into the naked air.

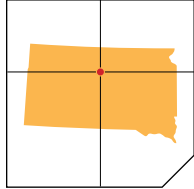
That should be motivation enough to pack your tackle into the camper and make the journey. So, if you're fishing for the right spot, here's an inside scoop on where to find the giants and how to drag them from their damp domain.

**Trophy-Sized Trout**  
Brown Trout  
Bighorn River, MT

- ▶ **ANGLE OF ATTACK:** Fly fishing
- ▶ **TACKLE BOX:** Dry (dark, sizes 16-22), streamer, and wet flies to simulate local prey
- ▶ **MIGHT BE A LUNKER IF...** It's over 10 pounds and/or 27 inches
- ▶ **LOCAL LIMIT:** 5 daily and in possession (for the river)

Fishing brown trout on the Bighorn River is an adventure of a lifetime. And reeling in a beautiful brown is the memory you want. Quality fly fishing is available year-round. Brown trout are aggressive and opportunistic feeders, so you'll have an opportunity to use a wide variety of flies. In mid-June, the hatch of pale morning dun (PMD) mayflies also works to your advantage.

*Camp nearby at the Grandview Campground & RV Park in Hardin, Montana.*



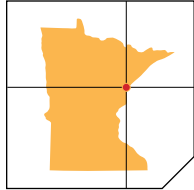
## Scale-Tipping Salmon

**Chinook Salmon**  
Lake Oahe, SD

- ▶ **ANGLE OF ATTACK:** Back trolling with plugs
- ▶ **TACKLE BOX:** Fish plug, with sardine or herring as wrapped bait
- ▶ **MIGHT BE A LUNKER IF...** It's over 20 pounds and/or 36 inches
- ▶ **LOCAL LIMIT:** 5 daily, 10 in possession

The Chinook is the King of all salmon reaching sizes up to 1.5 meters. (That would certainly qualify as a lunker.) Their kingdom lies in the cool depths of Lake Oahe and its tailwaters, where they feed on lake herring and rainbow smelt. So, to attract their attention in the lake, you'll need to troll some depth.

*Camp nearby at the D & S Campground Lodge & Storage in Akaska, South Dakota.*



## Walleyed Wonders

**Walleye**  
Duluth, MN

- ▶ **ANGLE OF ATTACK:** Jigging with live bait
- ▶ **TACKLE BOX:** 1/8 oz. Fire-ball style jigs + shiners, 4–6 inches
- ▶ **MIGHT BE A LUNKER IF...** It's over 8 pounds and/or 28 inches
- ▶ **LOCAL LIMIT:** 6 total (not more than one walleye over 20 inches)

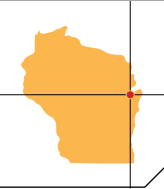
Mid-May through mid-June is prime time for walleye on Lake Superior. After spawning on the St. Louis River, they move into the lake—with young fish arriving first and bigger females following after. These fish have some sharp teeth, which gives you a hint about their love for live bait. It also gives you a hint about their aggressive nature. These guys will fight you, so buck up your resolve.

*Camp nearby at Wild State Cider (a Harvest Host) in Duluth, Minnesota.*



### Share Your Catch

We don't care if it was our sage advice, your novel tactics, or a stroke of sheer luck. Point is, we wanna see your fish! Share on Facebook or Instagram @IHeartRVing.



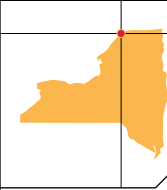
## Monster Muskies

**Muskellunge**  
Green Bay, WI

- ▶ **ANGLE OF ATTACK:** Trolling in a figure 8 at 10–15 feet
- ▶ **TACKLE BOX:** #5 Bucktails and soft plastics
- ▶ **MIGHT BE A LUNKER IF...** It's over 26 pounds and/or 46 inches
- ▶ **LOCAL LIMIT:** 1 daily and in possession

Sure. Landing any mature muskie feels like a lunker. These are big fish, with some reaching sizes up to 6 feet and nearly 70 pounds. Despite their size, start with smaller bait in the spring. With colder waters, they're more sluggish and likely to take easy bait. Although muskies love the shallows, in this season, target drop offs instead. Keep working the lure to draw them in.

*Camp nearby at Bay Shore Campground in Green Bay, Wisconsin.*



## Not-So Smallmouths

**Smallmouth Bass**  
Saint Lawrence River, NY

- ▶ **ANGLE OF ATTACK:** Dropshot
- ▶ **TACKLE BOX:** Tube jigs, soft plastics (worm, stick bait, minnow)
- ▶ **MIGHT BE A LUNKER IF...** It's over 5 pounds and/or 20 inches
- ▶ **LOCAL LIMIT:** Catch and release only

Angling in the St. Lawrence River is a bucket list experience for any fisherman—even with the catch-and-release requirement for smallies. Active in the late spring, bronzebacks love the cool waters more than their larger-mouthed cousins. Up north, you can expect some aggressive hits on dropshots if your presentation has some finesse.

