

GravelGrin

First RV Trip Checklist

A planning aid. Follow your rig manuals and campground rules.

Before you book

- ☐ Measure your loaded rig: height, length and width, including accessories.
- ☐ Check the specific campsite and approach road for vehicle and trailer limits.
- ☐ Confirm hookups, arrival hours, reservation terms and a backup place to stop.
- ☐ Plan manageable driving days, fuel stops and rest breaks.
- ☐ Save reservation details, campground directions and offline route notes.
- ☐ Check weather, closures and any restrictions along the route.

Before you leave

- ☐ Review the RV, tow-vehicle and equipment manuals for your setup.
- ☐ Check tires cold using the pressure appropriate to your load and tire guidance.
- ☐ Check lights, mirrors, brakes and required service; resolve warning signs.
- ☐ For towables, check rated weights and all hitch, chain, cable and brake connections.
- ☐ Test smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms; check fire extinguishers and exits.
- ☐ Secure loose items, doors, slides, awnings, jacks and steps for travel.
- ☐ Check water, battery charge and appliance travel settings against the manuals.
- ☐ Pack medications, first aid, essential tools and roadside-assistance details.

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When you arrive

- ☐ Walk the site first. Check ground, clearance, obstacles and hookup reach.
- ☐ Use a spotter where helpful; stop if either person loses sight or communication.
- ☐ Park, chock, level and stabilize in the order specified for your rig.
- ☐ Check shore-power compatibility before connection; adapters do not add capacity.
- ☐ Use drinking-water equipment for fresh water; keep waste equipment separate.
- ☐ Follow your manuals and campground rules for sewer, propane and appliance use.

Before the drive home

- ☐ Stow awnings, slides, steps and equipment in the manufacturer-required order.
- ☐ Disconnect and store power, fresh-water and sewer equipment safely.
- ☐ Check storage latches, tires, lights and towing connections again.
- ☐ Walk around the entire rig; look above, below and behind it.
- ☐ Confirm everyone and pets are seated or secured for travel.
- ☐ Note problems and supplies to replace before the next trip.