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Today's thought

“Have you ever lost someone you love and wanted one more conversation, one more chance to make up for the time when you thought they would be here forever? If so, then you know you can go your whole life collecting days, and none will outweigh the one you wish you had back.” —*Mitch Albom*

How to conquer the fear of breaking down in remote areas

By **Dave Helgeson**

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Do you have a fear of breaking down in remote areas with your RV?

This question recently came up during a Zoom meeting among RVtravel.com writers and staff. Given the ongoing shortage of repair parts, trained technicians, lack of qualified service centers, supply chain issues,

labor shortages and potential problems with obtaining emergency road service, it was deemed a legitimate concern.

Since remote areas (aka middle of nowhere) are my favorite places to visit, I agreed to pose the question and share my thoughts.

As previously mentioned, my wife and I frequently RV to remote areas in search of ghost towns, unique geological formations, mining camps and other lesser-known, forgotten places. As such, we have become proficient in navigating to these places, become self-reliant taking care of our needs, and are prepared for emergency situations.

What is fear?

I hadn't given this question a lot of thought until I sat down to write this article. I started out by performing a Google search for the word "fear".

As you can see from the definitions posted above, it boils down to an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that something dangerous, painful, or threatening is likely to happen.

I then asked myself, why am I not anxious about the likelihood of something going wrong when we are traveling in or through remote areas?

Am I naïve? Or have I taken steps (intentionally or unintentionally) to minimize the chance of breakdowns and being prepared in the event they occur?

After going through the list of concerns stated at the beginning of this article, I came to the realization I have mostly negated them.

Let's take a look:

Choice of vehicle type

Your choice of vehicle may have a bearing on your fear of traveling to remote areas. Parts and service centers for specialized chassis like Mercedes, Freightliner, Spartan, etc., aren't typically found in remote settings. However, parts for a standard pickup truck can be found at almost any auto parts store and most any repair shop can service them.

My choice of RV at the moment is a conventional pickup truck pulling a travel trailer. Therefore, service centers and parts are more readily available in remote areas.

Maintenance

Many breakdowns can be attributed to deferred maintenance. I make sure my truck and trailer are serviced regularly, the bearings are packed, the brakes are good, and the tires are properly inflated with no signs of unusual wear.

Finding replacement parts

A little online research will reveal the parts most likely to fail on your rig. Rather than relying on finding those parts in remote areas, especially given potential supply chain issues, obtain those parts in advance and carry them with you. Having the parts with you will alleviate the anxiety of travel in and through remote areas fearing the “what if we break down” scenario. For me, that means carrying spare tires for the truck and trailer along with a plug kit and air compressor, a spare serpentine belt for the truck, bearing set and grease seals for the trailer, along with bearing grease, spare fuses for the truck and trailer, spare circuit board for the RV furnace and water heater, etc.

Knowledge

Given the shortage of qualified technicians these days, knowledge is key when your RV becomes disabled in remote areas. Learn the inner workings of your RV, obtain the tools to diagnose and repair common failures and have a backup plan if you don't have what you need to make field repairs. Here is the backup plan for 12-volt failure in my travel trailer. If you still find yourself needing a technician, knowledge of your RV workings will keep you from being taken advantage of.

Emergency Roadside Assistance

Knowing you can get towed to the proper facility when needed is key to putting your fears to rest when RVing in remote areas. Check your policy and know the following in advance:

- Are there restrictions from where you can be towed? Will they retrieve your vehicle from only paved roads, gravel roads, or “any named road” in the boondocks?
- Do they have contracts with providers that can safely tow your rig?
- Will they only tow you to the nearest repair facility, or the nearest repair facility that is qualified to fix your rig?
- Is there a limit as to how many miles they will tow you?

Learn more about what to look for in a roadside assistance policy.

Make sure your roadside assistance policy can handle your rig

Communication

Being without cell coverage is another legitimate concern when traveling in remote areas. If you find yourself broken down with no cell phone service, how will you summon help or let your family know you are okay? Consider investing in a 2-way satellite messenger such as a Spot X[®], as I have.