*Camp nearby at Waterson Point State Park in Fineview, New York.*

**Disclaimer:** Fishing regulations are updated annually—in great length and extensive detail—by states, the extent of which we are not able to represent here. Check the full guidelines for fishing in each state before you travel to ensure that you are in compliance with local regulations.

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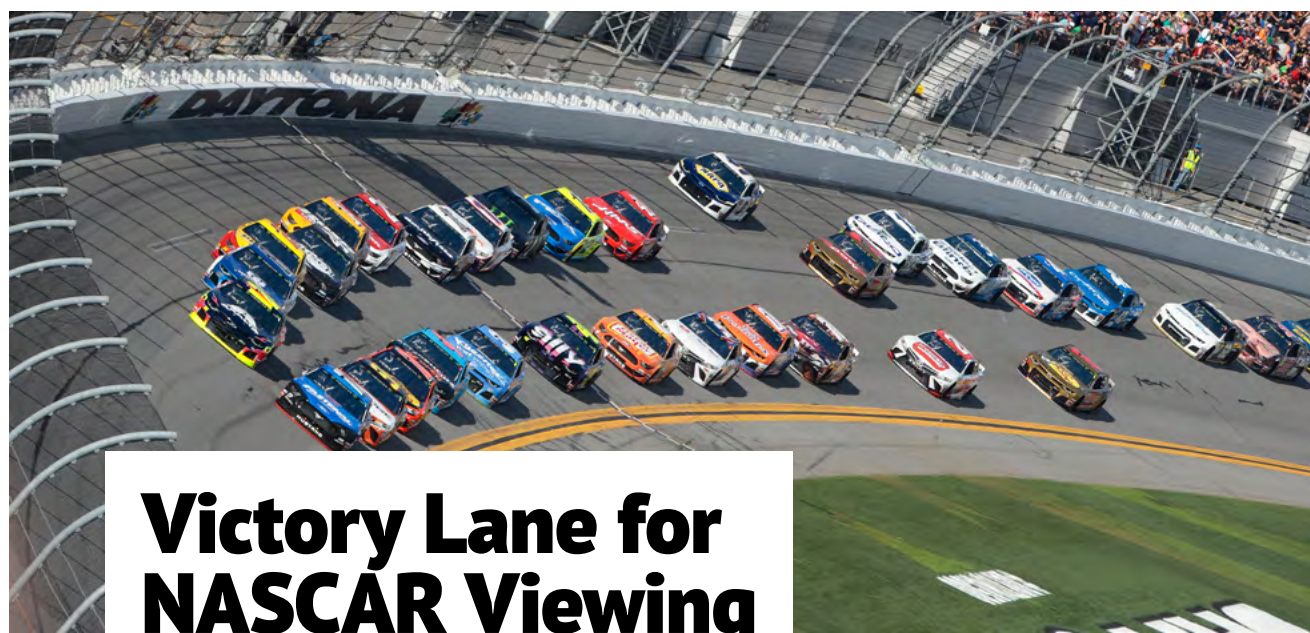
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## Victory Lane for NASCAR Viewing

Here are the 5 go-fastest reasons to get your motor runnin', from the undisputed king of left-hand-only racing.

**NASCAR AND RVING** are a 'Merican motorsports match made in carburetor heaven. And it's more than just the fact that there's crossover between RVers and motorsports fans—RVing at NASCAR events combines two great American pastimes: parties and racing. Just don't expect to get a lot of sleeping done.

### Talladega Superspeedway

**GEICO 500**  
04/24/22

Talladega sports over 20 different RV and camping sections, so you're sure to find one that fits your budget (and your penchant for partying). The city of Talladega is only 26 square miles, which is an ironic place to put NASCAR's longest—and fastest—track.

**BEST REASON TO GO**

Observing the spectacle of what happens when over 100,000 NASCAR fans cram into a town with a population of 15,500.

### Pocono Raceway

**THE POCONO 400**  
07/24/22

The Pocono Raceway is set in one of America's great getaway destinations. Like Pocono itself, the raceway sports several affordable camping options including the GEICO Family Campgrounds, which reflects the area's family-friendly vibe, and tent camping for only \$200.

**BEST REASON TO GO**

Affordable camping square in the middle of "The Tricky Triangle," and an excuse to stay a few extra days in the Poconos.

### Indianapolis Motor Speedway

**VERIZON 200 AT THE BRICKYARD**  
07/31/22

The Indy Motor Speedway Museum is a must-see, as it reflects the Brickyard's history as an American racing mainstay for over a century. Most drivers will list the Brickyard just after Daytona in terms of prestige, and most infield camping fanatics will too.

**BEST REASON TO GO**

Sleep (and party) where racing history has been made for over 100 years.

