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QUICKSTART

GUIDE

TO RV TRAVEL



## THE LINGO

BASEMENT = STORAGE UNDER THE RV

BOONDOCKING = CAMPING WITHOUT HOOKUPS

BUMPER PULL = TRAVEL TRAILER

CAMPER = CAN REFER TO ANY TYPE OF RV

DIESEL PUSHER = MOTORHOME

DUMP STATION = WHERE YOU EMPTY YOUR WASTE TANKS

FIVER OR 5ER = FIFTH WHEEL RV

FHU = FULL HOOKUPS

RIG = YOUR RV OR TOW VEHICLE (NO MATTER THE TYPE)

S&B = STICKS AND BRICKS (HOUSE)

SNOWBIRD = PEOPLE WHO TRAVEL SOUTH FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

STINKY SLINKY = SEWER HOSE

TH = TOY HAULER

TOAD = THE VEHICLE BEING TOWED BEHIND AN RV

TV = TOW VEHICLE

TT= TRAVEL TRAILER

WORKAMPING = WORKING AT A CAMPGROUND IN RETURN FOR A FREE SITE, UTILITIES, AND/OR WAGES



## THE RV TYPES

### CLASS A -

LARGEST OF THE RV MOTORHOMES  
MOST RESEMBLES A TOURING BUS

### CLASS B -

SMALLEST OF THE RV MOTORHOMES  
ALSO KNOWN AS CAMPER VANS

### CLASS C -

BETWEEN A CLASS A AND CLASS B MOTORHOME  
HAS A SLEEPING/STORAGE AREA OVER THE CAB

### FIFTH WHEEL -

RV THAT IS SIMILAR TO A TRAVEL TRAILER BUT  
HITCHES INTO THE BED OF A TRUCK

### POP UP CAMPER -

SMALL RV THAT HAS WALLS THAT WILL COLLAPSE  
FOR TOWING AND STORAGE

### TRAVEL TRAILER -

RV THAT CAN BE PULLED BY MOST VEHICLES THAT  
HAVE A STANDARD RECEIVER HITCH  
ALSO KNOWN AS A BUMPER PULL

### TRUCK CAMPER -

SMALL RV UNIT THAT SLIDES INTO THE BED OF A  
TRUCK AND IS USUALLY TEMPORARY



# THE BASIC NECESSITIES

## OUTSIDE THE RV -

- CAMPING CHAIRS
- FIREWOOD
- LEVELING BLOCKS
- HOSES (SEWER & DRINKING WATER)
- SHORE POWER CORD
- SURGE PROTECTOR
- TOOLKIT
- WATER PRESSURE REGULATOR
- WHEEL CHOCKS

## INSIDE THE RV -

- BATH & BODY PRODUCTS
- BATTERIES
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- COOKWARE
- DINNERWARE
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- FIRST AID KIT
- FLASHLIGHTS
- FOOD AND WATER
- LINENS
- TRASH BAGS



## THE PLACES TO PARK

### OVERNIGHT STOPS -

- CASINOS
- CHURCHES
- FAIRGROUNDS
- LARGE RETAILERS (WALMART, CABELA'S, BASS PRO)
- LOCAL PARKS IN SMALL TOWNS
- PRIVATELY OWNED FARMS
- RESTAURANT CHAINS (CRACKER BARREL)
- REST STOPS
- RV DEALERSHIPS (CAMPING WORLD)
- SCHOOLS
- TRUCK STOPS

### EXTENDED STAYS -

- BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
- CAMPGROUNDS
- NATIONAL FORESTS
- NATIONAL PARKS
- RV RESORTS
- STATE PARKS

\*\*\*NOTE: IF THE LOCATION DOES NOT SPECIFY YOU CAN PARK OVERNIGHT,  
ALWAYS GET PERMISSION PRIOR TO DOING SO.