With a 2-way satellite messenger, you can contact emergency road service, provide them with your exact location and receive a reply of their ETA at your location. You can also let family and friends know of your situation. An added benefit of a 2-way satellite messenger, I recently discovered, is that you can ask family or friends to research things for you on the internet like sourcing parts, service centers and “how-to” articles/videos on your particular needed repair. This type of 2-way communication, when you are without cell service in remote areas, is invaluable for getting back on the road as well as for peace of mind. Not to mention, you can summon 9-1-1 too!

Food and shelter

If you find yourself breaking down while traveling through remote areas, you have nothing to fear as you are in a self-contained house on wheels. Be prepared to spend a day or two in remote areas by always carrying an extra day or two worth of potable water in your freshwater tank along with a few extra groceries. You just might find the unwelcomed stop a fortunate stroke of serendipity, as my wife and I once experienced when our tow vehicle had an intake manifold problem and we limped into a remote Utah town for repairs.

Those of you my age might remember the song “Enjoy It” from the Disney movie “In Search of the Castaways.” I will leave you with some lines from the song to ponder:

*We are travelers on life's highway, enjoy the trip.
Each lovely twist and byway, each bump and dip.
If there's a complication, enjoy it!*

You're stranded in the jungle, enjoy the trees.

After all, RVing is all about the journey. So enjoy it wherever you find yourself – planned or unplanned.

Living Vehicle Introduces 2023 Model

Living Vehicle, a custom luxury electric travel trailer manufacturer in California, has unveiled its 2023 model.

Built on an existing commercial platform, the Living Vehicle, a towable trailer, blends autonomous technology and sustainable power with luxe furnishings and gourmet appliances, the company said.

The towable has 100 gallons of fresh water, 80 pounds of propane, 1.3 to 3.4 kW of solar power, 5-20 kW inverter power and 14.4 to 57.6 kWh of lithium battery storage.

“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, Living Vehicle co-founder. “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.”

Living Vehicle partnered with Watergen, an Israel-based water extraction technology supplier, to offer water from air technology and fully integrate the system into the 2023 Living Vehicle.

The vehicle’s Watergen water-air generator is paired with Living Vehicle’s water tank, multiple power sources, energy storage packs and off-road capabilities, enabling RVers to comfortably extend their freedom on the road and in remote locations, the company said.

The Watergen unit produces drinking water from humidity in the air via an Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG). The technology also naturally reduces the vehicle owner’s carbon footprint and plastic pollution by eliminating single-use plastic containers and transportation-related supply chain pollution, Living Vehicle said.

“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,” Hoffman said.

The system provides up to 5 gallons of clean drinkable water per day.

“Watergen is proud to partner with Living Vehicle for the first mobile application to provide water on the go,” said Michael Mirilashvili, President of Watergen.

The Living Vehicle Creative Studio is also available in the 2023 model. The studio is outfitted with technology from Apple.

Each Creative Studio comes loaded with a range of configurable hardware. The visual center of the Studio highlights Apple’s Pro Display XDR, which features a 32-inch Retina 6K screen, or the Studio Display, an immersive 27-inch 5K Retina display. To power the Studio, options include a 16-inch MacBook Pro with M1 Pro or M1 Max that features a Liquid Retina XDR display, a wide array of ports, a 1080p camera and a high-fidelity, six-speaker sound system.

The Living Vehicle is custom manufactured with a 10-12-month lead time. The 2023 Living Vehicle is available in three models.

6 Tips for Buying a Horse Trailer

Whether you buy a new or used horse trailer, you have decisions to make on what you need and what you want for yourself and your horses.

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Whether you buy a new or used horse trailer, you have decisions to make on what you need and what you want for yourself and your horses.

Hauling horses to single day or overnight outings are a regular part of horse ownership. Trailers make it possible to get to a show, lesson or trailhead. Safety and functionality are the most important features of any rig, but today’s horse trailers offer endless options to showcase your style and provide all the comforts of home—and maybe a little bit more.

Here are six points to consider when buying your next trailer or upgrading your current rig.

1. Size: Consider your horse’s weight, height and breed so the horse is safe and comfortable.

2. Ventilation: Without proper ventilation, trailers can quickly heat up. Look for sliding windows and roof vents.

3. Loading style: Straight and slant load trailers each have their benefits. Often it boils down to personal preference. Slant loads tend to use floor space more efficiently.