### Homestead-Miami Speedway

**DIXIE VODKA 400**  
10/23/22

Points are always at a premium in Miami, as the Dixie Vodka 400 is the last race in the Cup Series. Unlike other tracks, there are only a few options for camping, and you'll have to pay \$1,200 to get hookups. But Miami sure does know how to party, and the Geico Gecko RV Park fits right in.

**BEST REASON TO GO**

The last miles of racing, and also the appropriately named "infield beach party," located on a 20,000 square-foot beach inside of Turn 3 around a 7-acre infield lake that spans the width of the backstretch. In Miami.

### Daytona International Speedway

**THE DAYTONA 500**  
02/19/23

The Daytona 500 is called the richest race on the circuit for a reason. It's held in February (too late now to see Austin Cindric win this year), but it's never too early to get your tickets for next year. Daytona's a motorized Mecca for hardcore fans, sporting high-dollar prices and high-dollar amenities. There are multiple camping areas inside and out of the infield, including premium options with hookups.

**BEST REASON TO GO**

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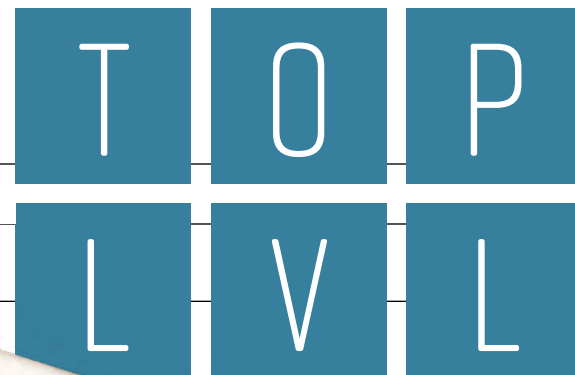
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## RV TECH AND TRADECRAFT

