

Websites & Apps for RV Travel

(note this list is not all inclusive)

Finding Campgrounds

RV life (\$59/year)

- RV Trip Wizard
 - Trip planning
 - RV GPS
- RV Campground reviews
 - Including cost
 - Types of hookups

Harvest Hosts (\$99/year) – free camping at wineries, farms, breweries, museums, distilleries, and a variety of other locations for one night with no hookups. All that is requested is that you patronize their business (i.e., spend \$20 on a bottle of wine or a few beers). Can also add on golf courses for another \$40 per year. Also lists dump stations.

Boondockers Welcome (\$79/year) – you stay on private property for free, some may have hookups for a small charge, but don't count on it.

Campers Card (\$39/year) – up to 50% off campgrounds, new item from Harvest Hosts, appears to be similar to Passport America

KOA Rewards (\$36/yr) – 10% off daily rate at KOA campgrounds, earn reward points for cash off on later stays.

Good Sam Club (Base \$29/year, Elite \$79/3 yrs) – discounts at Camping World, merchandise certificate (\$15 base, \$30 for elite), 10% off at Good Sam Campgrounds, discounts at Pilot Flying J locations, trip planning tool that can download to a Garmin GPS, can add on roadside assistance, travel assist, or extended service for additional costs.

Recreation.gov – reservation portal for all federal lands including National Parks, Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, and Forest Service

Spot2nite (free) – campsite reservation, commercial campgrounds

Hipcamp (free) – variety of outdoor stays including camping at variety of locations including farms, private property.

Freecampsites.net (free) – You can search for campsites near you or in a given location. Will show both free and paid campsites. The free ones include Walmart, Cracker Barrel, Rest Areas, Museums, BLM, etc...

State Parks (Free) – many of the state park websites end up on reserve America.

City and/or County Parks – can be found on Google, can be inexpensive or even free.

Arvie.com (free for 7 days, then 19.50/month)

- Campground booking tool like Priceline for hotels (no booking fees)
- Searches 10 different websites (KOA, recreation.gov, reserve America).
- Will also search for cancellations to find you a spot.

RV Parky (free)

- Campground listing gives details on hookups and amenities, rates and discounts.
- Trip planning with mapping, can download to a CSV or GPX file.

Passport America (\$44/year or \$399/lifetime)

- discounts at campgrounds up to 50%, discount is different at each campground (ie. 50% for 1st night, or 25% for stay) and could have seasonal restrictions.
- Does have routing/mapping information but not sure you can use as a GPS.

RV Dump Sites (free)

- Find dump sites close to you or on your route.
- Trip planning

Google Maps (Free)

- Google to find RV parks in each location.
- Satellite view or Street view to get a better feel for the location.

Google Earth – use this to check camp sites and roads to see size and obstacles.

Reserve America – Free – has a lot of the state parks on it.

- Apex Club (\$35.99/year) – save on reservations through Reserve America, free night of camping (up to \$25)

RoadPassPro – \$49.99/year - gives premium access to the following apps (note that you must download all the apps individually) that includes:

- Campendium
 - View campground photos
 - State Parks
 - RV Parks
 - Free Camping
 - National Parks
 - National Forests
 - Filtering for different items including cost, hookups, reviews, makes finding free campsites easier.
 - Dump Stations
 - Cell Service Overlay map for AT&T, Verizon & T-Mobile - premium
 - Android/Apple app
- Togo RV
 - Free Version includes:
 - Connect with mobile RV repair – with free version.
 - Find tires
 - Discover what is around you
 - Get recall alerts
 - Premium Version also includes:
 - RV Friendly GPS
 - Road trip planning
 - Campground info (addresses, contact information, photos, reviews from Campendium
 - Discounts to other RV associated vendors (KOA, Battleborn, Harvest Hosts, Tire Minder, Viar, Tires)
- Road Trippers
 - RV Friendly GPS
 - Road trip planning
 - Road trip planning

Thousand Trails – membership campgrounds throughout the country & British Columbia, there are different membership levels, free camping after the annual fee (starts at \$670/year for 1 region), does have requirements for number of days you can stay in a park and then you have to be out of their park for a given time.

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- Free
 - Search campgrounds (40,000 including private property)
- Pro Member (\$35.99/year)
 - Maps including public lands
 - Offline maps
 - Cell service
 - Road trips

Campspot (free) – campground finder, can filter by price, TripAdvisor rating, park features & amenities.

WikiCamps (free)

Freecampsites – similar to campendium

Ultranomadic – Travel planner

- Free version
 - Find Campgrounds
 - Create a travel plan
- Pro Version (\$36/year)
 - RV safe Driving Directions
 - Add Collaborators
 - No ads

Allstays – several different Apple Apps (cost is \$1.99 to \$9.99), many different filtering options to help find free campsites

- Camp & RV
- Camp & RV Military
- Truck & Travel
- Overnight Parking Walmart
- Rest Stops Plus
- RV Dumps

Weather Apps

- Weather Bug
- Drive weather
- Windy
- Wunderground

Navigation

- RV Trip Wizard
- Google Maps
- Waze
- Apple Maps
- Truck Map
- Individual GPS

Fuel Apps

- Open Roads (also known as TSD or EFS)
 - Fuel – discounted fuel through a trucking company, they debit your bank account after each transaction with a small transaction fee.
 - Toll Pass (\$70 initially for transponder, & then the individual toll charge) – National, there is only one or two roads that are not on it.
- Gas Buddy
- Mud Flap
- TA
- Loves
- Gas Guru
- GetUpside

Things to Do

- All Trails – trails for hiking, biking, running, backpacking, basically an app geared to outdoor recreation.
 - Free Version
 - Search for trails
 - Add trails.
 - Track activity by recording your journey.
 - Share your experience.
 - Pro Version (now known as AllTrails+) (35.99/year)
 - Everything in free plus
 - Offline access
 - Overlays for air quality, pollen, satellite weather and heat maps
 - Off-route notifications
 - Lifeline features to keep friends and family updated.
 - Ad-free usage
- Trip Advisor – Things to do in a given area.
- Pinterest – things to do in a given area
- Just Ahead for National Parks