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This off-road teardrop trailer adds luxury camping to the most remote locations

Why it truly stands out as the 'King of the Off-Road'

By [Kurt Knutsson, CyberGuy Report Fox News](#)

Are you looking for a camper that breaks away from the conventional teardrop design and blends functionality with sleek aesthetics? Meet Kimberley Kube.

This innovative camper challenges the norms with its unique rectangular profile, flat roofline and vertical rear end.

By integrating the smooth composite construction of Kimberley's Kruiser line with the enclosed form of the Karavan, the Kube offers a compact yet surprisingly spacious design.



Whether you're planning a weekend escape or a long adventure, the Kube brings a fresh perspective to teardrop campers, providing eye-catching design without sacrificing space or functionality.

Built for rugged roads

True to Kimberley's heritage of robust, trail-ready caravans, the Kube is not just another pretty face. It's built to tackle the harshest of terrains, equipped with a [molded thermoplastic-composite body shell](#), a 100% recycled ArmaPET plastic floor and a sturdy hot-dipped galvanized steel chassis.

Complementing its tough build are 16-inch steel wheels, custom air springs, off-road racing mono-tube shocks and hydraulic override disc brakes, ensuring that it can handle even the most challenging off-road conditions.

Spacious and luxurious interior

Stepping inside the Kube, one is greeted by an interior that rivals a well-appointed hotel room. The trailer stretches 17 feet, providing ample space for a king-sized bed positioned within a mini-greenhouse setup that offers 270-degree views through three large windows and an additional skylight.

Storage is ingeniously integrated around and under the bed, ensuring that every inch of space is utilized. The front of the cabin includes a full-width console with storage solutions and an 85-L upright fridge/freezer, enhancing both convenience and comfort.

Outdoor living enhanced

Kimberley understands that camping is about engaging with the outdoors. The Kube features a slide-out outdoor kitchen accessible from a hatch at the rear, equipped with a dual-burner stove, sink and dedicated prep area.



This kitchen setup allows for comfortable outdoor dining under the awning, facilitated further by a stainless steel breakfast table that attaches to the kitchen unit.

Additionally, the Kube offers the luxury of hot showers, thanks to a Webasto diesel water heater, with the option to add an ensuite shower/toilet tent for complete privacy.

Tailored to technology and comfort

The Kube is prepared for any adventure with advanced technology integrations, such as a 200-Ah lithium battery, extensive LED lighting, optional solar charging and Starlink satellite internet prep.

The inclusion of modern comforts such as air conditioning, an onboard audio/video setup and the ability to stay connected via superfast 4G and GPS technology makes the Kube a standout in its class.

What does the Kube camper cost?

With prices starting at approximately \$44,675, the Kimberley Kube offers a unique blend of luxury, functionality and ruggedness, making it an ideal choice for adventurers who refuse to compromise on comfort and style.

Kurt's key takeaways

Whether exploring remote landscapes or enjoying a weekend getaway, the Kube promises an unmatched camping experience. It truly stands out as the "King of the Off-Road." It's a trailblazing camper that promises both the thrill of the journey and the pleasures of home, wherever you may roam.

HOW TO SAFELY TOW A TRAILER: BEGINNERS GUIDE

TRAILER TOWING GUIDE: AN EASY GUIDE TO TOWING YOUR TRAILER SAFELY

We love convenience. It's just easier when you need to get things done and have the right tools to do it. Sometimes, we need a little help to get those tools to work for us and not against us. Whether you need to transport goods from point A to point B or you're planning a trip with your family and need to cart your extra baggage, a trailer does the job. This trailer towing guide will help you get through the nitty-gritty of towing basics so you can rest easy knowing you're safe when you hit the road.

KNOW THE WEIGHT RATING OF YOUR VEHICLE AND TRAILER

Size definitely matters. Before you consider getting a trailer or learn how to tow one, your vehicle must have the capacity to tow the amount of weight your trailer can hold. Each vehicle and trailer has a specific capacity for towing. You have to **meet these requirements** to avoid any issues along the way. The trailer you choose will depend on what you need it for, too. Let's say you want to transport heavy equipment or tools

or you need to haul your friend's car over a longer distance. There's a trailer for every form of transit that has its own weight and mass requirements.