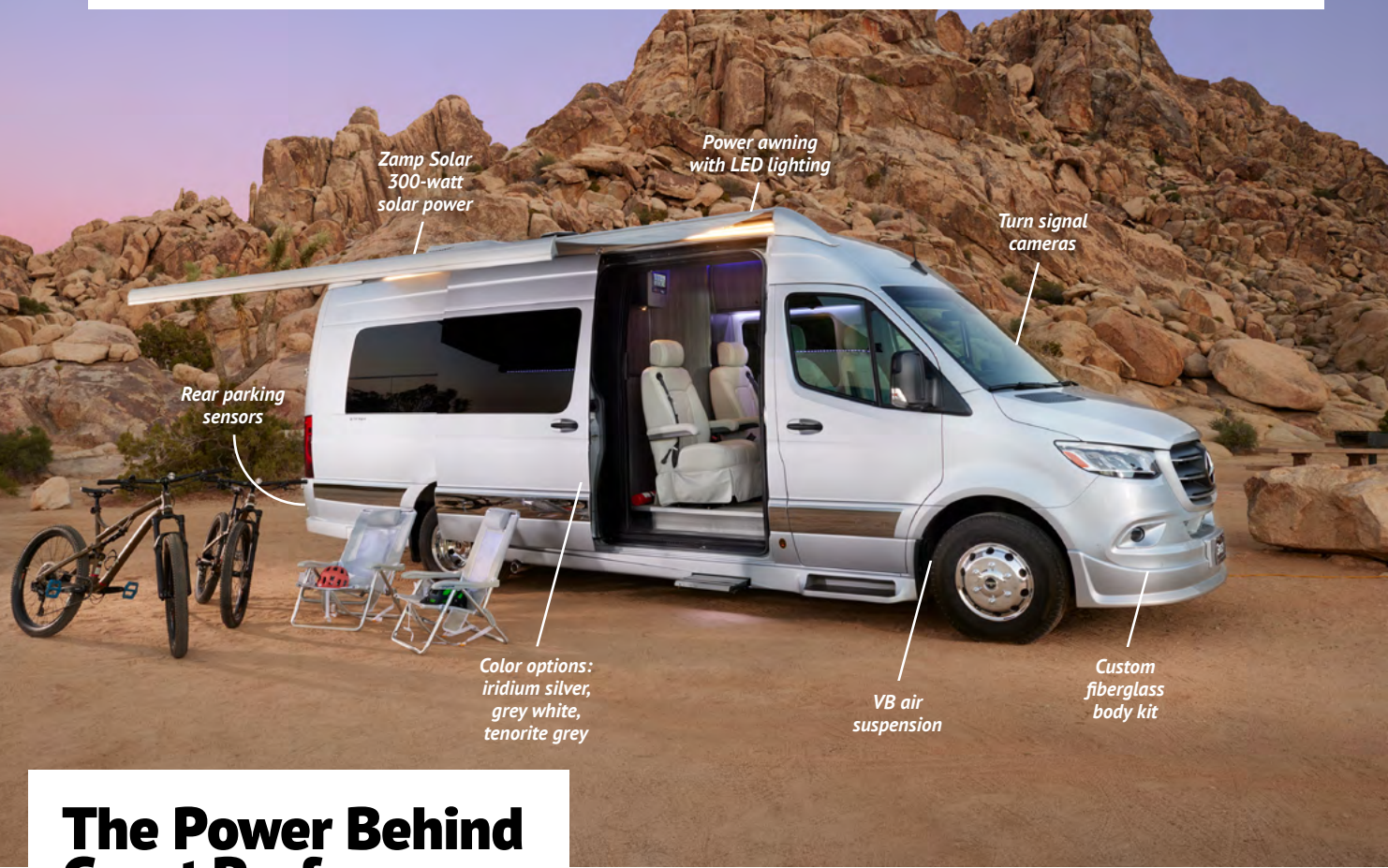


**MAKING A SPLASH** in a crowded field of Class Bs means a manufacturer is doing something special. (Are we seeing a Class B renaissance?) But Grech RV's Strada has spent the last year stealing the show wherever it parked. In that same span, Ultimate Toys launched a teardrop trailer. Finely crafted by Amish hands and fitted with modern comforts, it's redefining the iconic style. See these two incredible catches from 2021 on the next page.

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# Strada's Epic Year in Premiere



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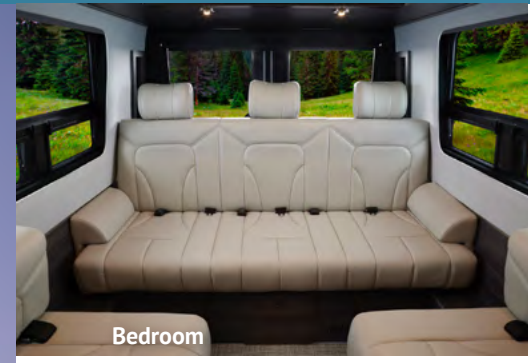
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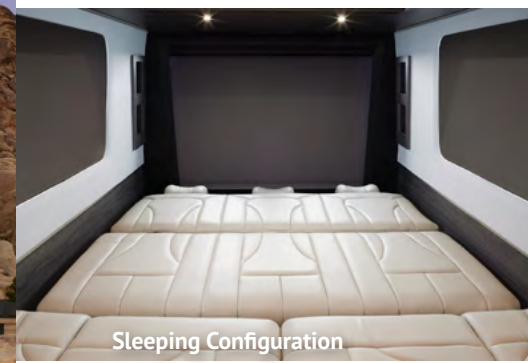
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VB air suspension

Custom fiberglass body kit



Bedroom



Sleeping Configuration



Interior

### The Bedroom Scene

Opening shot: The beautiful Ultraleather seating has been transformed into an expansive power sofa bed. Memory foam cushions go wall-to-wall. Slowly pan the camera around the cabin. See the soft-touch walls. Watch the automation power window shades descend. Two pairs of shoes tumble to the floor. Bare feet press into the Chilwich vinyl-woven floors. And the lights go out.

### Visual Effects and Sound Mixing

Impressive in every sense, the Strada's interior captivates both sight and sound. The kitchen's quartz countertop and farmhouse-style sink are flanked by European veneers and hardwood cabinets with radius doors. Blue LED lights charge the cabin with ambient light. The Bose soundbar and premium sound system pulse music in pitch-perfect waves. For movie night, there's 24-inch LED smart TV with a Blu-ray/DVD player ... and Wi-Fi, LTE, and HD directional antennas ... and cable outlets and prewiring for satellite TV. So, we hope you like hosting—because your friends will invite themselves.

## The Power Behind Great Performance

*GRECH RV'S STRADA MAKES A GRAND ENTRANCE TO THE CLASS B SCENE.*

**LIKE AN IRIIDIUM SILVER SCREEN,** Grech RV's Strada is a picture of just how glamorous life in motion can be. First making its appearance on the 2021 Florida SuperShow's red carpet, the Strada continues to wow Class B lovers with its stunning form and exquisite handling. With an equally show-stopping interior, every detail of this design projects the power of luxury.

Built on a Mercedes-Benz 3500XD 170-inch chassis, the Strada takes to the

road with first-class confidence. Riding behind a 3.0L V6 BlueTEC diesel engine and supported by a vaunted VB air suspension system, drivers enjoy a smooth ride that comes standard with every Strada. Even parked, it enjoys a soft sound signature, courtesy of the Ultra-Quiet Cummins Onan 2.5 kW generator. The FireFly Integrations Control System—with its comprehensive touch screen panel—also makes it easy for you to provide continuous direction to the entire cast of motorhome systems.

Lounging inside the Strada, the luxury lifestyles of the rich and famous don't seem so very distant. Designed to delight

and entertain the entourage of your choice, Grech RV raises the bar for Class B motorhomes. Creating an atmosphere of luxury upon entrance, blue LED lights trim the cabin. The Bose sound system floods the space with music. And the temperature is set for comfort—thanks to the Timberline's diesel fuel fired heating system and Dometic's low-profile 13,500 Btu AC unit. The wet bath is private and enclosed, complete with ceramic toilet you can flush by foot. From the exterior veneer to bathroom vanity, every inch of the Strada delivers. We know you'll want to see it for yourself. But consider this your teaser trailer.

