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Boondocking Dispersed Camping Resources

Boondocking is camping without any hookups to power or water as you would normally find in an RV park. Sometimes called dispersed or dry camping, boondocking is essentially free camping. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is an agency within the United States Department of the Interior that administers more than 247.3 million acres of public lands in the United States. All BLM, National Forest and National

Grasslands are open to dispersed camping, unless otherwise marked. Every so often you might see signs that say “No Camping” or “Camp Only In Designated Campsites”, but usually only near cities or National Park boundaries with a potential for overuse.

On most National Forest lands, you can stay at the same site for a maximum of 14 days. The BLM usually imposes a 21-day limit and Arizona and California have Long Term Visitor Areas where you can park a tent, car, van or RV for months at a time. Most BLM public lands are located in these 12 western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Camping on BLM land is free except for a few areas where a small fee may be required. Boondocking on BLM land means that you have a vast area all to yourself. No cramped RV lots, no noise and best of all, it's free. It also means that you have no electricity, no water and no sewer as you would have in an RV park. The options for boondocking for long periods of time are:
A generator to provide your rig with electric in the evening or to power the A/C. Solar panels installed on your RV so that you can charge a bank of batteries. Fill-up and use your potable water tank on your RV for water while boondocking Use your RV gray and black tanks sparingly for toilet and washing use.

Here is a link that shows pictures of all the public campgrounds including RV site pictures:

[Campsite Photos - see campsites before you visit.](#)

Here is a link that helps with finding free campsites in the USA:

[Free Campsites - Updated regularly](#)

Here is a link that shows free boondocking around the USA with hosts that make their property available for boondockers.

Boondockers Welcome.

When searching for free places to camp on BLM land, it always best to find the campgrounds by either searching on google for BLM lands or using the Ultimate campgrounds map above, and then using google satellite view in google maps to see what the area looks like. Getting to remote BLM campgrounds should be researched before driving as the roads are not the best and with a fifth wheel you can get yourself into some tight spots.

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Storing and Transporting Extra Water for Boondocking

When we are using our Fifth Wheel for boondocking or dry camping there is often no water available close to our boondocking spot. This requires a trip in the truck to a place that provides water and the ability

to transport a large quantity of water without too much hassle. A simple space saving solution is to use a water bladder that has the ability to hold a large quantity of water while not taking up space when it is not in use.

The Aquatank water bladder provides a convenient solution to transporting and storing large quantities of water in the bed of the truck. Filling the water bladder is easy and once you get back to the Fifth Wheel you can use a portable water pump to pump the water into the Fifth Wheel holding tank directly from the truck bed. These water bladders can hold between 20 gallons and 60 gallons of water. Using plastic containers to transport water is both cumbersome and requires a large amount of storage space when they are not in use, whereas the water bladder can fold up and takes up almost no space when not in use.

The Portable Water Pump

The Wayne portable water pump provides an easy solution to pumping the water out of the bladder. It is already wired with a switch and simply clamps onto a 12v battery to provide power to the pump. There is no need to mess with wiring the pump into the truck. When the pump is needed, the pump can use the truck battery, a battery in the bed of the truck or one of the Fifth Wheel batteries. When the pump is not needed it can be stored in the bed of the truck or in a truck box.

Aquatank water bladders are extremely strong and durable. When carrying large amounts of water you want to ensure that the water bladder is strong enough to withstand a bumpy journey back to your campsite. It is also possible to fill your Fifth Wheel holding tank with water and the water bladder before departure and then have a backup supply of water should you be boondocking far away from any water source. Traveling with the full water bladder should not be a problem as long as you take into account the extra weight in the bed of the truck.

Tips for RVers receiving packages from Amazon and others

May 27, 2024

By Gail Marsh

I love shopping on Amazon! Not only am I able to snap up some incredible buys, but I can also shop on my own time—even if it's in the middle of the night. That frees our days for traveling and exploring in our RV. Here are some Amazon tips and tricks for RVers.

