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## Solar Kits and RV Appliances for Boondocking

Boondocking. Dry camping. Dispersed camping. Getting off the grid. Whatever you call it, its popularity among RVers is growing. And why shouldn't it be? Boondocking offers fewer restrictions and more flexibility. It is typically much cheaper while also being more secluded, scenic, and quiet. And isn't that why many RVers got their vehicles in the first place? To not be tethered down? To travel freely, confidently, beautifully?

Boondocking has many advantages over paid campgrounds and RV parks, but also requires more advanced planning, from water and waste to food and fire. One of the most essential things to plan is power. Without the electricity hook-ups provided at most campground facilities, boondocking requires a complete, self-contained power system. While portable generators can serve as a valuable power source, they are noisy, poor for the environment, and require lots of additional fuel to run. Solar power, on the other hand, is abundant, quiet, and clean. And today's solar panels and accessories for RVs are extremely efficient, inexpensive and easy to install.

Many RVs today come from the manufacturer with an existing solar panel installed, designed to provide a base level of supplemental power for the vehicle. This is a high-quality panel but may not provide enough current to the battery for those looking to go on an extended boondocking trip. This is where the lineup of Elite Solar Expansion Kits by WAY fills the gap. Our pre-built and customizable kits provide the best solutions for prepping your vehicles for whatever the RVer can throw at them powering 12V fridges, lights, and other small appliances for longer.

With panels starting at 100W and going up to 190W; specially designed Y-connectors; 10 to 30-amp charge controllers; power converters and inverters; cables; mounts; and more, our Elite Solar Expansion Kits and all our power solutions make for the perfect enabler for those perfect off-the-grid adventures.

Creating just the right power generation solution is a major step in getting your RVs boondocking-ready. Just as important is making sure that the power consumption side of the equation is also properly planned for. And having the right RV fridge is a critical component of this setup.

The Everchill family of 12-volt refrigerators from WAY are designed to be the ideal appliances for boondocking. With a low current draw, these fridges can last for over 40 hours on a single battery and, when paired with the right solar power solution, can run indefinitely. Combine that with the fact that Everchill fridges have the most usable capacity in the industry and you have the perfect solution for enabling extended dry camping trips: less power needed and more food and drinks. Along with our most popular model 12V RV fridge, the 11 cubic foot, WAY has 12V fridges available from 4.5 up to 17 cubic feet with even larger models coming later in 2021.

# RV Questions: Asked the Most

In this article, I want to answer commonly ask questions about RVs and full-time RV living.

## **What is the cheapest beach to camp at with a travel trailer in California?**

Once you have your travel trailer and your car covered it's time to choose your best travel destination. And it's a no better place for you to go then to sunny California. **If the beach camping is your choice of preference then Ventura County Beach should definitely be on your list.** But if you are looking for some cheaper solutions than the US Forest Service and BLM offer very basic campgrounds in rural areas. These are inexpensive, a bit primitive campground usually cost less than \$20/night.

## **How effective is a portable AC inside a travel trailer or RV?**

When you've found your hot-spot in warm California you might consider having a small portable air conditioner. The challenge is getting one that is efficient and can run on 120 volts. So if you wanna have an air conditioner running and cooling the place up you should also consider your electrical energy supply. The traditional dilemma is which type of generator should you choose?

Which is better for my Travel Trailer RV, an inverter generator or a generator?

Which is better for my Travel Trailer RV, an inverter generator or a generator? Well although the ordinary generator consumes less fuel and costs less the inverter generator beats it with many other extra features Major benefits are portability and convenience, fuel efficiency and lower noise levels. So once you have parked your RV and settled in the campground. You've got your power and cooling solved its time to chill and relax with a nice meal and beer. Yes, you've heard it right you can enjoy your beer in the outdoor environment such as the campground, park on a private property or at a private home. Because then its considered domicile.

## **Recreational Vehicles: What does it feel like to live year-round in an RV?**

If you're one of those people who decided to leave everything behind and explore new locations all over the world all year round, then there are few things to consider. For this, you will need a better RV. Modern 5th wheels are cost-effective, spacious, easy to tow, easy to set-up, and high-end models have all the luxuries df om on wheels. Spending a whole year traveling in your new beautiful home can be a very thrilling and relaxing experience.