Photos courtesy of Grech RV



### STRADA LOUNGE MODEL FLOOR PLAN

▶ CHASSIS: MB SPRINTER 3500XD 170 IN	▶ ENGINE: 3.0L V6 BLUETEC DIESEL
▶ GVWR: 11,030 LBS	▶ LPG: 9.8 GAL
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# The Ultimate Road Toy



## Retro Style Makes a Modern Play

*THE ULTIMATE CAMPER IS SMART, LIGHT—AND CRAFTED TO SURPRISE AND DELIGHT.*

**TEARDROPS CATCH OUR EYE.** Maybe it's the gentle arc of that clamshell curve. Or nostalgia for a forgotten RV era. Whatever it is, we like what we see. And while teardrops may have limits—on space, comfort, and modern amenities—the new teardrop trailer by Ultimate Toys

pushes them to the max. The Ultimate Camper is an outdoor toy box with clever features in every corner. Handcrafted by Amish artisans, its first-class quality defies all standard expectations, both inside and outside the cabin.

Smaller space means lighter weight—and that has its advantages. At under 2,500 lbs., the Ultimate Camper doesn't require a heavy-duty truck to tow it. In many cases, a compact or mid-sized SUV (and even some cars) can do the job. The trailer's wider frame also improves stability on the road, while maintaining a compact signature to maneuver into that scenic parking spot. Best of all, both classic teardrop styles complement nature—instead of fighting it.

Ultimate Toys takes a retro step forward in maximizing living space and standards for teardrops. Almost a foot wider than its clamshell counterparts, the Ultimate Camper enjoys a larger footprint—and packs in more creature comforts. (Find extra space-saving tips on Page 25.) The trailer has a full wet bath, full galley kitchen, and queen-sized bed, which also converts into a five-person dinette. The climate-controlled cabin offers air conditioning and heating, powered by a 12,000 Btu LP furnace and Bosch 2.5-gallon water heater. The Ultimate Camper even integrates a Bluetooth audio system with two flat-screen televisions—so it's safe to say, vintage style has never been so eager to play.

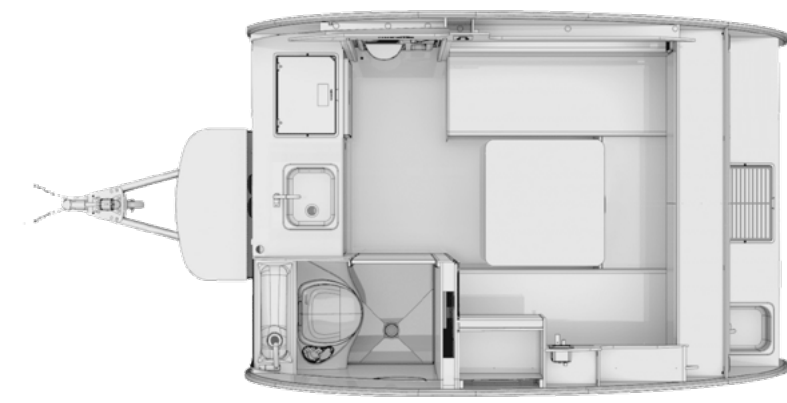
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### More Than Meets the Eye

Sparked by the power of transformation, the Ultimate Camper's cabin allows you to roll out a plush queen-sized bed or—alternately—to disguise it as a beautiful dinette. Dinner and drinks. Inside or out. (Did we mention you can also take the table outside?) Bracketed by window space, you can wake up in the morning light then share breakfast in the same sun.

### Two Play Stations for Cooking

This just might be our favorite thing about the Ultimate Camper: It's the only teardrop trailer with a full galley inside *and* a grill station outside. And neither is halfway done. The galley is stacked with a two-burner stove, stainless steel sink, custom backsplash, fridge, and microwave. Outside the built-in kitchen pops open and boom! Gas barbecue grill. Pow! YETI cooler. Wham! Yet another sink. On a teardrop trailer. You also might notice the Bluetooth speakers give you sound here too. And yes, because wonders never cease, there's a flat-screen TV for outdoor viewing. Did we mention this was a teardrop? The ultimate teardrop.



### ULTIMATE CAMPER TEARDROP TRAILER FLOOR PLAN

▶ LENGTH: 15 FT 3 IN	▶ WIDTH (EXTERIOR): 7 FT 6 IN
▶ HEIGHT (EXTERIOR): 7 FT 8 IN	▶ HEIGHT (INTERIOR): 69 IN
▶ SLEEP AREA: 58 IN X 81 IN	▶ GAWR: 2,900 LBS

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Organizers clearly love a great show, as street performers—both musical and magical—mingled with the RV window shoppers.