4. Ramp or step-up: This also often boils down to personal preference. Ramps tend to be considered safer because there is no exposed edge where a horse could potentially skin its leg. When opting for a ramp, make sure it has a non-slip surface and heavy-duty springs to assist in closing.

5. Goose-neck or bumper pull: Evaluate the size truck you have and what it is capable of pulling (and stopping) or if you're willing to upgrade to a bigger truck. Larger trailers, especially those with living quarters, will necessitate a gooseneck hookup.

6. Flooring: One of the first things horses see and feel in the trailer is the matting. Look for anti-slip material that is at least three-quarters-of-an inch thick to offer the best cushion without interfering with their balance.

Buying a new trailer can feel overwhelming with the wide variety of features and price points. Ordering a new or custom-built model is always a thrill. There are also countless used trailers in excellent shape that are more budget friendly.

On used models, inspect (or have inspected) the flooring, tires, brakes and wiring to make sure the trailer is safe before finalizing the sale.

Tips to Make the Most of Your Living Quarters

Prepare your living-quarters horse trailer so life on the road is as comfortable as home.

Ah, the glamorous life on the road. Eating drive-through fast food, cramming clothes into a suitcase and trying to find space for everything you need. For those who travel frequently to horse shows, rodeos or trail rides, living-quarters trailers have certainly made traveling with your horses easier.

There are many little tips and tricks that can make life in a living-quarters horse trailer easier.

First, stock the trailer as a second home. It's easier to keep everything in the trailer year-round instead of loading it each week. This includes:

- Linens
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Supplies and nonperishable food
- Clothes

Storage

You can never have too much storage space. If your trailer has mangers, the storage area underneath provides room for necessities.

- Mount a plastic garden hose holder to give your electrical cord a home, keeping it accessible and tidy.
- A 5-gallon bucket is a great place to store your sewer hose or can be another place to keep your electrical cords tangle-free.
- Keep a toolbox in your trailer with assorted wrenches, screwdrivers, a hammer, zip-ties and duct tape.
- Toss in a few spare electrical adapters (you'll always meet someone in the RV park who needs an adapter to plug in) and a two- or three-way hose splitter, because you might need to share the water supply with your neighbor.
- Purchase a heavy-duty electrical cord, for times you are parked away from the electrical box in the RV park.
- Pack tire ramps that can be used to chock your tires or help in fixing a flat.
- Don't forget your emergency triangles.

Whether you have a mid-tack space or use the first horse stall as a storage area, plastic storage shelves and totes can help you stay organized. Many travelers use their mid-tack as a "mudroom" entrance to their living quarters, if it's outfitted with a camper door, helping to keep their living area clean.

Kitchen

- Two words: paper plates. Cute dishes sound attractive. But does washing dishes sound more attractive than riding your horse?
- You'll need a can opener, bottle opener and a corkscrew.
- A slow cooker makes cooking easy, especially with those meals-in-a-bag you can get at the grocery store.
- Slow-cooker liner bags also make cleanup a breeze.

- Microwaveable meals are plentiful at your grocery store, as well.
- Plastic refrigerator gates keep your food in place while traveling.
- An empty tissue box is a good container for grocery bags to reuse as garbage bags.
- A little collapsible step stool makes it easy to reach upper cupboards, and it can be folded away in a cupboard when it's not needed.

If your trailer is outfitted with a couch, you probably have the large table that can sometimes be in the way. TV trays can be stored in a closet and brought out to use at meal times, giving you more floor space.

Bathroom

- Keep a set of bath towels just for your trailer so you always have them.
- A couple of plastic over-the-door hooks can be hung on your shower glass partition to give you a place to hang towels to dry.
- Small plastic baskets keep your toiletries in order in the cupboard and keep items off your limited counter space.
- A small plastic drawer unit works well as a dresser for small clothing items.
- Keeping your toiletries stocked in your bathroom will be easier than packing for every trip.