## **How safe is it to live in an RV?**

However is it safe? Well, you should definitely prepare, do some research on most places for camping. You can always consider some extra security, like alarms or lock security. Learn more about the local community of your camping spot online, explore and enjoy. If it doesn't feel right you can always leave. You might also consider a small tow car which can be useful if you wanna check a nearby city or do some errands without your castle on wheels.

## **What is the best car to pull behind RV and Why?**

The 2016 Chevrolet Spark, for instance, is one of the lightest cars for towing behind an RV. In this way helping you to minimize the additional load during long-distance cruising and acts as a reliable runabout for local driving s a tough combination to beat. One of the best is 2017 Jayco designer, the symbol for a luxury home suitable.

## **How to level a travel trailer?**

Stop the trailer around 1 meter from the intended position. Put a board behind the tires behind the low side and it should be 2-foot-long by 8-inch-wide in the back and front of the tires. A number of boards will vary depending the number of your trailer tires have. The number will not vary with the terrain or ground level you are packing the trailer.

After done setting the boards, then pull the trailer towards the boards and then check the level and push the trailer either forward or backward. Continue adding or removing the boards if the trailer is not on the level you want.

Add chocks to the wheels to prevent rolling of the trailer, and detach the trailer from the towing truck. Check the level again by placing the level on one side, then raise or lower the tongue jack on the hitch and then lower the stabilizer jack to reduce bouncing and rocking.

# Incredibly Useful Advice for First-Time RV Owners

## Practice Driving and Parking Before Your First RV Trip

If you have never driven or parked a large rig before, it's important for you to become comfortable with them because they are taller, wider and much heavier than you may have thought. The only way to do this is to take an RV Driver Safety Class and then practice driving your new unit as often as possible. The best method is to drive around in areas that are wide at first, and then later try to maneuver in those that present challenges such as heavy traffic and items that are above your line of vision. You should also practice parking, leveling and stabilizing your coach, especially if it has slide rooms.

Tools you will need to help you with this include

- a level,
- a set or two of RV wheel chocks, and
- a set or two of leveling blocks.

My husband and I always carry these items, and use them regularly, and you should do the same. Also, you want to make sure that you level and stabilize your coach before you unhook so that your coach does not roll, injure you or cause an accident.

## Test All Systems Before You Leave Home

It takes a long time to learn how to prepare your home, pack your RV and make sure that all of its systems are working properly, but these are things all travelers need to do before leaving home.

You want to make sure that your engine, generator, air conditioner, refrigerator, washer and dryer, brakes, exterior and interior lights and other similar systems are ready to go when you are.

**9 Things You Need to Do To Prepare for an RV Road Trip** gives you helpful advice about this, but the smartest way to prepare for travel is to create checklists that will guide you and then spend your first night or two at a campground close to home. This way, if you forget something, you can go back and get it easily, and you can also double check your systems before you head down the road.

## Respect Your Weight Limits

All recreational vehicles have weight limit ratings for loads, tires, and towing. You can find them in your manufacturer's books, online, or at dealerships. Knowing them and making sure you follow them carefully is extremely important because doing this will protect you against having accidents.

## Pack Carefully

Unlike other forms of travel, RVing requires you to take appropriate clothing, cosmetics, medications, health aids, cleaning products, tools, food, cooking utensils, linens, and other similar items with you. Therefore you have to use some common sense when packing and loading your RV.

The average coach is around 400 square feet. Therefore, it's important to be creative. You should always carry the least amount possible, and do the best possible job of organizing your possessions. Otherwise, your unit will become claustrophobic, you will have problems finding things and you'll be miserable rather than comfortable.

## Prepare for Important Financial, Health, and Other Issues

There are certain issues that require the close attention of all RVers. For example, most people don't realize that if they take a prescription medication and don't have enough to last the trip, once they cross state lines no pharmacy will give them new scrip. They can get a refill, but if it is for pain, they'll be out of luck. Most doctors will not write pain scrips for strangers because they don't want to risk their licenses. So something as simple as forgetting to take enough medicine with you can ruin your vacation!

Anything having to do with your health, the condition of your coach, finances, and similar issues can make or break an RV trip so it's important to plan carefully.

### **Research Campgrounds Ahead of Time**

If you are an experienced camper, you know where you can stay without having to make reservations. If you are a beginner, you would do well to make reservations in advance of your trip. This is especially important if you want to go to the most popular areas and venues because people sometimes book their spots as much as a year in advance.