# The Superest Show

RVs have never been hotter than at one of the world's largest RV extravaganzas. *by Marc Acton*

**T**he Florida RV SuperShow scratched every recreational vehicle itch I hoped it would. And a few I didn't know I had.

By the time I finally walked through the show's chain-link gates, I'd already waited an hour in line for parking, eventually ditching my Uber to walk the final quarter mile to the front gate. But that's to be expected when you and 84,000 of your closest friends cram yourselves into the heat of the Florida state fairgrounds for the world's greatest RV show. (Prove us wrong in September, Hershey.) Neither hell nor high Uber fees would deter us.

Entering Gate 3 funneled me into a dimly lit expo hall that went on for about a quarter mile. And a curious smell told me that perhaps the fair-

grounds had previously housed some sort of livestock exhibition. It was now packed, butts to belly buttons, with RVers. Even so, I found myself fascinated by the vendor halls, with booths promoting everything from newfangled electric bikes to nudist groups. (Yes, they're really a thing, and no, they did not have samples of the wares on display ... and no, I did not stop to take a brochure.) But I was here for more than the vendors alone. I was here for an RVpalooza. After a 20-minute shuffle through the throng, I walked onto the other end of the hall onto one of the main thoroughfares of the show. Suddenly, there were hundreds of RVs everywhere I turned. From where I stood, I could see at least six different manufacturers already. Then, a bagpipe band strolled by playing



“Scotland the Brave”—clearly a sign I was among my people.

My favorite thing about RVing is that adventure is around every corner. And the SuperShow captures that experience perfectly. In addition to the bagpipe band, I saw jugglers, magicians, and other circus-like performers. There was also the most adorable bubble-blowing mobile handwashing station I’ve ever seen. But the stars of the show, without a doubt, were the rigs.

“We come every year to see the new models,” says Dorothy Larsson, a fellow RVer waiting in line with me at one of many food trucks scattered around the site. She and her husband drove their Class B Thor Sequence four hours from southern Georgia and parked for the week in the SuperShow’s massive RV parking section. “They don’t really change that much year to year,” she says, “But we always find something interesting to look at. And it’s just nice to be here.” Dorothy’s onto something. Being in a place like this, where your hobby is practically worshiped, is powerful.

director, says this year’s attendance broke the previous record attendance—by over 13 percent. That’s huge in a year when, even in Florida, people are at least *hesitant* to travel. (Though RVers have never seemed the type to be afraid of a little adventure.) “My favorite thing about the show,” says Kelly, “was the comment made by one of the attendees that said, ‘things feel like they are back to normal!’ That is the best compliment that anyone can say about the show. That comment made my entire show!”

It did feel normal. Good normal, especially if being surrounded by over 1,400 brand spanking new RVs by around 150 different suppliers is the kind of thing you love. (Or heart.) Old and new manufacturers were there, from start-ups to reservation-only luxury brands. Roaming across upon acres dedicated to America’s fastest growing traveling pastime, you come away with a clear view of the entire RV world and everything it has to offer. The latest innovations were on full display, from e-vehicles to new technological features. American-made was standard. And, while the familiar shape of tried-and-true industry models dominated the eye, there were also some standouts. New ones.



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One of the new entrants to the market was Hoosier Custom Cruiser. Talking with the manufacturers on the fairgrounds, I stood next to their first unit, just recently out of production. Their pretty Class C rig comes with a Pinterest-ready interior, boasting that Pottery-Barn look so popular in Insta-

gram reno jobs. Flanked by their first unit, Hoosier related how they were founded by a group of workers from another RV manufacturer, who are now operating as an employee-owned company. If their first unit is any indication of what is to come, we’ll be rooting for them down the road.

Teardrops got plenty of love this year, as did Tiffin’s massive display, which was a standout.

## A Record-Breaking Year

► The SuperShow is put on each year by the Florida RV Trade Association. Dave Kelly, its executive

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# The Younger Face of the RV Market

▶ Walking around, it was simply impossible to not recognize industry progress. The energy of the record-breaking crowd was undeniable. The RV scene is not only growing, it's getting younger—with the explosion of new buyers bringing new faces to the scene (see Page 8). The average age of

attendees might still be approaching retirement, but the youth movement is increasingly visible.

Ember RV is the prime example of a new-to-market brand making a robust appeal to new buyers. Ember RV was founded out of Bristol, Indiana by Ashley Bontrager Lehman. Her grandparents were the founders of Jayco, and today, she represents the infusion of young blood into the market—in more ways than one. Her distinctive brand brings a colorful ruggedness to their products, with a style that would look at home in a high-end outdoor adventure catalog like Patagonia



Ember RV is a distinctive brand to watch in 2022 and beyond.

or Arc'teryx. Ember RV's design makes a bold—and highly welcomed—visual departure from the more classic styling of its predecessors in the market.

