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Towing with Electric Vehicles: Everything You Need to Know

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Has the dream of towing with electric vehicles come true? For instance, we know EVs can serve up instantaneous acceleration from any speed without a gasoline engine's need to spool up to deliver power. Indeed, even a slow EV can have impressive torque. We also know that many EVs are currently rated for towing. But should we consider owning or leasing an EV if towing is our priority?

To answer all these questions, we've put together this electric vehicle towing guide to sort through the pros and cons in all areas of EV towing.

- Towing Capacity of EV Trucks
- Towing Capacity of EV Cars and SUVs
- The Challenges of EV Towing
- Bottom Line: Towing Drains Range

Towing Capacity of Electric Trucks The bigger question remains: does good acceleration translate into the ability to tow a heavy load? Because electric trucks are flooding the market, you may consider trading in your gas or diesel truck for an EV. After all, exciting new EV trucks from tech startups Rivian and Tesla, plus legacy GM, and Ford, have recently been added.

So why not make the jump? There's lots of power with zero tailpipe emissions, suggesting a guilt-free utility experience. Even still, we recommend heavy haulers should not yet send their workhorse trucks out to pasture.

Electric Trucks of the Present and Near-Future Here's a look at what automakers estimate as to the top towing rating for several electric trucks that are either on sale or on their way:

- 2024 Chevrolet Silverado EV: 20,000 pounds
- 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning: 10,000 pounds
- 2022 GMC Hummer EV: 7,500 pounds
- 2022 Rivian R1T: 11,000 pounds
- Tesla Cybertruck: 14,000 pounds (likely 2023)

Electric Trucks Still to Come Bollinger, Canoo, and Lordstown may not be household names, but all three startups plan to offer electric trucks soon. The Bollinger B2 may handle 7,500 pounds, and Canoo has suggested a 7,700-pound rating. Plus, the much-delayed Lordstown Endurance may contribute up to 7,500 pounds.

With each truck's rating, there are many caveats, however.

For instance, Ford's 10,000-pound rating applies to trucks with an extra-cost extended-range battery. Chevrolet has merely teased a 20,000-pound-capable Silverado EV, but it only revealed a 10,000-pound capacity version so far.

And though Tesla is notoriously tight-lipped, it revealed a few details about its upcoming Cybertruck. Although it depends on the number of electric motors it can fit on the truck, the range would vary from 7,500 to 14,000 pounds.

Towing Capacity of Electric Cars and SUVs But it's not only electric trucks that can tow. Many current electric cars have towing capabilities. Those include:

- 2022 Audi e-Tron and e-Tron Sportback: 4,000 pounds
- 2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5: 3,500 pounds
- 2022 Hyundai Kona Electric: 2,800 pounds
- 2022 Kia EV6: 3,500 pounds
- 2022 Polestar 2: 2,000 pounds
- 2022 Tesla Model 3: 2,000 pounds
- 2022 Tesla Model S: 2,000 pounds
- 2022 Tesla Model X: 5,500 pounds
- 2022 Tesla Model Y: 3,500 pounds
- 2022 Volkswagen ID.4: 2,700 pounds
- 2022 Volvo XC40 Recharge: 3,307 pounds

Electric Cars Not Recommended for Towing Aftermarket firms make trailer hitches for many other EVs, including the Nissan Leaf, Ford Mustang Mach-E, and Chevrolet Bolt EV. However, car manufacturers still do not recommend using those vehicles to tow trailers.

The Challenges of Electric Vehicle Towing It's no mystery that a significant increase in weight means the electric motor will need to work harder to lug that trailer. In some cases, it's more than double the towing vehicle. But there are plenty of other power vampires EVs contend with when towing.

Power Drain With a gas or diesel engine, there is more consumption of fuel. The same principle applies to electric vehicles in battery depletion. And, the only way to add a substantial charge to an electric car is to plug it into a charger. Even the most rapid chargers take longer to replenish a battery than a fuel station takes to fill up.