CALCULATE THE TOWING CAPACITY

A simple calculation will give you an estimate of your total towing capacity:

Gross Vehicle Weight + Gross Trailer Weight = Gross Combination Weight

Gross Combination Weight – Curb Weight of Towing Vehicle = Total Towing Capacity

Keep in mind that the curb weight includes your towing vehicle's tank capacity and other items on board at the time of towing and excludes any passengers. It might seem unnecessary to go to extra lengths to know this, but you should always keep safety in mind. As the saying goes, "Rather safe than sorry." You also save on fuel and vehicle wear and tear in the long run when you take the right weight precautions.

CHOOSE A SUITABLE HITCH

Once you've found the right trailer or you already have one, you need a suitable hitch. A hitch is the connection that keeps your trailer attached to your vehicle — without it, you won't be able to tow. Depending on your trailer and what it's used for, as well as the weight of your vehicle, there are varieties of hitches to suit your towing needs. If you're unsure which one is right for you, **shop around**, and you'll be sure to find one.

HOOK UP YOUR TRAILER

You'll need someone to help you hook up your trailer. It's easier that way. This person will either be the one who moves the vehicle or guides the driver and hooks up the trailer. Safety is always a priority, so communicate with each other at all times to ensure there are no accidents in the process. Then, follow these steps:

Before you do anything at all, check your vehicle and trailer tires. The last thing you need is a flat tire while driving.

Grease your trailer ball to avoid the friction caused by the weight of the trailer bearing down. This helps extend the ball's life.

Once your vehicle and trailer are aligned, check that your ball and coupler match when you hook your trailer. So if your coupler is 2 inches, your ball should be, too.

The coupler must be higher than the ball height when you're hooking them up. To secure the hitch, tighten the latch pin or coupler lock. Safety chains are required and offer additional security once you've hooked up the trailer. Tie them underneath the coupler. It serves as protection if the ball and coupler disconnect at any point while you're driving.

If you've used a trailer jack, now is the time to get it out of the way. It usually retracts into the trailer.

Attach your trailer wiring to your vehicle to make sure your lights function.

Have your friend stand behind the trailer to check that all your lights work, including your hazards and brake lights.

HIT THE ROAD, JACK

Now that you've hooked your vehicle and trailer, it's time to hit the road — not the car in front of you.

Make sure there's at least a vehicle-sized space between yours and the one in front or **follow the four-second rule** when you're towing a trailer. This is a precaution in case you have to brake suddenly — like if the idiot a few cars ahead swerves to avoid a bird in the road. If you're

hauling something especially heavy, giving yourself ample space and time to brake is key.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Literally, yes. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. When you're towing your trailer, you need to remember that your reaction time directly impacts your vehicle, trailer and surrounding cars. Consider these factors:

Manage your speed.

Constantly check that your trailer is still attached.

Be aware of traffic.

Be mindful of reckless drivers.

Take note of the weather conditions.

Being vigilant is a key factor in ensuring you reach your destination safely.

CHANGING LANES

Some things are out of your control, like speeding cars passing you by, driving up and downhill, and unexpected wind surges. You might feel your trailer swaying gently or even wildly if you experience any of these. Be extra careful when you change lanes to reduce the swaying as much as possible. You could risk your trailer hitting a car or disconnecting entirely if it sways uncontrollably, so it's best to drive slowly if you can. Here are more tips for safely changing lanes when hauling a trailer:

Signal in advance.

Pass on level ground rather than steep downgrades or upgrades.

Give yourself adequate clearance before merging ahead of another car.

Ease over into the other lane.

PRACTICE PATIENCE

If there's one thing towing a trailer as a beginner or experienced driver teaches you, it's patience. Since speeding is out of the question, you'll find most cars trying to overtake you because of their own impatience.

As annoying as it gets, don't panic and avoid eye contact. Some drivers may give you a disapproving look when they pass you — ignore them. It's your journey. Enjoy the ride.