The changes are a result, in part, from interaction with RVers themselves. Which is why Lehman says that events like the SuperShow are invaluable



# 3 SuperShow Trends

## Electric Vehicles

Several manufacturers have dabbled in e-vehicles, and Winnebago had their front and center at their huge display. Their e-RV is a fully electric camper van with zero emissions and operation so quiet you might call it whisper mode. Still a production vehicle, the e-RV is a sign of earth-friendly trends to come.

## Influencers

For the younger RV crowd, social media influencers are the flavor du jour. Families in matching brand T-shirts promoting their preferred social media channels were ubiquitous. (Side note, if you're at next year's SuperShow, keep an eye out for a booth dedicated to your favorite RV magazine, assuming it's this one.)

## Monotone Interiors

Colors are out. Grays and neutrals are in. If you've seen a luxury furniture store catalog lately, you'll recognize the vast majority of interior styling, as manufacturers trade the vibrant for the monotone. The most successful styles are pairing organic or simulated organic materials with their mostly gray interiors.

Hitches, TPMSs, batteries, e-bikes, resort networks with most exceptional accommodations—all available. From fancy, RV-friendly soap to toilets and water treatment options, almost anything your RV-loving heart desired could be found.

But, in the end, I'm with Dorothy. The best thing about being at the show wasn't strolling through endless rows of RV stuff. It was the opportunity to be amongst Your People. Nothing against new releases. Or upgrades. Or even deals. Sure: All of these things make the SuperShow ... super. But being surrounded by your tribe means knowing that the person to your left and to your right share your values and interests. You are where you belong.

For me and at least 84,697 other RVers, the SuperShow was a perfect picture of RVness. Adventure around every corner. Warm, welcoming friends to meet at every stop of the tram. And an increasingly diverse collection of Americana that isn't afraid to embrace the weird or welcome the new. And Dorothy's right. That's a nice place to be.♥



to anyone in the industry who wants to connect with their audience directly.

"Having the opportunity to speak directly with your customers at events like RV retail shows gives you a different perspective," says Lehman. "It's important to hear what customers have to say, what they would like to see, and how they plan to use your products so that you can deliver a product they'll enjoy for years to come."

# The Most Super Thing About the Show

▶ I entered the largest RV show in the country anticipating a spectacle. And I got that—and more. The expo halls had over 350 vendors, each hawking their RV-centric wares.



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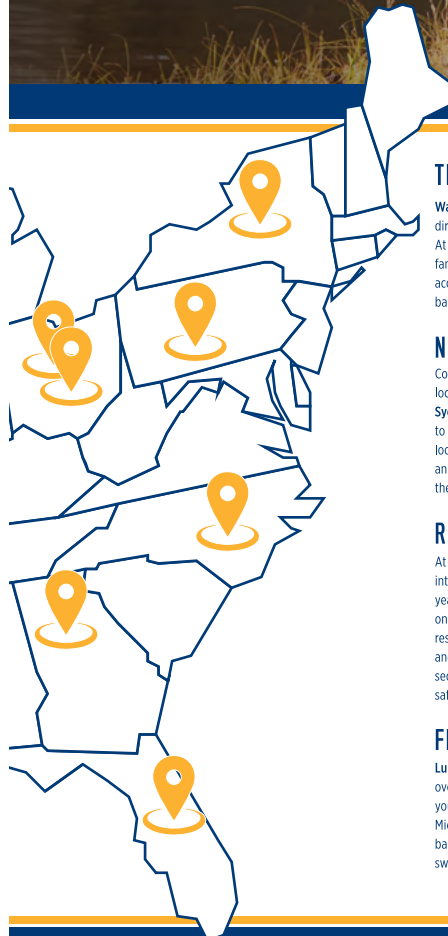
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## One Last Bone to Throw

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### 1 LAST LAUGH

*(The Campground's Daddiest Joke)*

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It wasn't cool.

### 1 FINAL INSPIRATION

*(Why We Do It)*

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—An Anonymous RV Proverb  
*(That We May Have Just Written)*

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*(It's a Breeze)*

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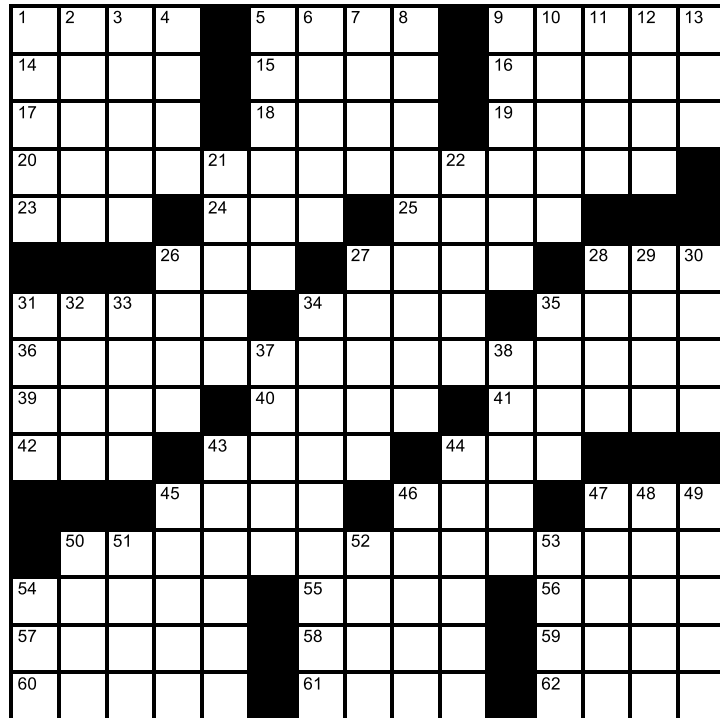