Regenerative Brakes Drain Electric vehicles feature regenerative brakes that recapture energy during the stopping process. The recaptured energy can indeed provide a trickle to the battery pack. Even the extra heat produced by braking a heavier vehicle and trailer offers only a tiny amount of replenished power. But as with any towing situation, numerous factors can help drain energy from a battery, including:

Trailer Weight A loaded-up trailer means more work for the electric motor. Less is more when it comes to battery life.

Payload Adding passengers or a bed full of cargo translates into more weight for the truck to pull around. That weight results in a harder-working motor and more battery usage.

Weather Variables An electric vehicle operates best at around 70 degrees, with notable declines in hotter and colder weather.

Accessories Draw Using the air conditioning, heater, or other accessories will reduce range.

Hills and Mountains While going downhill for extended stretches can recharge the battery, climbing grades means a harder-working motor. Unfortunately, going up a 1,000-foot grade and descending does not equal net-zero consumption.

Bottom Line: Towing Drains Range A Rivian spokesperson told Autotrader that a trailer loaded to the total 11,000-pound capacity will reduce its R1T pickup range by around 50%. The R1T has an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rating of 314 miles on a full charge.

A Chevrolet representative said that the automaker expects "a similar impact on EV range" compared to a gas or diesel truck fuel economy.

Although we don't have all the data yet, battery drain is a problem for EV towing across the board. In truth, the benefits of green energy diminish when you add towing and increased payloads to an EV. So, in the final analysis, EV towing presents an additional level of range anxiety that quickly makes it a deal-breaker.

World's latest electric RV

With a modular, multifunctional rear lounge so comfy it puts most full-size camper vans to shame, the Vanderer Urban Camper was easily one of the coolest mini-campers of 2021. A year and a half later, it's getting even better. The homey tiny lounge-on-wheels is

going fully electric atop the Peugeot e-Rifter and Citroën e-Berlingo. It's hard to tell what's most efficient about the new van – its zero-emissions powertrain or its ability to work as a daily driver for up to seven passengers before morphing into a camper that sleeps four and allows prep and clean-up of all meals.

Back in January, Stellantis announced that its compact and midsize European passenger van lines would be going all-electric, losing the gas and diesel options. The Peugeot Rifter small van, and its Citroën Berlingo and Opel/Vauxhall Combo Life Stellantis siblings, were among the vans to make the move. With a dwindling number of ICE models left on the market, camper van makers that work with those vans are following suit and going electric, too.

Though the e-Rifter Vanderer package is currently available directly from Vanderer, Peugeot was eager to announce the new electric camper this week, on the heels of announcing some minor updates for its smallest van. The e-Rifter Vanderer serves as an intriguing early preview of the future of city-friendly zero-emissions MPV leisure vehicles.

Vanderer includes its electrical system and pop-up roof standard, and the interior camper modules are offered as add-ons

Peugeot

The 187-in (475-cm) extended-length e-Rifter five-seater serves as the foundation of the new electric camper, bringing its 50-kWh lithium-ion battery and 134-hp (100-kW) electric motor along for the ride. Peugeot's e-drive powers a range of up to 170 miles (274 km, WLTP), which is a bit shy of new electric midsize van campers like the Tonke EQV or VW Flowcamper Volt. It gets even shier, as Vanderer estimates a drop down between 112 and 137 miles (180 and 220 km) when driving the camper variant over a mix of city, highway and country roads. That's comparable to Nissan NV200-based electric mini-campers we've seen and puts a rather tight leash around one's camping trip.

On the bright side, the Rifter's 50-kWh battery charges to 80 percent in just 30 minutes at a 100-kW public fast charger, making it fairly low-hassle to take a lunch break and power up during a road trip. When scaling things back to an 11-kW wall box, the full charge takes just over five hours.

The new e-Vanderer features the same layout and options as the original, including the L-shaped rear sofa lounge and indoor/outdoor kitchen. The kitchen has a single-hob induction cooktop inside the tailgate and a slide-out for outdoor cooking. The pull-out half of the kitchen packs a worktop, storage, and a nested backpacking stove that can be easily removed and carried away from the van. Users can cook indoors, outdoors or both at the same time.