- You also will need to know size limitations as many parks do not have room for large vehicles that have slide rooms.
- When you arrive, also check to make sure that you know arrival, departure times and park hours.
- Many parks close and lock their gates at dusk, so you don't want to get locked out!

It's a very good idea to use a camping guide like the one shown here to help you plan because you'll have phone numbers and email addresses available and can have important questions answered quickly.

### **Carry Cash As Well As Credit Cards**

While credit cards will be useful, it's also a good idea to carry a fair amount of cash with you because some campgrounds, especially those associated with camping clubs, will only accept cash.

### **Join a Discount Camping Club**

Campgrounds are expensive, but you can reduce fees significantly by joining a national camping club. **Reviews of the Most Popular RV Camping Clubs** will help you to decide which one works best for you.

### **Carry Basic Tools and Equipment**

What many don't realize is that during recreational vehicle trips, they often find themselves in remote areas where services are either limited or non-existent. If you have some basic tools and pieces of equipment on board, you'll be in a better position to deal with problems that may arise, and they surely will.

Years ago someone backed out of a campsite and caught their bumper on the side of my fifth wheel. They tore a hole in it and drove off. I had nothing with me, but a good Samaritan supplied me with enough duct tape to secure the hole until I could get home and make repairs. Just having that one item kept my coach from being damaged by rain, so I always have carried it with me during my travels along with a variety of tools and small parts that I can use in emergency situations.

### **Keep Water and Sewer Tank Fluids Low**

Liquids are heavy. For this reason, you should make it a point to empty your gray and black water tanks and only keep your fresh water tank  $\frac{1}{4}$  full when you are on the move. Traveling light like this increases your gas mileage, keeps tanks from cracking due to overloading and saves you money. You'll find water at just about every campground, but many rest areas and truck stops can provide it as well, so there's no need to carry more than the amount I just recommended.

### **Pay Attention to Your Fuel Gauge**

Travel units burn gas and diesel fuel much less efficiently than cars. In general, they get between 6 and 12 miles per gallon.

Issues such as towing a vehicle, wind, generator use, and rough terrain will affect your mileage, so it pays to pay attention regularly to how much gasoline or fuel you are using until you get used to driving your coach.

### **Tow Your Car the Easy Way**

If you'll be towing a car and have one that can be pulled with all four wheels on the ground, using a tow bar rather than a tow dolly or trailer will save you a ton of work. They are easier to handle, hook up with minimal effort and can be stored in your basement compartment when not in use to eliminate theft issues. Find out if your car or truck can be towed this way simply by calling the manufacturer and asking.

If it can be towed four down, you'll need to have a base plate installed under the front of your vehicle. Make sure it is one that is made specifically for your car or truck, otherwise it won't work. The most popular brand is Blue Ox, and its popularity is well-deserved. We used to use a tow dolly, but when we switched over to a Blue Ox tow bar, the difference in ease was

amazing. They are expensive, but they are worth every penny. If you buy one, make sure it is the type that is adjustable because this makes hooking up much easier. Buying both the tow bar and its matching base plate on Amazon will save you hundreds of dollars, even if you have to hire a mechanic to install the base plate.

### **Test the Drinking Water at Campgrounds**

When you do get to a campsite, always test the water pressure before hooking up. Use a Water Pressure Valve if it's too high so that you don't split your hoses and pipes and/or cause flooding in your RV.

Also, make sure the water is safe to drink. If it looks or smells bad, use the water in your fresh water tank temporarily and/or use your installed water filter if you have one.

No matter what you do, make sure to always use the white hose made especially to transport water. Otherwise, your water will taste like rubber!

### **Avoid Wilderness or Dry Camping at First**

Until you have some experience under your belt, stick to full hookup camping in populated areas. Wilderness dry camping is not for everybody and can present real problems for beginners. You may be tempted to stay in highway rest areas, but this is also not a good idea because it simply is not a safe thing to do. If you must dry camp, do so at a Walmart that allows overnight stays because they have 24/7 security. Always, always ask permission if you choose to do this.

### **There Is Much to Learn**

These tips will get you off to a good start, but you should be aware of the fact that there is much more for you to learn. Even after 50 years, I still don't know it all, but the journey is an incredible one that will bring you great joy if you take the time to do your homework, hone your skills and stay organized.