STOP SLOWLY

Any time you need to pull over — whether you've reached your destination or just need a restroom break — be sure to approach the location by braking sooner and slower than you would if you weren't towing. Whether you're using a brake controller or your trailer is fitted with surge brakes, practice the same caution when coming to a stop.

PARK SMARTLY

Find a parking spot that's isolated so you can come out of it easily. If you're making a pit stop, park along the side of the road if it's allowed and walk over. Unless you're a really skilled driver who can maneuver their way through awkward spaces with a trailer in tow. Kudos to you. As long as you reach your final destination in one piece, we're happy.

How To Tow a Trailer: Safe and Legal Driving with a Trailer Hitched

BYCB STAFF

Trailer hitch laws and towing regulations by state.

There will come a time in your life when all your hard work will pay off and earn you the means to tour across the country with a camper, boat, or that jet ski you've always wanted to have at your family getaways. When the time comes that you need to use your vehicle to tow a camper or trailer from one place to another, you'll want to know how to tow safely, what the laws and regulations are to keep you out of trouble, and what the best way to tow is. Though you may want the best and biggest

camper or caravan, boat or trailer, there are many safety requirements you'll have to consider and many different laws and regulations that vary from state to state to take into account before making a purchase.

Legal Towing and Trailer Hitch Laws by State

In the USA, the laws and regulations around towing are complicated and vary depending on which state you're in. There are several rules that you can follow, however, that are standard in every state. So, if you are towing a trailer behind your vehicle, make sure the following is in place: License Plate Light: The vehicle or trailer you're towing is fitted with an illuminated license plate. Driving without a license plate on the trailer could result in you receiving some hefty federal fines.

Operable Back Lights: When towing a trailer, you should ensure that all the lights, including indicators and brake lights, are functioning correctly.

Safety Chain: There must be a safety chain connecting the vehicle or trailer in tow to the vehicle towing's tow hitch, just in case the hitch connection fails.

Reflectors: Small or big, it's important to have reflector lights on the trailer you're towing so that other road users can easily spot you and the trailer in low-visibility conditions.

Clearance Lights: Clearance lights are also a must-have as they improve the trailer's visibility to other road users and give an idea of how wide the trailer is.

Some of the trailer laws that differ by state require that you have even more safety equipment and adhere to other limitations such as:

License & Limits: Some states require that you have a certain endorsement on your driving license in order to drive a vehicle that's towing, and some have the requirement that you're over a certain age.

Breakaway Brakes: Another precautionary measure, breakaway brakes apply stopping force to the actual trailer in the event that the hitch fails and it disconnects from the vehicle doing that doing. Check if this is a requirement in the state you intend to operate in.

Tie Downs: Some states require that you tie any cargo that isn't fully contained in the trailer down with cargo straps or tie-downs.

Flares: In the event of an accident, some states will require that you release a flare if you're able to in order to clear off the section of the road.

Dimension Limits: There are various trailer length limits and width limits you'll have to research and adhere to when driving cross country with a trailer. What is expected in one state may not be the same once you've crossed the border, so plan accordingly.

Contrary to popular belief, it isn't illegal to have a ball hitch if you're not towing anything, and while there are no specific laws for trailer hitches in the United States at the time of writing, there are laws that you may be breaking by leaving a trailer hitch exposed. For example, the law in most states specifies that you may not cover up any numbers or letters or the state of origin on your vehicle's license plate - if you aren't towing anything and your trailer hitch obscures your number plate, you are in contravention of the law.

Rules and Limits For Towing by State

As an example. here are just some of the specific trailer length, height, and width limits by state, followed by some of the trailer towing speed limits by state:	New York	California	New Jersey	Florida	Oklahoma
Lenth	48-feet	40-feet	40-feet	40-feet	40-feet
Height	13.5-feet	14-feet	13.5-feet	13.5-feet	13.5-feet

Width	8.5-foot	8.5-foot	8-foot	8.7-foot	8.5-foot
Speed Limit	65 mph	70 mph	65 mph	70 mph	75 mph

Basic Driver's Guide To Towing a Trailer

Now that you know some of the regulations for towing, here is an easy guide for learning to drive with a trailer in tow for the first time:

Vehicle Type: Know what type of vehicle is best for towing - the smaller the car, the less likely it is to be rated for towing. High torque output, a rear-wheel drivetrain, and a long-wheelbase setup all make for the highest possible towing capacities in a vehicle. A high axle ratio also improves towing capability. There are many vehicles to consider when looking for the best SUV for towing a trailer, from the GMC Yukon to the Ford Expedition Max.