The multifunctional interior layout is among the nicest, smartest we've seen in such a small van

Peugeot

Across the aisle, a compact water module with sink and 12-L fresh and waste water canisters fills out the driver's side rear corner. Instead of a fridge in the kitchen area, Vanderer has slid an available 16-L electric cooler between the front van seats.

The main kitchen block also contains a fold-out counter/table, which lifts to comfortable dining height, teaming up with the sofa to complete an indoor dining lounge. At night, the table drops down to serve as part of the sleeping platform, working with the folding rear bench to create a double bed. A second double bed in the pop-up roof rounds off Vanderer's furnishings.

The fold-out table and lifting base create a dining area

Vanderer

Vanderer doesn't tap into the e-Rifter's battery because its conversions include a lithium battery of their own, along with a 195-W solar panel, full array of USB and 12-V outlets, a 230-V shore power hookup and outlet, and interior LED lighting.

Not only is Vanderer's kit among the warmest, nicest small-van camper conversions outside Japan, it's also fully modular. Without a single tool between them, two people can readily pull out the camping modules (minus the pop-up roof) and free up rear cargo space or add in two seats to create a full seven-seater. That's particularly valuable with the electric version, as it can serve as an efficient, zero-emissions everyday city driver and an on-demand camper van. Its short size and 6.2-ft (1.9-m) height are also nice advantages when it comes to maneuvering and finding parking in tight European city centers.

The Vanderer's compact height makes it a nimble vehicle for city driving, whether serving as a camper or passenger van

Vanderer

Like the prices of seemingly everything else on the planet, Vanderer's prices have risen quite dramatically since 2021. The van was initially announced with a base price just under €29,000 (approx. US\$30,550), but that base now rests at €47,489 (US\$50,050), after handling fees, for the Citroën Berlingo XL-based diesel variant. That price includes the pop-up sleeper roof and lithium-based electrical system but not the €7,990 interior conversion modules or €595+ console fridge. The electric variant plunks a quick €8,000 down on top of that price, before taking into account any EV incentives.

Some quick math with those numbers gets us to €64,074 (US\$67,500) for a Citroën e-Berlingo XL-based Vanderer with full camper interior and cab fridge, before government incentives. The Peugeot e-Rifter model starts €2,000 higher plus an extra €300 for the fridge, which requires more center console conversion, so that's €66,374 (US\$69,950).

Potential buyers who like the Vanderer layout but aren't ready to go electric just yet should note that Vanderer also offers its package for used vans, including the extended-length Opel Combo and Toyota Proace City, along with the Rifter and Berlingo models.

All-Electric 2023 Living Vehicle RV Debuts

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Living Vehicle, a luxury electric travel trailer with off-grid capabilities, announces its 2023 model, which it says brings the company closer than ever to its ultimate goal of achieving a Net-Zero offering.

The Living Vehicle 2023 Travel Trailer allows owners to travel far away from campgrounds and overcrowded RV parks. The 2023 Living Vehicle is a traveling solar power plant capable of creating an endless water supply to allow its owners to remain off-grid longer than ever before.

The company said the 2023 Living Vehicle is the first vehicle (trailer or otherwise) to produce its water with the innovative Watergen water system that uses humidity in the air to create potable water. With more solar power than most traditional homes, this technologically independent trailer is the epitome of luxury unplugged with a robust LVEnergy power system, offering complete energy independence to power all onboard equipment. The 2023 model makes it possible for anyone, even professionals in the most demanding creative industries, to work anywhere with the Creative Studio, a mobile office jam-packed with state-of-the-art technology from Apple.

"The 2023 Living Vehicle breaks down barriers for nomadic homeowners. It is our most powerful trailer to date, thanks to our proprietary LVEnergy system. Being able to create our water from air is monumental and allows travelers not to be limited by the size of their water tanks while on the go," said Matthew Hofmann. "Conventional trailer design is fundamentally a short-term solution designed for recreation, which in the end, is why they are called recreational vehicles, or RVs. Nomadic Living Vehicle homeowners enjoy both form and function with the freedom to remain safe, healthy and connected longer while exploring the best and most remote destinations in North America without ever having to plug into a campsite or fill up their water tanks. Our vision for Living Vehicle is to support the best possible life, literally creating the very resources we as humans need – completely free from the grid."

