

THINGS TO DO

ARRIVING
AT CAMP

A CHECKLIST FOR

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A Checklist for RVers

Once you've made it to your campground, RV resort, boondocking spot, or other final destination, it's time to park, set up, relax and have some fun. Here are a few basic pointers for your arrival.

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ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

- Park RV near entrance or office as indicated by signs, not blocking traffic.
- Check in with campground office or park ranger station if necessary.
- Ask if discount is offered for RV club members such as Good Sam Club or Escapees.
- Ask for map of park and get directions to campsite.
- Ask if Internet access is offered and get instructions (WiFi SID and password, data phone line location, etc.)
- If arriving after office closed, look for after-hours check in instructions posted near entrance or office.

INSPECTION & PARKING

- When you find your site, do walkthrough before parking.
- Confirm slot has expected facilities (electricity with correct amps and plugs, water, sewer, etc.) and test water faucet, especially in freezing weather.
- If slot has no sewer facilities, drive to dump station and empty waste tanks, if needed.
- If slot has no water, drive to water source and fill fresh water tanks, if needed.
- Drive into campsite.
- Check parking job for space, alignment with hookups, and clearance.
- Confirm all facilities (electric, water, sewer, cable TV, etc.) are reachable from position.
- Walk around RV to confirm position allows deployment of slides and other RV features (awning when extended) without obstruction.
- Check for high obstructions such as tree limbs. Even small limbs almost touching RV can cause noise and damage slide covers in wind.
- Set the parking brake(s).

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LEVEL & UNHITCH (TOWABLE RVS)

- Determine if RV is level laterally - Place level on floor inside RV or use level attached to outside of RV.
- If RV is not level laterally, place leveling blocks in front of or behind the wheels on appropriate side and drive RV on top of blocks.
- Chock wheels.
- Place blocks under jacks.
- Lower leveling jacks until RV is supported.
- Remove safety chains and disconnect cables.
- Unhitch RV from tow vehicle.

SETTING UP

- Level RV lengthwise - use tongue or leveling jacks to raise or lower front.
- Extend steps and restore hand rails and slide-outs to their parked position.
- Lower or install stabilizing jacks and apply enough tension to minimize RV movement.
- If you have an electric outlet tester, use it now.
- If you have an RV surge protector, plug it into the outlet.
- Connect electricity and make sure breaker is turned on.
- Connect cable TV and telephone line.
- Connect water hose and water pressure regulator.

If slot has sewer...

- Connect sewer hose and make sure both ends are secure.
- Open grey tank valves.
- Empty black tank if needed.
- Close black tank valves.

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SETTING UP continued...

- Turn on propane tank, open valves and check for leaks.
- Open water heater valve to fill tank.
- Turn on water pump, if no external water source is available.
- Confirm that refrigerator is turned on and running.
- Turn on air conditioner/furnace and set thermostat.
- Test water and electrical connections.
- Set up outdoor gear and awning.
- Remove all fasteners used to secure cabinet doors and other items.
- Return items to their parked storage positions.
- Raise antennas and satellites.
- Lock outside storage compartments.