Happy trails and welcome to the wonderful world of RV ownership and travel.

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When you properly configure a way to absorb all these negative Omni-directional forces, you eliminate/absorb 80% to 95% of these negative forces, allowing a more independent towing situation.

Most people are also compounding all the negative forces by overloading their truck and trailer. Trailer Life, writer Ken Freund stated: *“When you overload a vehicle, you are using yourself and your family as test pilots to find out what fails first. It also puts all other users of the road at risk.”*

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## 5 First-Time RV Travel Mistakes You Need To Avoid

Here, we've highlighted some mistakes to avoid when you're traveling in an RV for the first time.

### **Inappropriate RV**

Whether you're renting or buying, there are many options when choosing an RV for your travel. You'd be amazed to see different features from motorhomes to travel trailers and camper vans. But while it's easy to get caught up on the RV's interior and amenities, your choice would significantly impact your whole RV experience.

Besides the luxurious features, many first-timers get carried away with the idea of traveling in an RV. As a result, they rush into it and get the first one they come across without realizing their needs. Choosing the wrong RV for your travel can cause frustration and setback along the way. You must understand what you need and want to achieve in your trip.

However, it should be noted that identifying what you exactly need in an RV can be harder unless you've spent traveling in it. That's why you must take your time to consider all your options before you rush on renting or taking out RV loans to finance your RV. For starters, you can think about the size of the RV. Are you traveling alone, as a couple, or with a large group?

### **Unplanned and Unvalidated Route**

Having the freedom to go whenever and wherever you want is one of the perks when traveling in an RV. But that doesn't mean hitting the road without a planned route. Although it sounds exciting to just go as you please, you might not find it enjoyable in the end. You might encounter unexpected road closures and construction zones, which can be pretty stressful.

But if you have a plan set in place, you'd be more prepared on how to deal with such unpleasant situations. You could plan for different routes to get to your destination. There are several road trip planning tools and apps you can use. For instance, you can utilize Google Maps for the latest travel time of the route you preferred.

But note that relying too much on your smartphone for directions is not always good. It's also essential to have a good old fashioned paper map at your disposal. Be careful with using your phone's navigation system because it might lead you into a dangerous situation. Bear in mind that validating your route is equally important as planning it.

### **Packing Less or More Than You Need**

It's typical for first-timers to feel uncertain about what to bring and not bring on the RV trip. For that reason, many end up stuffing unnecessary things in their travel and overlooking some essentials. But packing less or more than you need wouldn't be a good idea when traveling in an RV.

Compared to regular cars, RVs are much bigger, and you might be tempted to bring as much stuff as possible to make the road feel like home. But overpacking is the top enemy of most RVers. Besides making your space cramped and crowded, it can add more weight to your RV and may damage your tires in return. It can also make you feel disorganized in your trip.

On the other hand, underpacking might feel lighter, but it wouldn't make the whole RV experience much better. You also don't want to miss some things that will come in handy. Remember that not packing enough supplies can also be stressful while you're on the road. That's why it's vital to pack the right amount of things when traveling in an RV.

You can use a packing list so you would not forget any essential thing. Planning your meals ahead of time also gives you a more accurate amount of supplies you'll need for your trip. When traveling in an RV, try to be minimalist as much as possible but be mindful of the essentials.

### **No Camp or Park Reservations**

Spontaneity is part of the thrill when traveling in an RV. But it might not be fun for first-timers to show up on a campground and get rejected because they are fully booked. Many RV camps or parks fill up early, especially during peak season. You would not want to get stressed looking for a place to stop when you're already tired and need rest.

Although you can park at convenient stores, it may not be ideal if you're traveling for the first time. Thus, it's always an excellent idea to make reservations ahead of time. This way, you can save yourself from disappointment and stress. Call as soon as possible so you can get the spot you preferred the most.

### **Unchecked and Unmaintained RV**

Whether you're using a used or new RV, it's essential to check if it's safe to travel. The size and weight of your RV can create problems on the road without proper preparation and maintenance. One of the most critical parts of an RV that should be at the top of your mind is the tires.

Remember that bad tread can cause tire blowouts, which is dangerous for your RV and surrounding vehicles. Thus, you must check the tires before you get behind the wheel and hit the road. Inspecting the bearings and suspension system also helps you detect any signs of wear. Make sure also to keep quality spare tires on your RV and all the necessary repair tools.