RV sales skyrocketed during COVID.

RV sales skyrocketed during COVID. What are owners doing now that gas is over \$5 a gallon?

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Recreational vehicles had a banner year in 2021 as cooped-up Americans looked to the great outdoors as an escape from COVID cabin blues.

RVs fit the bill nicely, industry leaders said, and sales soared.

One year later, as life for most is beginning its trek back to normal and gas prices surpassed \$5 a gallon, RVs are holding their own, with sales dropping only slightly and not all due to a decrease in customer demand.

Some RVs with tanks that hold 100 to 150 gallons of fuel cost between \$500 and \$750 to fill up and get between 7 and 9 mpg.

Yet, after a record year in 2021, with more than 600,000 vehicles ordered, 2022 has been relatively strong. Orders show U.S. dealers are on pace to sell about 550,000 RVs, said Monika Geraci, spokesperson for the RV Industry Association of Virginia.

Supply chain issues have contributed to slowing down the RV market. Some RVs ordered this year won't be delivered to customers until 2023.

The trend is surprising to some, but not to those who follow the industry.

The popularity of recreational vehicles has been on a 40-year upswing. The vast majority of vehicles sold are towable RVs. Depending on the size, towable or trailer RVs that hook to most trucks and SUVs use less fuel than motorhomes and campervans. Powerboats too Powerboats also grew in popularity during the pandemic lockdowns. Sales soared as people craved getaways. However, with many getting worse gas mileage than RVs and relying on dockside pumps that charge even more per gallon, powerboats are losing momentum.

Powerboat sales have slowed more than RVs, after their historic growth in 2020 and 2021, due to the return of sporting events and

concerts combined with inflationary pressures, according to National Marine Manufacturer's Association records. Boat sales in the first quarter of 2022 were down 20% year-over-year.

"Not surprisingly, we're seeing sales begin to stabilize following extraordinary growth in 2020 and 2021 as competition returns for consumer spending," said Ellen Bradley, the association's senior vice president.

Still, current demand remains strong, said Ron Sorensen, owner of Lake Hopatcong Marine. Sorensen's showroom at the edge of the lake's Great Cove has just one boat that isn't already sold.

"We have four different boat manufacturers, and all of them have literally cut our supply chain in half," he said. "They can't get us boats."

At Lake Hopatcong Marine, a new crop of prospective new owners continues to seek out and eat up inventory, Sorensen said. Yet, demand for weekend rentals has dropped to pre-pandemic levels. By mid-June in 2020 and 2021, Sorensen said his rental boats had been booked for each summer weekend.

"Rentals have softened up," he said. "Through the years of the pandemic, we were already sold out. Those were unusual years. Those were not normal years."

RV sales slow - just a little

At Alpin Haus, an RV dealer in New York and West Milford, 2022 has represented more of a challenge than in years past.

Customers are expressing concerns about gas prices, Wall Street's fall into a bear market and inflation at a 40-year high. These issues have slowed sales of RVs, Andy Heck, owner of Alpin Haus said.

Many customers are choosing to sit on the sidelines, Heck said.

"Impulse buying has stopped," he said, adding customers "are giving it more consideration."

RV and boat sales were easier to make in 2020 and 2021 when the threat of COVID-19 made the prospect of air travel daunting, industry leaders said. During COVID, lots of people were looking to vacation safely and escape their homes, Heck said. Sales skyrocketed to new heights as a result.

"There was a nice uptick," Heck said.

RV publications like GoRVing.com reported poll results that showed most considered air travel and cruises to be too risky. It was not just fear of contracting COVID-19, they feared getting stranded, quarantined and unable to get home, according to the polls.

Many of those fears still hold.

Geraci said other than staying closer to home, RV owners are remaining in one location for a longer period of time to cut back on gas use.