Hitches: There are three types of hitches - conventional hitches, of which there are five different classes, gooseneck hitches, and fifth wheel hitches. The type of hitch on the vehicle will also determine the size of the hitch ball and ball mount.

Class 1 Conventional Hitch: Up to 2,000 lbs.

Class 2 Conventional Hitch: Up to 3,500 lbs.

Class 3 Conventional Hitch: Up to 8,000 lbs.

Class 4 Conventional Hitch: Up to 10,000 lbs.

Class 5 Conventional Hitch: Up to 16,000/17,000 lbs in regular trucks and SUVs, and 18,000/20,000 lbs in commercial applications.

Gooseneck Hitch: Around 30,000 pounds - ideal for livestock trailers, horse boxes, flatbed equipment haulers.

Fifth Wheel Hitch: Around 30,000 pounds - good for RV trailers and large campers.

Vehicles like the Ram 3500 are able to pull up to 37,000 lbs with a fifth wheel at the time of writing, but there are many more on our list of the best trucks for towing with such impressive towing capabilities. You also get different types of hitch receivers, ranging from bumper hitches, front hitches, weight-distribution hitches, and pintle hitches.

Always ensure you use the right application for your needs.

Hooking Up: If you're going to be towing a vehicle or trailer for the first time, we have a comprehensive guide to towing a trailer with your vehicle here. If you're set up to tow and just need a refresher on how to go about it, you can follow these steps:

- Line up the trailer's coupler directly with the tow hitch on your vehicle using your rearview camera or the help of another person.
- By using the jack that's attached to the front end of the trailer's frame, adjust the height of the trailer so that the coupler is just slightly above the vehicle's tow hitch.
- Secure the trailer's safety chain around the vehicle's tow hitch.
- There is a release on the trailer coupler that you'll need to raise before you can latch the trailer coupler onto the vehicle's tow hitch. Once properly attached, the coupler's release will click back into the locking position.
- Lift the tongue to ensure that the coupler is securely attached to the tow hitch.
- Raise the trailer jack up so that it is off the ground and completely out of the way.
- Finally, connect the trailer's electrical connector to your vehicle and check that the indicator and brake lights are all working.
- Secure any guide wheels or other dangling equipment out of the way.
- Check that all lights are in working order.

Loading Tips: Tips for driving with a trailer start with how you load, believe it or not.

- Equal weight distribution is key to loading the trailer as too much weight at the rear of the trailer could cause it to fishtail, while too much weight up front could cause the vehicle to sag at the rear, resulting in poor handling and reduced braking power. Ideally, spread the load equally over the axles of the trailer.
- Adjust your vehicle's side-view mirrors to ensure that you can see all the way to the rear ends of either side of the trailer. If need be, consider equipping your vehicle with telescoping tow mirrors.
- Make use of ratchet straps or tie-downs where need be to secure the cargo in the trailer.

Driver-Assist Tech - Many automakers offer advanced driver-assistance technologies that will prove very helpful when you're driving with a trailer. Some vehicles come equipped with these as standard, but you may have to pay extra in some cases. If you tow regularly, it's a worthwhile investment.

- Trailer-Sway Control
- Blind Spot Monitoring
- Backup camera
- Trailer cameras
- Trailer tire pressure monitor

Calm camping is officially the trend for summer 2024

Embrace the calm camping trend

By Rachel Dennis April 15, 2024

Camping is a timeless tradition that offers reliable comfort. From a toasty s'mores to a warm campfire, a camping excursion evokes nostalgia and warm memories of the past for many of us.

