



# RV Trip Planning

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Acadia National Park, Cadillac Mountain Sunset



# Things to Think About While Planning

- Where do you want to go?
- How long do you want to be gone?
  - *Weekend warrior*
  - *Weeklong*
  - *Months long*
- Are pets going? What are their needs



Taughannock Falls  
Watkins Glen, NY

# Things to Think About While Planning

- What type of camping do you want to do?
  - *Resort Campground*
  - *Commercial Campground*
  - *National Park*
  - *Corps of Engineer Park*
  - *State Park*
  - *City or County Park*
  - *Harvest Host/Boondockers Welcome*
  - *BLM or Forest Service Land*
  - *Moochdock with family & friends*



Eureka Recreation Area on Barkley Lake/Cumberland River/Land Between the Lakes  
Kuttawa, KY



# Things to Think About While Planning

- How long do you want to drive each day?
  - *Long day of driving, get there as fast as you can*
  - *Follow the rule of 3s – 300 miles, take a break every 3 hrs & arrive by 3pm*
  - *On longer trips consider doing 1-night stop and then a 2-night stop to break up the travel days and allow for everyday chores like grocery shopping and laundry*



# Things to Think About While Planning

- Are you traveling with other RVs/vehicles?
  - *Is one person doing the reservations?*
  - *What are the driving preferences for each driver (speed, distance, stops)*
  - *How long and tall are the others in the group?*



# Things to Think About While Planning

- How do you travel with respect to stops and food?
  - *Drive all the way through*
  - *Add in stops for fuel, rest stops, lunch break*
  - *Do you put your slides out to eat lunch or pack a cooler with drinks and lunch?*
  - *Power needs, do you have enough batteries to put out slides?*
  - *Are there unexpected sightseeing locations?*
  - *Pet needs?*





# Things to Think About While Planning

- For individual campgrounds and sites, what is the size allowed?

*Is it total length (tow vehicle and coach) or just the coach?*



Warrior State Park  
Kingsport, TN

# Things to Think About While Planning

- Routing considerations to be checked
  - Low bridges*
  - Tunnels/Ferries*
    - *Propane allowed? Turned off?*
    - *Maximum height or length?*
  - Toll roads – avoid or ok to travel*
  - Freeway or Back roads*
  - Avoid Roads with No Trucks Allowed*



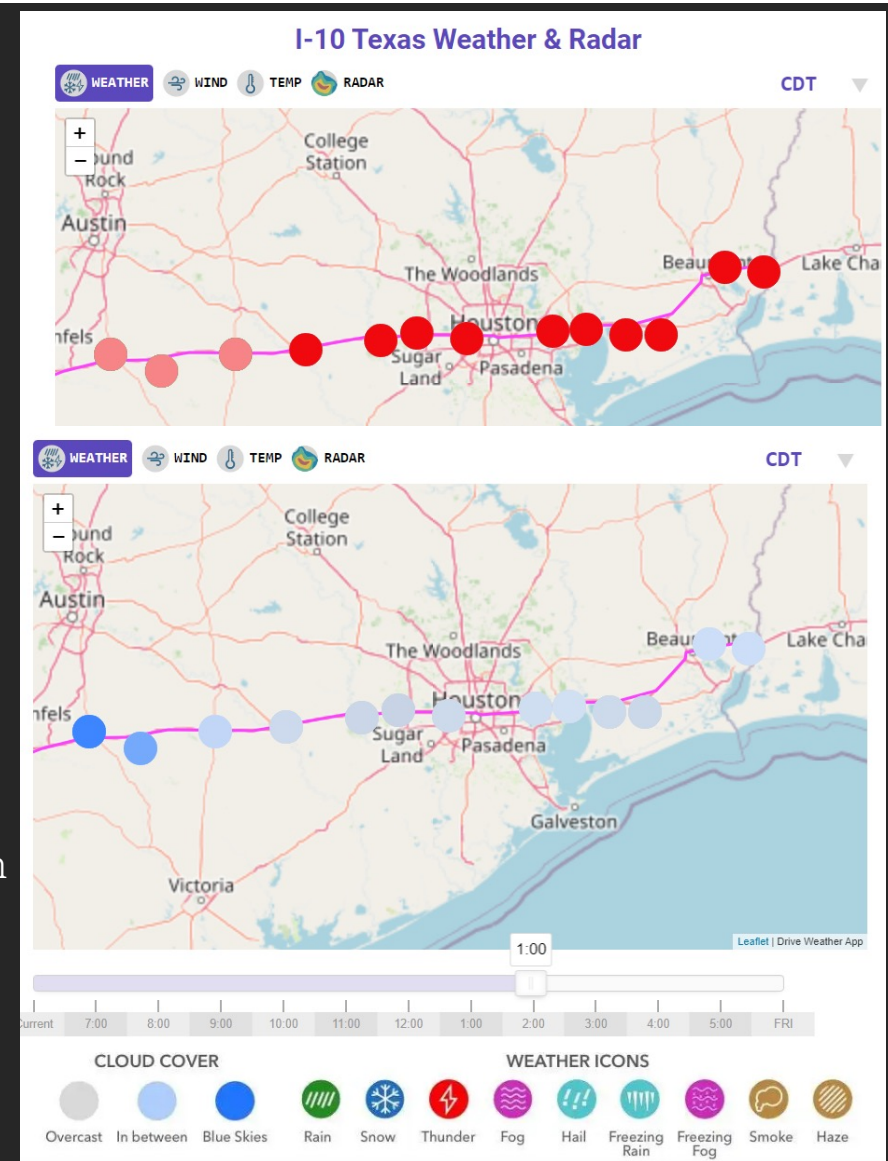


# Pre-Departure Checklist (the night before departure)

- Charge up phone and GPS
- Check air pressure in coach and truck tires
- Check weather for the drive
  - *Do you want to start later or earlier because of storms or high winds?*
- Do you need to delay a day because of weather, maintenance issues or even just decide to stay longer in that area?

9 am

1 pm



# Pre-Departure Checklist (the night before departure)

- Navigation checks
  - *RV safe directions*
  - *Confirm approach to campground (check with the campground to ensure no obstacles (low bridge, RR tracks) if you follow Google maps*
  - *Compare RV GPS with other GPS apps (Google, Waze)*
- Pack a lunch/drinks/snacks

For RV's **OVER 10.5 feet in height**, traveling from the North or South on I-91 OR travelling from the West on Mass Rte 2:

- Take exit #46 (Route 2 East)
- Stay on 2 East for ~1.5 miles
- At the 1st traffic light, turn **left** on Adams Rd.
- TW is 4 miles on the right. Turn right into the driveway just after crossing a small bridge, and before you come to the highway underpass





# Trip Planning Resources – What We Use