"When it comes to RVs, people adjust," she said.

Jean Huber of Pequannock traveled in her RV three out of four weekends in May. She went once to Cape May, Pennsylvania (twice) and a trip to Maine awaits.

"Gas is a concern but hasn't stopped us from traveling," she said.

Despite rising gas prices, RV travel is still a cheaper way to vacation. Studies show that the typical RV vacation is 30% less expensive than driving and staying in a hotel and about 60% less expensive than flying and staying in a hotel.

The consumer price index for airline tickets from May 2021 to May 2022 rose more than 38%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As a result, a May 2022 Bank of America Institute survey found spending at airlines and travel agencies was up 60% year-over-year.

Recreational vehicle campsites are invariably cheaper than hotels and those who boondock, (i.e. camp remotely) can save even more.

Many businesses began to cater to campers during the pandemic. More turned to Harvest Hosts, which allow campers to spend the night, such as wineries, breweries, farms and other locations of interest. There are thousands of these sites across the country, which have resulted in secondary businesses. There are businesses that add solar panels to power RVs and satellite dishes to connect them to entertainment and Wi-Fi.

Some have made RVs their home. An estimated million Americans are living full-time in their RVs to avoid rising rent and home acquisition costs, according to the RV Industry Association. The trend spurred the film "Nomadland" last year.

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Summer 2022 Trends for RVshare Travelers

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Summer means road trips. And RV travel continues to gain popularity. According to a recent survey of RVshare renters, 68% of travelers said they are very likely to take a road trip this summer. The flexibility RVs provide, along with a one-of-a-kind vacation option is appealing to many.

With the rise of awareness around the RV industry comes a wave of younger generations that are interested in this form of travel. It's being seen as a great option for families and friends, furry friends included. The high price of gas is a hindrance for some (with 58% of respondents saying they did factor gas prices into their plans), but overall RV travel continues to rise in popularity. Here are some trends we're seeing based on surveys conducted by Phocusright and RVshare.

RVs Are Becoming Popular with Younger Demographics

RV rental interest stayed steady from 2020 to 2021, at 13% of travelers. However, RVs are gaining popularity among younger demographics with 25% of travelers aged 18-34 having taken an RV trip in the last 12 months, an increase of 7% YoY, and 47% eager to take an RV trip in the next 12 months.

Generational differences are evident towards RV travel, especially among older travelers 55+ who have never rented an RV before.

Convenience is Key When it comes to RV travel, there is a big demand for making the process as seamless as possible. Travelers overall express a desire for convenience in pickup, delivery and set up. Half or more surveyed also want the convenience of an RV that is delivered and set up prior to their arrival.

Many owners on the RVshare platform offer delivery options, meaning they will deliver the RV straight to your home or destination. This is a great choice for those who are uncomfortable driving or towing a large vehicle, or who want to arrive in their own vehicle and have the RV already set up.

Traveler Trends Past RV experience is a positive when it comes to future intent. Those who have rented an RV in the last 12 months were most enthusiastic and 2/3 of those travelers expressed interest in taking another trip in the upcoming year. Once you let go of the uncertainty you have around RV travel and give it a try, you will be converted for life!

RV trips usually involve a group of people traveling together. 25% were traveling with family, and 28% were traveling with friends. RVs are a great way for groups to get together, whether it's a family reunion, getting the highschool friends together, or just spending time with extended family.

Camping is a top activity with RV trips. Nearly 30% of RV travelers camped on their last trip. Parking at a campground still reigns supreme when it comes to RV destinations and rightfully so. Many campgrounds have luxurious amenities, tons of fun for families, and beautiful scenery all around.

When it's hot outside we all want to be near a body of water. A beach/ocean destination was part of the last RV trip for 24% of RV travelers while 16% went to a lake/river destination.

You're calling shotgun. For those planning on taking a trip, 53% plan on driving the RV, and 27% plan on having the RV delivered to their campground destination.