Tips and tricks for RVers when using Amazon

Amazon Outlet

Did you know that Amazon has an Outlet store? It's true. Clearance and overstock items come from every category and can save you up to 80%! Type "RV" into the search bar at the top of this special page and you'll see dozens of deals for your rig. Regular prices are listed along with the clearance/overstock price, so you'll see how much you're saving.

Don't forget to look at the drop menu on the left side of the page. This listing will help narrow your search if you're looking for a specific item.

Amazon Locker

Amazon Locker is a self-service delivery and pickup service provided by Amazon. This service allows customers to have packages delivered to a locker at a convenient location for pickup later.

Amazon Locker is great for RVers who are on the move. Simply check your itinerary to see where you'll be on or near the delivery date. Request that your order be sent to that location's nearest Amazon Locker. You can do this during checkout on Amazon's website or mobile app.

When the package arrives at the locker, you'll receive a unique code via email or text message. This code will open the lock so you can retrieve

your order. Lockers are monitored by cameras for security and are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Amazon Prime members may use Amazon Locker at no additional cost.

Note: Amazon won't hold your packages forever! Their website clearly states: *"Your package will be available for pick-up for three business days after you receive your pick-up code."*

USPS

Here's another handy Amazon tip you may not know about: An alternative way to get your Amazon packages delivered while traveling in your RV is the United States Postal Service. Use Amazon's "Ship to a USPS Location" option during checkout. Then follow these steps:

In the "Shipping Address" section, select "Ship to a USPS Location" and click "Search."

In the search box, enter the name of the city, state, or zip code (include extension: 50579-XXXX) of the RV campground where you plan to be on delivery day. This will help you determine the USPS location nearest the campground. Note that not every post office offers General Delivery. You can check the USPS website to find out.

Select the USPS location where you plan to pick up your package. Then complete the checkout process. Write your delivery address like this (underlining for emphasis):

Name

P.O. Box General Delivery

Rosebud, MO

63091-3527

4. When your Amazon order arrives at the post office you've selected, you'll receive a notification to pick up your package. You'll need a major form of identification to claim your order. The post office is required to hold the package for ten days.

Note: Not all Amazon items are eligible for delivery to a USPS location. In addition, there may be size and/or weight restrictions. Make sure to check the product details before selecting this delivery option.

There you have it! I hope these Amazon tips for you RVers help you find a bargain purchase for your RV, have it delivered, and keep you traveling, too.

2024 RV Predictions

Here are our Top 5 2024 RV Predictions

1. CAMPGROUND VACANCIES WILL BE HARDER TO FIND AND MORE EXPENSIVE IN 2024

The demand for camping shows no signs of easing, and as it has been for the past few years. To get a spot during the height of the season, on holidays, or in popular areas, it is going to take reservations made long in advance.

And they will cost more thanks to the growing practice of dynamic pricing that is sweeping the industry. The concept is nothing new. Hotels, airlines, and even restaurants have been doing this for years. Now, campgrounds are.

Dynamic pricing is the strategy of adjusting the nightly camping rates based on demand, preferences, and time.

If most of the spots are booked, the campground's booking software will increase the price because they know there is strong demand and people will pay. If it is a holiday weekend, up will go the price.

And the software can get pretty sophisticated. If most of the 50 amp sites are booked, those remaining will have a hefty price hike.

Conversely, I suppose, if the weekend weather forecast is lousy, the software could conceivably lower the prices... though we seldom hear of that happening.

But Dynamic Pricing makes campgrounds more money, just as it does in other segments of the hospitality industry.

Campers don't like it, of course, but for lots and lots of campgrounds, profit takes precedence over people. That's just the reality of our consumer economy.

2. BOONDOCKING SPOTS WILL BE HARDER TO FIND IN 2024

And that's a direct result of #1 above. Because boondocking becomes the best alternative when commercial and government campground openings are hard to find

We've sure seen this ourselves and we know from the email we get and campfire conversations we have, you are too. A boondocking spot in a national or state forest that you always had to yourselves, now may be filled when you make your way there. Or you will have neighbors close by.