14 Unique Camping Destinations to Inspire Your Next Outdoor Trip

These unique camping options are everything but run-of-the-mill, offering campers an opportunity to sleep under the stars in a way that won't be forgotten.

1. Camp Rockaway — Queens, NY

Need to escape the city without traveling for hours to reach the mountains? Then check out this urban, seasonal glamping opportunity on Rockaway Beach in New York City. Campers stay in safari-style tents and have access to a fire pit, games, hammocks, and a picnic area. The Rockaway Beach boardwalk is just a short walk from camp, as are biking, birding, hiking, and whale watching. Clean bathrooms, hot showers, and comfy beds make this the kind of upscale camping experience you won't soon forget.

2. Authentic Barn Camping and Unique Stall B&B — Spokane, WA

You may assume that B&B always stands for bed and breakfast, but in this case, it stands for bed and barn. Experience a real working western ranch by booking a converted barn stall for a rustic yet beautiful place to sleep for the night. Campers have the freedom to explore the entire ranch, and sunsets are a particularly lovely time to walk the land and take in the view of the surrounding mountains.

Campers have access to bathrooms and a shower as well as a small, shared lounge with mini fridge and microwave. Breakfast is not provided, but just a few miles down the road you'll find a restaurant that serves up a great American-style breakfast.

3. The Bierbaum Pepper Farm — Hemet, CA

Located on 11 acres in the self-described middle of nowhere, the Bierbaum Pepper Farm is smack dab in the high desert and provides the chance to camp on a working organic farm. Sleep among fruit trees, shower in a converted greenhouse, and spend your free time petting adorable baby goats or soaking in the on-site hot tub. The farm is located in Temecula wine country, so if you choose to venture off-site, it's easy to find great places to taste the local vino.

4. M & M Equestrian Center — Lafayette, CO

At Colorado's M & M Equestrian Center, the hay isn't just for horses — although there's plenty of those around. While some farm-style unique camping options offer homestead opportunities in the far west, this campground has all the dude-ranch sensations you could want, just a few minutes from downtown Boulder. Horse owners can feel free to ride into this unique camping option with their own horse, but for the horseless equestrian fans, there are plenty on-site for your enjoyment, along with goats and chickens. The sites have water and nearby electricity, and all surround the horse pasture. Campers report that you can wake up to farm fresh eggs in the morning!

5. Domke Farms — Sandy, OR

If you've ever felt envy at the pristine Airstream trailer in the campsite next to you, Domke Farms near Sandy, OR can help you chase that feeling. With a two-bed vintage trailer known as the Cozy Roller, this unique camping destination is the perfect romantic getaway for two, or solitary retreat for one. In close access to Portland, the Columbia River Gorge and Mount Hood, outdoor enthusiasts should take the opportunity to make this an adventure basecamp for anything from fishing, swimming, hiking or skiing.

Your stay includes access to a two person hammock, a fire pit with limitless firewood, a small grill, and an extra half-bath located in the building next door for more privacy.

6. Horseshoe Bend Marina — Fall City, TN

What better time than summer to break out the boat and hit your nearest lake, river or ocean? If you're in central Tennessee, you can find unique camping near one of the region's biggest summer hotspots — Center Hill Lake. The Horseshoe Bend Marina contains four sites and plenty of land on the scenic, winding lake, and is perfect for kayaking, boating, and even stand-up paddling. The fun carries from the water to your campsite, where glamping tents meet you with full beds and fire pits.

7. Hotel Luna Mystica — Taos, NM

Don't let the name confuse you — this less of a hotel and more of a vintage compound where the arts and the outdoors meet. Situated just outside Taos, this congregation of vintage trailers interspersed with campsites places you in the scenic and mountainous north of New Mexico, a unique camping destination all its own. Campers can see at least eight peaks from the campground, but can find downtown Taos, the Rio Grande Gorge and ski areas even closer than the mountains. Not that you'll feel the need to leave the campground — fire pits, hot showers and communal concerts all bring the adventure right to your tent or trailer.

8. Black Walnut Grove Campground — Marengo, IN

As far as adventure goes, the Black Walnut Grove campground brings it in spades. You can't turn your head without seeing a new, exciting activity on this 30 acre property in Indiana — everything from tire swings, bonfire pits and a tree web are open for your use during your stay. Campers can choose between a variety of shaded or open tent sites, all with great access to the wild amenities in store.