Renters need a vacation. For those renters who are planning to travel this summer, 53% claim they need a vacation and are looking forward to relaxing, while 45% are excited to just get outside and explore what the great outdoors has to offer.

Where is Everyone Going? The top destinations for RVshare travelers include:

- Grand Canyon National Park, AZ
- Yosemite National Park, CA
- Orlando, FL (Ft Wilderness)
- Garner State Park, TX
- Niagara Falls, NY
- Glacier National Park, MT
- Ginnie Springs, FL

Inflation and Gas Prices Come Into Play

While many are eager to get away this summer, elevated inflation rates and gas prices have still put a few dents in some travelers' plans. RVshare found that 16% of travelers reported that increased prices have hindered or completely halted their plans. When asked if inflation has affected consumers' willingness or ability to travel this summer, 45% claim that it has but they are looking into more affordable options, while 20% state they are finding ways to cut costs in other areas to move forward with current plans.

58% of respondents said they did factor gas prices into their plans, 26% said gas prices haven't affected anything, and 16% said gas prices have hindered their plans altogether.

RVshare Giving Away Gas Rebates to Ease Pain at the Pump!

RVshare is giving away up to \$500,000 in gas ahead of the biggest travel weekend of the summer, the Fourth of July. With gas prices likely to remain elevated throughout the summer travel season, RVshare wants to help ease consumers' worries at the pump. The gas reimbursement is available to RVshare travelers through August 15.

Click here to apply for reimbursement. Eligible applicants will receive \$25 for trips five days or fewer and \$50 for trips six days or more.

Lightning Round Fun Travel Facts! We decided to have a little fun and find out some of our travelers' preferences, like who wants to drive, must-have road trip snacks, playlists and more!

- 65% prefer to be the drivers and 28% prefer to be passengers.
- 35% are listening to curated playlists, and 30% are listening to local radio stations on their trip.
- 50% prefer to make homemade snacks or meals on their trips, with 26% claiming they prefer gas station/convenience store snacks.
- 56% say their go-to drink on the road is water, with 20% who prefer coffee/tea and 13% want soda.
- 64% of travelers prefer to park and eat if they stop for food.
- The most popular roadside attractions are state parks with 26% claiming them as a favorite.

The Hottest 10 camping trends coming your way in 2022

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With the aggressive growth of camping since the pandemic, a new perspective of camping trends is going to inspire your next trip. We have seen a new generation of campers spawn in and make a big influence on the camping world. If you're planning your next camping trip, take a look at our predictions for 10 camping trends in 2022 for inspiration...

1. Glamping goes mainstream "Glamping" short for glamorous camping, is one of the main camping trends in 2021 and will remain huge in 2022. It is particularly appealing to campers who want to experience the outdoors with upgraded comfort.

2. More Younger Campers Due to more alternative and interesting new ways to camp, younger Americans who may not be interested in traditional camping have joined the big camping world. More specifically, Millennials are interested in experiencing both back-country camping and glamping, while Gen X seeks more unique accommodations.

3. More Camping families The good news is that most first-time family campers who tried camping due to COVID-19 are likely to continue camping in the future. In turn, this will see a rise in accommodation that caters to larger groups.

4. Camper's high interest in trying a new camping experience Campers are craving unique ways to get outdoors in 2022, especially an RVing experience or glamping. More and more millennials are being drawn to the idea that RV living could be just the right fit for them.

5. All-electric powered RVs Driven by the increasing demands of millennial campers, the use of RVs as a primary way to camp has grown steadily. RV owners also have an increased interest in upgrading their RV. One of the most talked-about RV camping trends of 2022 is the imminent arrival of all-electric powered RVs.

6. Remote work during long term travel With many able to work remotely, remote work will become a hot topic for 2022 camping. Many campers indicate that their ability to work remotely will be a "key consideration" in how they travel in 2022. Reports sat that new campers and millennial campers are the most likely to work while camping.

7. Tech-driven accessories Similar to our daily lives, new tech is here to stay and become an integral part of our camping routines. Younger campers love bringing high-tech gadgets to the outdoors to make their experience more enjoyable. This is a step away from essential camping tips of just bringing a tent, a knife, and some food.