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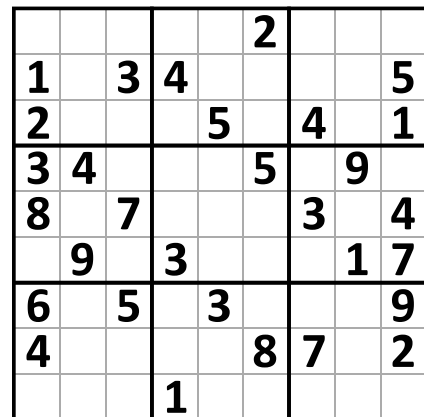
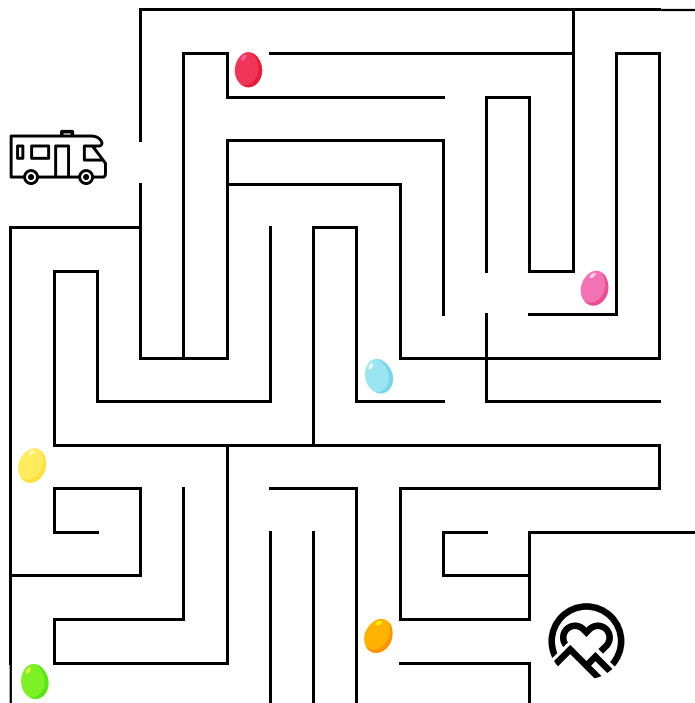
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- 15. Norse war god
- 16. Divided into regions
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- 18. "Darn it all!"
- 19. Dilettantish
- 20. Spoken by the Queen
- 23. Affirmative vote
- 24. New beginning?
- 25. Mars, to the Greeks
- 26. Farm area
- 27. Fertilizer chemical
- 28. Kid
- 31. Banana oil, e.g.
- 34. \_\_\_\_\_ of Wight
- 35. Frosh, next year
- 36. Inadvertent remark
- 39. Verse writer
- 40. Got 100 on
- 41. \_\_\_\_\_ willow
- 42. "Absolutely!"
- 43. Essen basin
- 44. Sty dweller
- 45. Gathering
- 46. Time div.
- 47. J.F.K. overseer
- 50. Humility
- 54. Kenyan tribesman
- 55. Coin with 12 stars on it
- 56. Bad to the bone
- 57. "Encore!"
- 58. Broadcast
- 59. Arizona city
- 60. \_\_\_\_\_ welcome
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- 62. Blast furnace input

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- 2. One of the two Tudor kings
- 3. Blast from the past
- 4. Connive
- 5. Kid's rocker
- 6. Gem State
- 7. Sky box?
- 8. Tangled
- 9. Flowering shrub
- 10. Day at the movies
- 11. Aardvark fare
- 12. Beat to a pulp
- 13. Cunning
- 21. Foreword, for short
- 22. Receive
- 26. Aug. follower
- 27. One who puts you in your place
- 28. Clothing
- 29. Big production
- 30. He and she
- 31. Glimpse
- 32. Blackthorn
- 33. Associations
- 34. Irritated peds
- 35. Like a bug in a rug
- 37. Early 20th century French artist
- 38. Express
- 43. Purify
- 44. Embroidery loops
- 45. Major's successor
- 46. Santa \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. Flu symptom
- 48. Biscotti flavoring
- 49. Book of maps
- 50. Kind of palm
- 51. Biblical brother
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