

# RV Camping Checklist

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- Plan the Trip
  - Decide where you are going.
  - Establish the cost.
  - Book a parking spot.
  - Decide and plan the route, including where to stop over.
  - Start building an onboard library with maintenance books such The RV Handbook.
  - Get a copy of The RVer's Friend for lists of RV friendly truck stops.
- Make the RV Safe
  - Have your vehicle checked by a mechanic.
  - Get a service on the engine, have the tires and brakes checked.
  - Make sure all of the onboard systems are working.
  - Check if the insurance up to date.
  - Check if roadside assistance is included in your insurance.
  - Check the interior of the RV.
  - Check for gas leaks and plumbing for kitchen and bathroom water.
  - Check the toilet.
  - Have a set of tools to handle minor repairs.
  - Have a claw hammer, an axe and saw.
  - Have a flashlight.
  - Consider investing in a portable generator if your RV is not equipped with one.
  - Learn where everything is stored.
- What to Bring
  - Toiletries, personal washing, clothes washing, medicines, prescriptions.
  - Sun block and glasses.
  - Clothing, including waterproof and warm clothing.
  - Kitchen and picnic items.
  - Washing up and clearing up items.
  - Things for entertainment e g. books, games, radio.
  - Bedding and pillows.

- Folding table and chairs.
- A small barbeque grill.
- When you Arrive
  - Park safely.
  - Learn and practice guide signals and commands.
  - Check the area together so that you both know where you're going.
  - Always use wheel chocks and 2x6 blocks of wood for leveling and stabilizing your vehicle.
  - Open cabinets carefully when you arrive.
  - Don't leave storage bays open or food or trash lying around.
  - Have a spare key hidden outside the RV incase of lockout.