8. Local camping One of the more surprising camping trends is the shift towards local camping. More campers are choosing to stay domestically and travel smaller distances. Start looking at exciting destinations local to you, or better yet, hop in your car or campervan, pack some essentials and see where the road takes you!

9. Sport and travel Hiking/backpacking and fishing are the most popular recreation types among campers which remain virtually unchanged since 2014. However, as a new generation of campers makes their way outdoors, some physically active and extreme pursuits such as mountain biking, rock climbing, and motorsports amongst the youngers are becoming popular.

10. Eco-Friendly camping As society moves towards new methods to help conserve the environment, campers have become more eco-friendly as well. Accessories such as fully disposable solar-powered compact grills and lanterns are increasingly in high demand, as campers are making a conscious effort to limit polluting campgrounds and help preserve our planet.

Ready to pack? As more people continue to explore nature and experience the joys of camping, more trends will continue to emerge. No matter how you prefer to camp, the biggest trend in the outdoor world right now is just to get out there and try.

RV LIFE Pro – Making Camping Simple

by Patrick Buchanan

Get RV Answers and Navigation, All in One Place

The growth and change of the RV industry and advances in remote connectivity has helped drive the booming RV industry we see today. With those advances, RVing has increased in complexity. Now anyone can rent or buy an RV and hit the road. Travel for simple enjoyment or as a full-time or part-time RV life. Today's RVers, especially new ones, often don't know how to plan an RV trip.

Social media and RV forums like iRV2 are flooded with questions.

- *Where do you find campgrounds?*
- *How do you avoid low overpasses?*
- *What's the best way to find an RV safe route?*

Often, these can only be answered by asking more questions.

- *What kind of campgrounds do you like?*
- *How about the size and weight of your RV?*
- *And what is your destination?*

RV LIFE helps all RVers. It makes camping simple again with the RV LIFE Pro suite of software tools.

How does RV LIFE Pro help? RV LIFE Pro provides the necessary resources all RVers need. It makes it easy to find campgrounds, or plan an RV safe route. Then, navigate that route with an RV-safe GPS. RV LIFE Pro also helps you locate important resources. Now it's easier to fuel locations, rest areas, and big box stores to stock up on groceries and supplies.

Everything about RVing is just easier. RV LIFE Pro is a web-based tool and suite of apps for all major platforms. Your data is stored in the cloud, so your all important information is accessible on any device. RV LIFE Pro tools consist of RV LIFE Trip Wizard, the RV LIFE GPS & Campgrounds app, and RV LIFE Maintenance.

Finding a campground Today's RVers face several challenges that those original Tin Can Tourists from yesteryear didn't. For starters, an RVer needs to find a campground. But campground requirements vary from RVer to RVer. However, all RVers need a safe spot where they can park their RV. They also want access to water, electricity, and a dump station. Those are just the bare essentials. The modern camper also wants WiFi, a pet area, cable TV, and entertainment options. Many people work and homeschool on the road, too. Connectivity and workspaces are considered essential services by many campers.

For nearly two decades, RVers have relied on RV LIFE Campgrounds for that information. RV LIFE has taken the vast amount of data. By blending RV LIFE Campgrounds and integrating them into RV LIFE Pro, users have a cohesive set of tools for easy trip planning and travel.

RV LIFE Trip Wizard RV LIFE Trip Wizard is the web-based trip planning portion of RV LIFE Pro. The app allows you to plan your RV trip in detail. RV LIFE Trip Wizard helps you plan an RV safe route. You give it your RV dimensions, and the app shows where to avoid low clearances and bridges with weight limitations.

Want to know about your destination? RV LIFE Trip Wizard also shows you all of the campgrounds and reviews that you would find in RV LIFE Campgrounds. Using its unique Driving Radius, RV LIFE Trip Wizard can show you which campgrounds will be on your route at the end of the driving time or distance you specify.