9. Heritage Farm Alpaca Experience — Kokomo, IN

While horses, goats and chickens have their charm, resting your head at a functioning alpaca farm might be the best definition of unique camping. This 120-acre homestead presents the landscape of the heartland while offering three different types of camping — tent, RV and a rustic log cabin. The alpaca experience includes over 60 alpacas you can watch and

interact with, as well as a farm store where you can shop for alpaca products such as sweaters, hats, mittens, scarves, teddy bears and toys.

10. Water Canyon Cliffside Cabin — Hillsdale, UT

Visitors to Zion National Park know the region's alien-like landscape is one to appreciate for as long as possible, but those desert days and nights can be tiring at one of the park's larger campgrounds. The Water Canyon Cliffside Cabin is the solution to this issue — offering a cozy, bunk bed cabin for you to sleep off the sun, adjacent to some of the best hiking in the park.

11. Island Good Yurts — Bois Blanc Island, MI

Many campers pride themselves on finding isolation during their trip; no matter how close your campground is to a nearby city, its a great feeling to be truly in the wilderness. The Island Good Yurts are the maxim of that sentiment — isolated on the Bois Blanc Island in the Mackinac Straight of Lakes Michigan and Huron, you'll find yourself surrounded by trees, water and sandy beaches. These yurts are a comfortable retreat for anyone looking to elevate their camping, or to stay for lengthy periods of time. You also might just catch the Northern Lights on a clear night.

12. Canyonside Campground — Rustic, CO

Since the legalization of recreational cannabis in 2015, tourism in Colorado has seen a sharp increase, and an entire mini-economy has since followed. Keeping with the trend, Canyonside Campground just outside boulder is a unique camping destination for the green-minded among us. With a number of cozy cabins close to scenic hikes, you won't find yourself missing any of the outdoors. A 420-friendly concierge is on-hand to help you plan out your recreational escape as well.

13. Devil's Backbone Camp — Roseland, VA

Most people will agree that beer and camping go well together, but Devil's Backbone Camp takes that belief to a whole new level by allowing campers to pitch their tents right on-site at their brewery. The 71-acre campground offers everything you'd expect from a traditional campground (full hookups, a bathhouse, fire pits, potable water, a dump station) as well as a brewpub, distillery, outdoor bar, grill, and stage, where live music will keep you entertained until it's time to turn in for the night.

14. Stone Creek Farm — Taylors Falls, MN

Stone Creek Farm might just be one of the most scenic spots outside the Twin Cities for camping. Just a quick walk down to the St. Croix River and Interstate State Park (reportedly, the Wisconsin side is the best), you can find one of the most unique camping setups on this list — a clear, bubble-like dome igloo, complete with full mattress inside. This instagram-worthy stargazing dome isn't the only place you can rest, however; larger families and folks with pets will appreciate the yurt just a short walk down the property. Both options feature outhouses, fire rings and other camping amenities. Bring your telescope and you might just see the Northern Lights from your bed!

Top 10 Campgrounds and RV Parks Long Island, New York

Most people just think of New York City when they hear Long Island. Truth be told, this is a great place for an RV traveler to visit if they don't mind driving through New York City traffic to get there. Eastern Long Island is home to some of the most beautiful beaches on the East Coast, making some of their camping locations a must-have experience for the RV traveler who enjoys beautiful Atlantic views.

During your stay in Long Island, you can visit the Hamptons, shop and dine in Montauk, or just lounge on the beach all day. You can drive your RV there or even rent an RV on the island itself, making the travel part a little easier. If you are looking for some great campgrounds in the area, read through the following list of top 10 near Long Island, New York.

Floyd Bennett Field

This year-round campground is on Floyd Bennett Field, a former airfield that was built in 1928. It is owned and operated by the National Park Service, so you know it's a well-maintained park geared toward creating an experience you will remember for a lifetime. It is worth noting that glass is not allowed at any of the campsites on the property.