### **Takeaway**

There is no perfect way to travel in an RV. Anyone can make several mistakes along the road, no matter if you are an experienced or a first-timer. But planning for your RV trip can minimize the hassle and risks on the road. Although it's essential to be mindful of these mistakes, don't forget to enjoy and make the most of your RV experience.

## **What to Put in Your RV Toolbox**

By Jeff Adams For ReserveAmerica.com

Just about anything in your RV, trailer or tent that can snap, crack, rip loose, tear, bend, leak, spark, or fall off will do exactly that—and always when you're out enjoying nature 40 miles from nowhere.

The whole trick to maintaining inner tranquility and not letting a mini disaster spoil your trip is to have a well-equipped RV toolbox on hand. This contains mostly inexpensive yet important items that newcomers and veteran campers alike should pack for every trip, both big and small.

**Tools for Your RV Toolbox** No matter how well constructed your rig might be, eventually something will have to be tightened, loosened, pounded flat, pried or cut. Here are some basics that can help you deal with everyday problems and annoyances:

- **Socket wrench set** (standard and metric) for tightening and loosening bolts and machine nuts.

- **Phillips head and flat bladed screwdrivers** (large, medium, small) for tightening and loosening screws; also for prying items apart.
- **Standard pliers** for holding machine nuts while installing or removing, or squeezing items together.
- **Channel-lock pliers** (medium and large) for dealing with oversized machine nuts or turning pipes 10-inch Crescent wrench-for when sockets won't fit properly.
- **Small drill bit set** with sizes ranging from 1/16- to 1/4-inch. Get the type that works with both metal and wood.
- **Cordless drill with spare battery** for turning the drill bits that make the holes. Also good for lowering and raising trailer stabilizing jacks.
- **Sturdy claw hammer** enables you to straighten what got bent, bend what got straightened, drive nails and stakes, and pull 'em out again, and provide "persuasion" where needed.
- **Pocket knife** for cutting rope and twine, stripping wire insulation, or just whittling if you're so inclined.
- **Hobby knife** with blade protector and extra blades, extremely sharp, for making very precise cuts in canvas, vinyl, tape, paper, wood and some plastics.
- **Wire cutters** for cutting electrical wire, or turning metal coat hangers into marshmallow skewers.
- **Small tape measure** to determine how much electrical wire you're going to need, or how much ground clearance you'll have while trying to get over that boulder embedded in the road.
- **Mini hacksaw** with extra blades good for cutting away twisted bolts, damaged metal work, thicker plastics...anything where a knife won't work.
- **Small two-way bubble level** to make sure your rig is properly leveled so you're not sleeping with your feet higher than your head.
- **Folding tree saw** for cutting trees that have fallen across the only road out and you can't back up. Emergency use only; rangers and camp hosts frown when you start your own tree service on government and private land.

**Adhesives Help Keep Things Together** While glues can't mend a broken heart, they'll fix just about anything else and can save a situation that's going from bad to worse.

Adhesives are available for many specialized purposes. Here's what you'll want to add to your collection of RV tools:

- **"Super" glue** for high strength repairs.
- **Vinyl adhesive** for fixing tears in same-named fabrics.
- **Threadlocker glue** to prevent screws and bolts from vibrating loose.
- **Multi-purpose adhesive** for re-affixing door seals, loose trim and molding, and re-sticking peeling decals.
- **Silicon sealant** to keep the rain from creeping in.
- **Seam sealer** (for tents), for keeping the dew on the outside.

Another "sticky" item that can spare you from disaster is a small set of adhesive-backed hook-and-loop tabs. And don't forget that universal fix-it that's good for practically any repair: **Duct Tape!**

**Hardware and Fasteners** When tape or glues just won't fix it, a "heck-bag" of assorted wood, machine and self-tapping screws, plus small bolts in a few sizes and lengths with matching nuts and washers can save you from uttering a few choice curse words when something substantial busts loose.

A bundle of plastic zip ties (removable and permanent) is also handy for cinching things together while out in the forest.

Toss in a couple of spare cabinet door catches too, to prevent your toiletries from flying all over the bathroom while traveling.

**Let There Be Light** Nothing is more aggravating than your coach lights blinking off right at dinnertime. Or having a Highway Patrol officer wave you over because a brake light is out. That's why having a few select electrical items in your well-equipped trailer or RV toolbox can

be unbelievably handy.

