



# RV TRIP PLANNING 101

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No matter if it is your first or fiftieth, planning a RV Trip of any length can be overwhelming! There are so many details to plan. Deciding where you want to visit is just the first step. Then, you have to worry about where to stay, what to do and what you are going to eat while you are there.

Through the years, we have created a few forms to help us stay organized when we are planning a RV trip. To say thank you to all of our loyal followers, we decided to share these forms with you. We want planning your next RV trip to be easy and stress free.



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## What's Ahead?

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# Where Do We Start?



The first step to planning a RV trip is to decide where you want to visit. Once you know your destination, map your route on a navigation app, like Google Maps. Then decide how far you would like to travel each day. Use the route and your daily travel limits to decide where you should stop along the way.

Now you can start planning how many days you would like to spend at each stop. Use our "Where Are We Going?" form to help plan your itinerary.

You may want to print several of these forms, or write in pencil. When you are in the beginning stages of planning, your itinerary will change often.




# Where Are We Going?



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1							
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							



# Where Are We Staying?



After you have decided the places you will visit and where you will stop for the night, you are ready to start making reservations. If you plan on visiting State Parks, National Parks or popular tourist destinations, we recommend making reservations well in advance. Some places start taking reservations a year in advance and book up fast. To find campgrounds or private RV parks, you can use the following websites and their free apps:

- [RVParky.com](http://RVParky.com)
- [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com)
- [KOA.com](http://KOA.com)
- [GoodSam.com](http://GoodSam.com) (Requires a membership.)

Once you have made your reservations, use the "Where Are We Staying?" form to keep track of them. This form is great to share with friends and family before leaving on your trip for emergency contact information.





# What Are We Spending?



Trip expenses can add up fast and if you do not keep track of them, they can get out of hand. As you make your reservations, use the "What Are We Spending?" form to track your reservation deposits and how much you will pay on arrival. On this form you can also add your estimated fuel cost. You can use one of the following websites to get your trip mileage:

- [RVParky.com](http://RVParky.com)
- [GoogleMaps.com](http://GoogleMaps.com)
- [GoodSam.com](http://GoodSam.com) (Requires a membership.)


If you already know of any expenses, such as a National Park pass, entrance fees or tour fees, you can add these to the other expenses section. We do not include our food on this form, because we tend to spend about the same as we have budgeted for eating at home.







# What Are We Eating?



If you are at home or on a trip, you have to eat. We try to keep our eating habits the same on a trip as they are at home. This means we do not eat out very much. To have more time to explore, we freeze most of our dinner meals before we leave to go on a trip. If you are interested in finding out how we meal prep before a trip, read our blog post,

[RV Menu Planning: Keeping it Quick, Easy and Healthy.](#)

We do not have a form to plan breakfast, or lunch. For breakfast we usually eat cereal, oatmeal or eggs and bacon. Lunch is normally eaten on the road or while we are exploring, so we pack sandwiches. We use the "What's For Dinner?" form to keep track of our meals and to help us meal prep. Once you have completed this form, keep a copy posted in your RV to help you stay on track.



# What's for Dinner?



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1							
Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							

# What Do We Do Now?



Once you have your forms completed, you may want to think about creating a trip binder. Place each of these forms in the front of your binder. Then, create a section for each of the places you are visiting. In each section, place a copy of your reservation confirmation and a list of activities you would like to do at each place. If you want to keep track of how much you spend, place a pencil bag in the binder to hold all of your receipts. Carry your binder in the truck with you while on a trip. It is a great tool to keep you organized and heading in the right direction.



# What about...?



We hope planning your next RV trip will be less stressful now that you have everything you need to stay organized. If you are looking for trip ideas or RVing tips, make sure you visit:

[www.MorrisesOnTheMap.com](http://www.MorrisesOnTheMap.com)

Now is the time to start planning your next RV trip!

Happy planning!