Why You'll Love Floyd Bennett Field

If you are looking for a Long Island, New York campground where you can do some fishing, this is one of the best spots in the New York City area to choose. This location can accommodate your rig regardless of its size and

allows parties up to six people at each site. Its most unique feature is the on-site airfield for remote-controlled planes.

What People Are Saying About Floyd Bennett Field

“The RV sites are on a big parking lot right on Jamaica Bay. It can accommodate any size rig. If you’re into fishing this is the place for you.” – sflabrkr, RV Park Reviews,

Nickerson Beach Campground

Most people go to Long Island for vacations to take advantage of the waterfront, and this campground is an ideal place to do just that. The beachside campground is very accessible by public transportation. It is one of the most popular RV parks in Long Island.

Why You’ll Love Nickerson Beach Campground

This campground is designed specifically for those looking for great beach access. There aren’t many amenities outside of electricity hookups and antenna TV. You won’t care, though, because you’ll be spending most of your day relaxing or taking a walk on the beach.

What People Are Saying About Nickerson Beach Campground

“We enjoyed our stay there, very good location for doing, Gold coast, Manhattan, Montauk Light, Hamptons, and to go for a nice walk on the beach.” – rontrem, RV Park Reviews

Smith Point Campground

This is another one of the great Long Island, New York campgrounds that provides a nice waterfront experience. There aren’t a lot of trees, but the expansive views of the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the sound of the water on the other side compensate for that. It is open throughout the year, but some services are only available during the summer season.

Why You’ll Love Smith Point Campground

This is the campground you envision when you think of beachside Long Island campsites. It may not have the amenities that some of its counterparts offer, but it provides an experience like no other. For one, it

is flanked by water on both sides, making it a great stop if you like to swim, fish, or jet ski.

What People Are Saying About Smith Point Campground

“A very nice park. The sound on one side as well as the Atlantic on the other. The sites were level with a concrete slab, fire ring, and table. There were some sites that had sewer hookup.” – kenbarbi, RV Park Reviews

Wildwood State Park

Wildwood State Park is one of the most popular Long Island campgrounds thanks to its location on the East End, which many people consider to be the most beautiful part of the Island. Despite being in one of the most populated areas in the country, the park provides some seclusion. This is due in large part to its private beach.

Why You’ll Love Wildwood State Park

Wildwood State Park measures over 600 square acres in total. This is quite large considering the limited space in the area. Some of the best features of the park include hiking/biking trails and a secluded private beach.

What People Are Saying About Wildwood State Park

“Great views and trails! The trail leading to the overlook of the LI Sound is really cool. They are well marked and clear of brush. The bluffs are amazing and offer unbeatable views of the sound. The park is home to an abundance of wildlife including plenty of deer and birds. It’s definitely worth checking out if you are in the area!” – J.D., Google Review

Indian Island County Campground

This 275-acre park is managed by the county. Indian Island is one of the most popular spots in the New York City area when it comes to camping, and this park is one of the campgrounds Long Island, New York has that draws campers from all over the country. The wooded seaside park is a great place to enjoy the natural beauty and outdoor activities in the area.

Why You’ll Love Indian Island County Campground

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travel through Long Island. It sits where the Peconic River meets the ocean, so you can see water- and forest-loving birds. It's also on an island, providing a serene and peaceful getaway from big-city life.

What People Are Saying About Indian Island County Campground

"This park is maintained by the county. They do an excellent job. The people are very helpful & courteous. They even p/u your garbage daily, as a free service." – Vince/Chestertown, RV Park Reviews

Hither Hills State Park

Hither Hills State Park is located in the beautiful coastal town of Montauk, New York. People flock there from all over the country to camp on the beach and have immediate beach access each morning. This park even offers year-round fishing with same-day permits.

Why You'll Love Hither Hills State Park

This park provides primitive amenities at each site, but it more than makes up for the lack of hookups with its beachside views and activities. Most visitors' favorite activity on the beach is exploring the expansive walking dunes. There are also trails for biking, hiking, and even cross-country skiing circling the grounds that offer some of the best RV camping in Long Island.