Another big factor for the pressure on boondocking spots is that across the country, dispersed camping areas are being shut down because they have been trashed by inconsiderate campers or, in many places, have become homeless encampments.

We have been hearing of this happening with increased frequency.

We went to one boondocking spot we knew of in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan a while back only to find access to it chained. A sign out front said the state DNR closed it early for the rest of the season because of litter and trash left behind by irresponsible campers.

3. PRIVATE RV LAND OWNERSHIP WILL RAPIDLY INCREASE IN POPULARITY

Because of the previous two reasons, a lot of RVers are doing what we did... buy a piece of property and make it our private RV retreat.

For us, it is five acres in Middle Tennessee. We have put in hookups a driveway, gates, and a concrete pad for our fifth wheel. We know we can use it whenever we want and we can stay there as long as we want.

Another development is being sold a half hour away from ours. And we know of similar projects coming in the next year in Florida, Arizona, and Texas.

RV resorts and upscale campgrounds around the country are either expanding for-sale campsites or putting more of their campsites into seasonal, long-term use, where RVers can buy or lease them for guaranteed use.

Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't email us asking if we know of RV land they can buy. Our sense is this is a trend that is growing fast.

4. GAS PRICES WILL BE DOWN OR STABLE FOR MOST OF THE YEAR

Here's some good news:

As inflation eases and the COVID-19 pandemic fades further into the background, the GasBuddy app is predicting that pump prices nationally to drop from an average of about \$3.51 for all of 2023 to \$3.38 in 2024, reducing annual household spending on gas by about 2 percent

We think another reason prices won't go crazy high this year is because it is an election year. The administration will do everything it can to keep fuel costs as low as possible. High fuel prices are always a hot-button issue and the pressure will be on the big oil companies to do all they can not to raise prices.

There will be fluctuations.

In a normal year, gas prices follow a seasonal cycle, bottoming out in the depth of winter, when people drive less, and rising steadily through spring and summer, when temperatures are warmer, days are longer, and people drive more.

And a catastrophic event or world crisis could change all this too.

But, based on what we have been seeing so far, we predict that prices will be down or stable for most of the year.

5. EV RV'S WILL AGAIN BE MORE STYLE THAN SUBSTANCE

The Florida RV SuperShow will open in a couple of weeks and for sure, you will hear some of the big manufacturers gushing about an EV RV.

They'll have a fancy-looking prototype on display. They'll get a lot of splashy coverage during the show. And then that will be pretty much it until next year, when they'll do the same thing.

Like EV automobiles, trucks, and cars, there's not much public interest in EV RVs.

At least not by RVers.

Everyone loves the idea of an EV but the reality is the infrastructure is not there, campgrounds can barely provide adequate 30 and 50 amp RV service let alone the chargers necessary for EVs.

Besides, the proof of concept prototypes can't go far enough between charging and they can't tow enough RVs without drastically reducing their already dismal distance between charges.

Someday, yes, there will be viable EV RVs.

Just not this year. Or probably next, either.

RV Parks Competing on Newness, Growing Size, Amenities

Jeffrey Steele

If your idea of heaven is a large, richly amenitized RV park, this is the era you've waited for. And coming years will prove even more of an RV enthusiast's dream.

When the pandemic sent Americans fleeing big cities for the wide-open spaces, many opted to pursue their Covid-era lives in RVs. There, they could not only travel the nation but use their properly-outfitted RVs as mobile offices.

When they arrived at sun-washed RV parks across the Southeast U.S., however, they found many overrun by folks with precisely the same ideas. Owners of RV parks reacted to the business bonanza by funneling profits back into their enterprises, launching plans to upgrade and expand. With those projects now largely complete, RV fans are encountering across Florida and Alabama new RV resorts, expanded parks and a bounty of park extras that include everything from pools and fitness centers to theaters and outdoor kitchens.