Here's an easy way to take guesswork out of travel day. RV LIFE Trip Wizard shows exactly where to find fuel, based on the fuel capacity and miles per gallon you input. There is no more guessing or wondering when and where you will need to fuel up. You'll know before you even get on the road. RV LIFE Trip Wizard also helps you locate and plan your rest area stops. Got other planned stops? It finds those too.

Safe RV driving In addition to providing an RV safe route for your trip, RV LIFE Trip Wizard also offers satellite view, street view, and elevation and gradient charts. Review every mile of your trip before departing.

You can also use the satellite and street views to check out campgrounds, rest stops, and fuel stops ahead of time so there are no surprises when you get there. Low clearances are marked on the map for reference, and RV LIFE Trip Wizard automatically routes you around them.

Plan a trip and RV LIFE Trip Wizard's new Advanced Driving Radius feature helps you plan ahead. Now, you won't put in too many miles or hours behind the wheel. No more underestimating your arrival time and getting to the campground late, in the dark, and exhausted.

Web-based simplicity RV LIFE Trip Wizard runs in popular web browsers like Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. It runs on nearly any device. Access your cloud-based data anywhere.

Cloud storage also allows others to view your trip, if you choose. This is great information for relatives or neighbors that might need to get a hold of you in an emergency. Save trip data for future

The RV LIFE GPS & Campground App Forget carrying another RV travel gadget. The RV LIFE GPS & Campgrounds App is versatile. This is an RV safe GPS, a campground locator, and an information resource. You'll find great articles about RVing and automatically discover nearby campgrounds, rest areas, and fuel stations.

It's everything weekend warriors want. Choose a campground on the map or plug in boondocking GPS coordinates. The RV safe GPS gets you there.

RV LIFE Trip Wizard integration Discover the real power of the RV LIFE GPS & Campgrounds app in the RV LIFE Trip Wizard menu. The detailed trips planned in RV LIFE Trip Wizard come to life with full GPS turn-by-turn directions. You never have to type in a single address.

Get advance notice for every stop on your journey. No more wondering about the next rest area or fuel stop. If your trip does go awry for some reason, the app helps you find a nearby campground, rest area, or fuel stop.

Multiple tools, one login Best of all, the RV LIFE GPS & Campgrounds app is included as part of the RV LIFE Pro tools. Simply login with the same credentials you use for RV LIFE Trip Wizard for seamless integration. Those same credentials will also give you access to RV LIFE Campgrounds.

This means you can leave a review for every campground you visit by accessing directly from your phone. No more trying to transfer pictures back and forth. Now you can leave a campground review with great pictures from right inside the RV LIFE app. It's another way that RV LIFE is making camping simple.

RV LIFE Maintenance In between camping trips, there is usually some RV maintenance involved. While the complex nature of modern RVs has taken some of the simplicity out of camping, keeping track of that RV maintenance is still important.

You don't want to have problems when you are taking that once in a lifetime trip to Yellowstone or Yosemite. RV LIFE Maintenance is another web-based tool that is part of RV LIFE Pro. RV LIFE Maintenance lets you enter and track all of the maintenance for your RV. You can also store service records and create mileage and fuel logs.

RV LIFE Maintenance is the newest addition to the RV LIFE Pro tools and also utilizes the same login credentials. RV LIFE Maintenance will help you track maintenance you do yourself, and those services you have done by others. Get email reminders for upcoming work.

RV LIFE Pro – Making camping simple again

With the RV LIFE Pro suite, you get software tools designed to make planning a trip, enjoying that exciting journey, and taking care of your RV easier and more fun. The 7-day trial gives you a chance to try before you buy. You can enjoy all 3 handy tools in the RV LIFE Pro bundle for just \$59.00 per year.

RV Trip Planning Made Simple At RV LIFE, we know you want the freedom and memories from your own RV adventures. The problem is that planning an epic RV journey is complex and can leave you overwhelmed. We believe it should be simple. As RVers ourselves, we understand the process and our software has helped millions of RVers make their travel dreams come true.

We help you find the perfect campground and a safe route to get there. You'll also be connected to the world's largest RV community and a host of RV-specific tools so you can journey with confidence.

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