While spending a night under the stars never goes out of style, emerging camping trends are shaking things up by leveraging modern amenities, lifestyle-specific accommodations, and the best camping tents and accessories to bring into the great outdoors.

So, what exactly are people looking for when planning their summer 2024 camping excursions? According to a recent study by Campspot, the name of the game is relaxation. 93% of campers surveyed reported feeling relaxed and refreshed after a camping trip. They coined this experience as the “calm-cation,” with calm camping at its core.

Let's dig into some of the most insightful findings from this study of 2,851 participants to learn how camping is trending as one of the most restorative outdoor activities.

An introduction to the calm-cation trend

Calm camping, an outdoor experience focused on relaxation and recuperation, is trending for a good reason. 58% of campers seek a break from routines, feeling the strain of modern work and life obligations. However, 68% of the same participant pool mention that affordability is also key, highlighting that traditional lodging may be too expensive for many.

With the need for a well-deserved break that doesn't break the bank, a whopping 90% of respondents are open to booking a campsite over another accommodation to meet these needs.

While 43% of travelers prefer peace and quiet on their trips, campers truly crave it, with 70% of them prioritizing a calming experience. What exactly shifted camping into the realm of retreats from what some may recall as just a weekend adventure? Campspot's study cites that 1

out of 3 travelers feel uncertain about economic stability, and the last thing people want is for their hard-earned money and time off to throw them into a financial hole.

Camping sheds off the pressure as one of the most affordable outdoor experiences available, a major reason why the camping market remained stable despite economic and social changes throughout 2023.

This leads to a promising landscape for summer 2024, with travelers' excitement for outdoor relaxation higher than ever before.

But what will the calm-cation look like, and what current trends illuminate how outdoors enthusiasts like to relax? Let's elaborate on the three types of camping trips that stand out above the rest.

1. Water recreation camping will see a spike

Campspot's study first features waterside amenities as one of the biggest trends for this upcoming summer season. Campers love it all – creeks, oceans, and pools. But one body of water takes the cake as the most relaxing and coveted: the serene lake. Three out of four campers felt more relaxed when lakeside than in other natural environments.

Furthermore, according to Campspot, having access to a beachfront for swimming, kayaking, or fishing from a lakefront campsite is the #1 amenity campers will seek this summer.

And it's not just natural bodies of water that attract outdoor enthusiasts. 50% of them are interested in the water parks, saunas, and hot tubs onsite.

Emerging science supports this trend's calming benefits. The American Psychological Association has shown that spending time in blue spaces, such as near water, can be as (or more) impactful for our wellness than green spaces.

Campers embracing water wellness will likely head to the Two Lakes Camping Area in Maine, Ames Brook Campground in New Hampshire, and the Steamboat Park Campground in Michigan in 2024.

These waterfront spots will book up quickly, so if the relaxing effect of water is calling, it's best to make reservations as early as possible.

2. Clean air is an increasing priority

As the northern hemisphere ushers in more light and warmth, campers are eager for a breath of fresh air under a bright sky or canopy of stars. Air pollution is a major problem for 1 out of 4 Americans, especially with forest fires surging in recent years. So expect to see campers prioritizing opportunities for a lung detox.

77% of campers say that clean, outdoor air is the most relaxing pleasure they experience at the campsite. Paired with an exceptional view and a good night's rest, one of the best outdoor amenities doesn't have to cost a dime or a moment of stress.

In general, the cleanest, freshest air can be found in more located locations and lesser-known destinations. However, many popular camping locations have exceptional air quality, including the Smokey Mountains National Park, Big Sur State Park, and Glacier National Park. It's easy to embrace this trend in your local area with a bit of know-how when it comes to picking the right environments. Stick to high-elevation locations that sit above pollution. Heavily forested areas also help pollutants while providing plenty of shade for those hot summer days.

3. Campers desire connectivity in nature

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The final and perhaps most intriguing camping trend for summer 2024 presents a unique paradox. While campers crave disconnection, 64% of them only feel truly relaxed when they have Wi-Fi and cell-signal access.