They're not alone. The Dyrts' 2024 Camping Report found 50% of camping properties expanded in 2023, and that RVing is the fastest growing type of camping.

"RV resorts in Florida and Alabama keep getting bigger and better," says Bobby Cornwell, president and CEO of the Tallahassee, Fla.-headquartered Florida and Alabama RV Park and Campground Association, whose websites CampFlorida.com and CampInAlabama.com help RV devotees plan their next vacation.

"So new and returning snowbirds are not only finding new RV resorts but existing RV resorts with more spaces and more amenities to enhance their stays."

Here's a small sample of expanded parks and new resorts, as well as a glimpse into the increasingly wide spectrum of amenities now offered at RV parks.

Torrey Trails RV & Golf Resort, Bowling Green, Fla.

The chronology of this resort southeast of Tampa-St. Petersburg might be regarded a fitting reflection on the growth of RVing across the Southeast this decade.

After opening with 158 RV sites in 2020, the park responded to brisk business with another 210 RV sites in 2022. Amir Harpaz, the resort's co-owner and developer, is now engaged in designing Phases 3 and 4, which will add 361 more sites to bring the total to 729. "Due to demand for Florida RV parks by snowbirds, and online platforms like BookOutdoors, we have decided to accelerate the introduction of future phases," Harpaz says.

Developed on the site of an existing golf course dotted with mature oak trees, the picture-postcard-worthy resort offers a welcome center, nine-hole golf course, 65,000-gallon swimming pool; tennis and pickleball courts and clubhouse overlooking a lake.

Idlewild Lodge & RV Park in Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.

This RV resort northwest of Orlando and due south of The Villages occupies the western edge of Lake Panasoffkee and sits proximate to a more than 9,900-acre state park. The resort's owners have completed a number of improvements. The include paved RV sites and renovations of cozy cabins intended to serve RV-less friends of RVers. New amenities include pontoon boat rentals, a concrete boat launch and boat slips, as well as an on-site café and poolside cabanas.

Sun Outdoors Orange Beach, Orange Beach, Ala.

In addition to constructing 330 new sites for RVs, the resort west of Pensacola, Fla. has provided a number of them with outdoor kitchens.

Additional amenities added during a recent expansion include a clubhouse, swimming pool, lap pool, restaurant, arcade, playground and dog-washing stations.

Paradise Found RV Resort and Marina, Theodore, Ala.

Expected to be unveiled this summer, the new 46-acre RV park located between Mobile and Pascagoula will feature almost 250 expansive “back-in” RV lots. About a quarter of them will offer water-edge panoramas over Mobile Bay. Among the amenities: A generously sized outdoor pool, indoor movie theater and sports courts. Also planned is a 38-slip marina where RV enthusiasts will be able to rent kayaks and jet skis.

RV Life Is Changing! Challenges & Solutions in 2024

Introduction

RV life has undergone a significant transformation over the past four years, presenting challenges that threaten the way many of us enjoy this lifestyle. In this post, we delve into the changes, the emerging threats in 2024, and crucial solutions for navigating these challenges, ensuring a smooth journey for RV enthusiasts.

Factor #1: The Rising Demand for RV Parks

The RV lifestyle has recently soared in popularity, attracting a diverse range of travelers. The freedom and flexibility it offers, coupled with the scenic beauty of changing landscapes, have contributed to its appeal. This surge, particularly noticeable since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, has led to an increase in demand for RV parks.

Factor #2: Trends in RV Camping & Travel

Google Trends reveals a sustained increase in searches for RV-related terms since 2020, indicating a shift in travel preferences. Many new RV

enthusiasts have not reverted to their pre-Covid travel habits, preferring the convenience and comfort of RV travel.

Factor #3: Campground Reservations

A 2023 report from Kampgrounds of America (KOA) highlights a potential capacity crisis in RV parks. Over half of RV campers had made reservations for 2024, showcasing the popularity of RV travel but also signaling a supply versus demand issue in campground availability.