## THE HINTS AND TIPS

BEFORE DECIDING ON WHAT TYPE OF RV TO PURCHASE, RENT A FEW DIFFERENT TYPES FOR WEEKEND TRIPS TO SEE WHICH ONE BEST SUITS YOUR NEEDS.

WRITE DOWN THE HEIGHT OF YOUR RV AND PUT IT ON A STICKER ON THE INSIDE OF YOUR WINDOW WHERE IT CAN EASILY BE SEEN.

HAVE CHECKLISTS FOR PACKING & RV SET UP/TEAR DOWN.

ALWAYS BE PREPARED WITH BASIC TOOLS.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO DISCONNECT THE SEWER HOSE, IT'S NICE TO HAVE LATEX GLOVES AND OLD RAGS ON HAND.

IN CABINETS, USE FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS THAT STACK AND ARE SQUARE INSTEAD OF ROUND.

PACK HEAVY ITEMS LOWER AND LIGHTER ITEMS HIGHER.

EMBRACE MINIMALISM!

ALWAYS CHECK UNDER THE TOILET SEAT!



## THE FAQs

IS IT CHEAPER TO TRAVEL WITH AN RV THAN TO STAY IN A HOTEL? IT CAN BE IF YOU ARE BOONDOCKING, STAYING AT A STATE OR NATIONAL PARK, OR HAVE A CAMPGROUND MEMBERSHIP. ALSO, IF YOU ARE STAYING LONG TERM, MANY CAMPGROUNDS HAVE DISCOUNTED RATES.

IS IT LEGAL TO RIDE IN YOUR RV? YOU'LL HAVE TO REFERENCE THE STATE LAW FOR THE STATE YOU ARE TRAVELING IN.

NEW OR USED? YOU'LL HEAR LOTS OF DIFFERENT ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION. WE BOUGHT USED, THEN UPGRADED TO NEW WHEN WE FIGURED OUT WHAT WE WANTED/DIDN'T WANT IN AN RV. MANY PEOPLE BUY USED AND REFURBISH THEM.

WHERE DO YOU DUMP YOUR TANKS AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? MOST CAMPGROUNDS/RESORTS HAVE DUMP STATIONS YOU CAN USE FOR FREE WHEN STAYING THERE. OTHERWISE TRUCK STOPS, REST STOPS AND OTHER PLACES MAY CHARGE A FEE TO USE THEIR DUMP STATION. FEES VARY, BUT WE'VE SEEN FROM \$4-\$30 TO DUMP.



## THE FAQs (CONT.)

ON LONG TRAVEL DAYS, HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR FOOD FROM SPOILING? THE FRIDGE WILL KEEP ITEMS COLD/FROZEN FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME AS LONG AS IT'S NOT OPENED. ALSO, THE FRIDGE CAN RUN ON PROPANE OR BATTERY.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SET UP/TEAR DOWN? THIS WILL VARY. WITH OUR FIRST RV, IT TOOK US AN HOUR. WITH OUR NEW RV, IT TAKES US ABOUT 20-30 MINUTES.

HOW DO YOU KEEP IT CLEAN WITH KIDS? IT'S SMALL, SO I VACUUM 2-3 TIMES A DAY. IT TAKES ME 5 MINUTES. YOU CAN ADD AN OUTDOOR RUG AND WELCOME MAT TO HELP CATCH SOME OF THE DIRT AND MUD COMING IN FROM OUTSIDE ALSO.

HOW DO YOU NOT FEEL CRAMPED OR CLUTTERED? ORGANIZATION! ORGANIZATION! ORGANIZATION! THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.

WHAT DO YOUR KIDS DO IF IT'S RAINING OR COLD OUTSIDE AND YOUR HUBBY NEEDS TO WORK? SOMETIMES WE DO MORE SCHOOL WORK, GO ON A FIELD TRIP, HAVE A MOVIE DAY, OR THEY JUST DO CRAFTS AND PLAY WITH TOYS.