What People Are Saying About Hither Hills State Park

"Really nice. Off road pass needed. Nice campground with small store. Reserve early. NY state park pass needed. Go to Bethpage State Park off Southern state Pkwy north side to get required passes. Camping, fishing, off road and beach access." – Stephan, Google Review

Croton Point Park

Croton Point Park sits on a 508-acre peninsula that juts into the Hudson River's east side. Archaeologists have dated the Native American inhabitation of the area back 7,000 years through the discovery of ancient oyster shells. This is a great location for a history and nature lover looking for Long Island camping sites.

Why You'll Love Croton Point Park

This is one of the most popular parks along the Hudson River for a reason. It's a year-round park that is constantly offering free and fun activities. If you are a wine lover, you'll appreciate that the park is home to some of the oldest wine cellars in the state of New York.

What People Are Saying About Croton Point Park

"Nice county park, well maintained. Roads are wide and paved. Our site was hard packed gravel, nice level site. We were there early in the season so the transient side of the campground was empty. The other side is various RVs and pull trailers that appear to be year-rounders. It was quiet during our stay." – RoamingTogether, RV Park Reviews

Eastern Long Island Kampground

Eastern Long Island Kampground is a popular destination for both out-of-state and local travelers. It provides everything you want from an East Coast beachside camping facility. On top of that, it's a relaxing resort with enough amenities to keep you and your family entertained throughout your stay.

Why You'll Love Eastern Long Island Kampground

Visitors who have stayed at Eastern Long Island Kampground remark at how well they were treated by the staff and ownership. They stop at nothing to ensure that you are getting the best experience ever. Anyone can camp here because it can accommodate RVs of any size.

What People Are Saying About Eastern Long Island Kampground

"Clean, well-appointed restroom and showers. Great staff! Cappy is a delight. Dan is wonderfully friendly and welcoming. Donna is much more than the owner, she's an integral part of making sure you're well received with any questions answered and all needs addressed. Only stayed a single night while visiting friends but I'd be happy to come back for a longer stay. Thanks!" – Tom, Google Review

Battle Row Campground

Located in beautiful Nassau County, this campground is a relatively small park that sits on 44 acres. Even though it is small, it provides a lot of natural beauty, including acres of dense woods for hiking and exploring. If you

want, you can get out of the RV and tent camp at one of the 12 sites reserved for tent campers.

Why You'll Love Battle Row Campground

You'll love this park because it has the classic look and feel of rural New York while still being very accessible from Long Island via the Long Island Expressway. It's amazing how peaceful this park is despite its location. Nassau County has a lot to offer when it comes to antique shopping and fine dining and staying here puts you right in the middle of it.

What People Are Saying About Battle Row Campground

"OK, it isn't a sprawling, state park campground, but it's close to NYC, so it's very convenient, it's wooded, AND it's quiet/peaceful. The bathhouse with flush toilets, sinks, soap, and mirrors, was clean, as were the showers. The people running the place are so very nice and welcoming." – Barbara, Google Review

Round Pond Recreation Area

Round Pond Recreation Area is a military park, meaning it is reserved for active-duty and former military members, department of defense employees, and other military employees. The park is located on the grounds of West Point, the military academy used by the Army. Because of this, it's a popular park for travelers looking to learn about military history while they are taking in the iconic beauty that the area offers.

Why You'll Love Round Pond Recreation Area

If you are visiting West Point and are looking for a great place to stay, this is it. During your visit, you can hike the expansive woods while the faint sounds of artillery fire from training exercises echo deep in the background. The recreation area is also filled with outdoor activities the whole family can enjoy.

What People Are Saying About Round Pond Recreation Area

"Sizzors' review sums it up. Great place. we were in a 35' MH, towing. Others will question my 5's. It means it exceeded my expectations and more (e.g., I knew there was not sewer or wifi). Staff was excellent. Beautiful surroundings. Easy access to NYC via the train." –

In Summary

After reading about all these great campgrounds in the Long Island area, you are probably getting excited to plan your next RV trip there. As you know, Long Island has much to offer, so there is even more to uncover. Don't hesitate to do some more research of your own to plan the exact vacation you want for your next RV trip on the East Coast. Regardless of where you stay, you'll enjoy the natural beauty and coastal views that the RV parks in the Long Island, New York area offer.

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