The Core Issue: Supply vs. Demand

The mismatch between the growing number of RV users and the availability of RV parks leads to overcrowding, limited availability, and sometimes a decline in amenities and services.

Innovative Solution: Arvie Booking Service

Arvie, a booking service, addresses this issue by helping RVers find and book hard-to-get campsite reservations, often due to cancellations. It offers real-time booking upon availability, ensuring a hassle-free reservation process.

The Implications for RV Travelers

With increased congestion and overcrowding comes the need for more advanced planning, higher costs, and fewer choices. This situation calls for innovative solutions and adaptability from both RV parks and travelers.

Solutions for RV Life Challenges

Expansion and Development of New Parks: The demand has spurred the creation of new RV parks, but this process can be lengthy, requiring both private and public sector investment.

Creative Use of Space: Thinking outside the box, such as developing multi-use spaces or redesigning existing facilities, can help accommodate more RVs without compromising quality.

Embracing Alternatives: Many RVers are exploring options like boondocking, traveling to less popular locations, or journeying during off-peak seasons to avoid overcrowding.

Conclusion

The increased demand for RV parks is the most significant challenge facing RV travel in 2024, reflecting the growing appeal of the RV lifestyle. This situation underscores the need for more infrastructure and innovative approaches. Flexibility and adaptability will be crucial for both RV parks and travelers in the years ahead.

As the RV community continues to grow, we must collectively navigate these challenges to preserve the joy and freedom of RV living. By embracing new solutions and remaining adaptable, we can ensure that the RV lifestyle remains accessible and enjoyable for all.

These Are the Top Camping Trends for 2024

By **Evie Carrick**

If travel in 2023 was driven by a need to check off dream items and do it all, 2024 is going to be all about slowing down and spending time in nature, according to a survey conducted by Campspot, an online marketplace for family campgrounds, cabins, glamping, and RV spots.

The survey, which polled almost 3,000 Campspot customers across North America between June 27 to July 5, 2023, found that after a year of fast-paced, bucket-list-focused travel, travelers are “feeling drained and disconnected from the essence of the destinations they visit,” according to a Campspot press release shared with *Travel + Leisure*.

In addition, the survey found that one in three respondents are feeling stressed about the economic uncertainty in the year ahead, with nearly

70 percent of travelers craving “a sense of calm and relaxation on their trips in 2024.”

Enter, the “calm-cation,” a term coined by Campspot to describe a vacation that provides travelers with a refuge from the complexities and uncertainties of daily life. These camping-focused “calm-cations” are often closer to home, more affordable, and immersed in nature — three things Campspot customers are craving. In fact, the survey found that 93 percent of campers feel more relaxed or mentally refreshed after time spent camping versus other kinds of trips.

But we’re not talking about pitching your tent on a patch of dirt and sleeping on a camping mattress. Campspot found that their customers are sick of roughing it and want “waterfront locations, crystalline skies with views, and even high-speed connectivity to bolster their camping experience.” As a result, Campspot is expecting to see an increase in demand for glampsites, cabins, and amenity-rich campgrounds with a beachfront, kayaking, fishing, and paddleboarding, as well as destinations known for their fresh air and clear, starry skies.

“Fresh air was the number one element that travelers felt contributed to their feelings of relaxation while spending time outdoors, while more than half (63 percent) of campers are looking for amazing views as part of their 2024 camping trips,” reported Campspot in the press release.

And finally, 91 percent of campers report feeling more relaxed when they have internet access of some kind — even if they plan to “disconnect” on the trip.

Camping and glamping — even the Wi-Fi-boostered variety — seems to be the natural solution to what travelers are looking for. It is significantly cheaper than a European holiday, provides access to nature — including the water and fresh air — and naturally exudes a sense of calm and relaxation.

“Whether you're an experienced camper or new to the world of outdoor adventures, these experiences promise to rejuvenate the spirit and create incredible experiences without breaking the bank,” said Campspot in the press release.