This summer may mark the official departure from the traditional ethos encouraging us to unplug and commune with nature. Those preferring to go offline totaled just 9% of the campers surveyed in Campspot's study, with 91% benefiting from some technological infrastructure.

It suggests that in a day and age where we always need to be online, there's a sense of relief in having the option to connect when need be. From checking emails to watching movies after a long day hiking, access to the internet while camping is now a top priority for many. As the connectivity trend surges, cell signal data availability can now be found on camping review platforms and forums. Popular apps such as The Dyrt include coverage information for each network, which is especially helpful for dispersed camping enthusiasts who don't have access to traditional campsite amenities.

In summary, the camping trends of summer 2024 don't focus strictly on where one goes to camp but on how one feels while immersed in the camping experience.

From taking a breath of fresh air to dipping into a cool lake, the jury is out; campers don't need a "vacation from their vacation" when they return home. Rather, they seek to bring the great outdoors's physically and mentally restful elements back with them.

What's new in RVs for 2024?

Just as technological innovation has dramatically impacted nearly every aspect of our lives, the world of recreational vehicles is evolving in many important and exciting ways.

Solar Power

Well, it's not exactly new, but solar power has become an increasingly popular option for RVers who desire greater autonomy and freedom to

roam off the beaten path. Solar panel technology has steadily improved and costs are relatively low, but keep in mind, this is one option that will pay for itself!

Click to explore the RV Traveler's Choice Overlander 200W charging kit and the flexible 110 W panel which can be installed on the roof of your rig.

Going Electric

Dylan plugged in his guitar in the mid 1960's and changed music forever by going electric. Now, nearly 60 years later, plugging in our vehicles is as routine as filling up at the pump. Going electric has indeed become a way of life.

It makes sense. Consumers are looking for more energy efficient and greener alternatives in personal transportation, but, as for RV's, hybrid or electric options are not available quite yet. That's not to say they're not on the drawing board. Many of the big names in the industry are already producing concept models.

Electric Travel Trailers

The good news is that electric travel trailers are already available on the market, both by well-known traditional names and some new players whose previous experience had been in tech, not in recreational vehicle fabrication.

This unorthodox entry into the industry has led to some fresh, out-of-the-box thinking to the design of the travel trailer, the fruits of which are truly innovative.

Below are some of the highlights:

- Self-propulsion that will make it feel that you are towing nothing
- Aerodynamic design that cuts drag over 300%

- The above two attributes will have a major impact on fuel economy of your gas or diesel powered tow vehicle and permit full driving range of your EV
- Remote control parking
- Automatic camp set-up including auto-leveling
- Automatic hitching – units will automatically align and hitch themselves to the tow vehicle for true fast getaways
- Integrated solar panels and continuous charging so batteries are always topped off
- A battery pack so powerful that you could use it as a backup power supply for your home
- Zero carbon footprint

Sleek, chic and just plain super cool to look at, this generation of travel trailers will change how we RV in the future.

More broadly speaking, the RV industry is evolving in these important directions.

Green Innovations

Look for more sustainable and eco-friendly features, such as solar panels, advanced insulation, and efficient appliances to reduce the environmental impact of RV travel, plus lightweight materials for construction, including composites and advanced alloys for better fuel economy.

Smart technology

RVs are becoming more technologically advanced, with features like smart climate control, integrated entertainment systems, and remote monitoring through mobile apps. In 2024, we can anticipate even more connectivity and automation, such as self-driving capabilities and advanced safety systems.

Customization

Expect to see more customizable RVs with a wider range of interior design choices, exterior finishes, and add-on features and, since space is always at a premium, designers will continue to focus on developing innovative space-saving solutions, multipurpose furniture, and expandable slide-outs for comfortable living spaces within a compact footprint.

The future looks awesome

Acting as a compact dwelling that can move at a moment's notice, the RV has to perform two important functions. It is therefore inevitable that technological innovation will profoundly impact the industry as both the science of transportation and habitation develop more efficient, greener, and comfortable solutions in their respective fields.

An amazing, wondrous future in RVing awaits indeed!

Thinking about joining the RV community but are not quite ready to make the investment?