First and foremost is an assortment of **fuses in various amperage ratings** to replace blown fuses on your power converter/charger or power panel. A blown fuse is usually the result of pulling too much amperage on one circuit, or an electrical short; but sometimes they'll "pop" for no good reason. Be sure to replace a blown fuse only with the same size, never larger. A fuse that blows repeatedly is a good indication that you've got a short somewhere that must be repaired, otherwise the same problem will persist.

A collection of **spare bulbs** for brake, turn and running lights are also a must, and can save you from a traffic violation or worse. Make sure you have interior light bulbs as well.

A miniature voltmeter is helpful for tracing shorts and measuring battery voltages.

A **small roll of 10- to 12-gauge insulated wire** can help you bypass a problem area, and be sure to include a **roll of electrical tape** to prevent sparks or fuses from blowing.

A battery-operated or butane powered soldering iron and **solder** is helpful for making solid electrical repairs when you're out in the boondocks with no AC power.

And a nice option is a head-mounted flashlight, for working in the dark where you need both hands free.

If all else fails, a box of **weatherproof safety matches** is ideal. You can use them to light a fuel lantern or a properly prepared campfire to hold back the night. Use with caution; they burn like a firecracker fuse and you can't blow them out!

**Hand Protection to Keep on Hand** While campground repairs often call for a delicate touch, there are many jobs that are just plain dirty. For those tasks, you should stock a dozen pairs of latex or nitrile rubber gloves, plus a sturdy pair of leather work gloves for the rough stuff. And afterwards, you can refresh yourself with some pre-moistened wipes or waterless skin cleanser. All these items can be found at home improvement centers and grocery stores.

**The "Miscellaneous" Department** Some last-but-not-least items you'll want to have in your trailer or RV toolbox:

- **Tube of ball hitch lube** to minimize grinding while towing.
  - **Small travel-size can of spray lubricant.**
  - **Spare fresh water hose washers.**
  - **Roll of Teflon plumber's tape.**
  - **Wide tipped felt marker (permanent)** for making signs, marking your belongings, and keeping track of which wire is which.
  - A coupler or kingpin lock can take care of security concerns you might have about your trailer being stolen; and for any other situations not previously mentioned: an assortment of bungee cords to strap things down.
- And finally:
- **Two-way radios**-for backing your rig into a site, hitching up the trailer, monitoring the kids, and more. The hands-free/headphone type is preferable so you can keep both hands on the wheel. Eliminates the need for your spouse to shout instructions.

So there you have it...the ultimate basic toolbox. Over 46 must-have vacation savers, and they all fit in a standard 24-inch x 11-inch x 11-inch toolbox.

## RV Camping Checklist

An RV is your house on wheels. Make sure it's fully stocked before you hit the road. Tip: Print out this RV checklist and keep it in your rig for easy inventory before every trip.

Take your outdoor adventure up a notch with the Moonlight App. Moonlight is your ultimate outdoor planner with recipes, advice, activities, camping and shopping lists and more. Download the app for free, print the RV camping checklist here and check out the RV kitchen checklist for more essentials for your next trip.

## RV Camping Checklist

### Linens

- Sheets
- Mattresses
- Sleeping Bags
- Pillows
- Extra Blankets
- Towels

### Kitchen Supplies to Restock

- Cooking Oil
- Spices
- Food, Water and Ice
- Paper Towels and Napkins
- Foil and Plastic Wrap
- Plastic Bags
- Garbage Bags
- Dish Soap

### Clothing

- Rain Gear
- Sweatshirt and Light Jacket
- Shorts and Long Pants
- Short- and Long-Sleeve Shirts
- Base Layers
- Shoes, Sandals, Hiking Boots
- Extra Socks
- Underwear
- Shoes, Sandals, Hiking Boots
- Extra Socks

### Miscellaneous Staples

- Toilet Paper
- Baby Wipes
- Toothbrush/Tooth Paste
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap
- Lotion/Aloe Vera Lotion
- Deodorant
- Medications and Prescriptions
- Lip Balm
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Broom and Dustpan

### Around Camp

- Headlamps, Flashlights and Lanterns
- Firewood and Kindling
- Waterproof Matches
- Lawn Furniture
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