

National Park RV Planner

Plan the campsite, the route and the days between. Print a fresh copy for each trip. Start with the individual park website, then confirm the exact campsite and road restrictions.

Park: _____

Travel dates: _____

Travelers / pets: _____

RV length / height / tow combination: _____

Before booking

- ☐ Check park alerts, seasonal road openings and weather.
- ☐ Confirm park entry, campground booking, timed entry and activity permits separately.
- ☐ Check booking release dates and times for your exact campground.
- ☐ Verify the specific site length, combined-length rules, access roads and turn space.
- ☐ Confirm hookups, potable water, dump station and generator rules.
- ☐ Check pet access, shuttle operations and accessibility needs.
- ☐ Read cancellation terms and choose a backup campground.

Passes and useful links

A pass does not replace every reservation or fee. Compare the options that apply to your trip and eligibility.

[NPS trip planning and park information](#)

[NPS entrance passes](#)

[Recreation.gov bookings](#)

Campground Comparison Sheet

Call the campground if a listing leaves fit or access uncertain. A site that is long enough may still have a difficult approach.

Detail	Option A	Option B
Campground / contact		
Inside / outside park		
Dates / release time		
Site length / rig fit		
Approach / road limits		
Electric / water / sewer		
Dump / drinking water		
Nightly total + fees		
Cancellation deadline		
Signal / Wi-Fi notes		
Distance to park plans		
Pets / generator rules		
Reservation reference		

Backup and arrival plan

Backup location: _____

Check-in window / office number: _____

Late arrival procedure: _____

Fuel stop before arrival: _____

Packing and Safety Checklist

RV essentials

- ☐ Vehicle documents, reservation details and offline maps.
- ☐ Drinking-water-safe hose, regulator, suitable electrical protection and compatible adapters.
- ☐ Wastewater equipment, separate sanitation supplies and gloves.
- ☐ Leveling equipment, chocks and manufacturer manuals.
- ☐ Tire gauge, appropriate tools, first-aid kit and emergency contacts.

For each day outdoors

- ☐ Water, food and extra supplies for likely delays.
- ☐ Weather-appropriate layers, rain protection and sun protection.
- ☐ Navigation, headlamp and a communication plan suited to local coverage.
- ☐ Appropriate footwear and activity equipment; check trail or river conditions.
- ☐ Park-approved food storage and wildlife precautions for this location.
- ☐ Leave itinerary and return time with a trusted contact.

Before the activity

Choose activities that match the group and conditions. Set a turn-around time. For whitewater, use a qualified outfitter or instruction suited to your experience; confirm river conditions and wear appropriate paddling safety equipment. Do not treat a general trip planner as technical river guidance.

Emergency plan

Emergency number / ranger contact: _____
Nearest appropriate care: _____
Offline meeting point: _____
Trusted contact / check-in time: _____
Weather alternative: _____

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Repeat this sheet as needed. Leave space for weather, rest and a spontaneous stop.

Day	Morning	Afternoon / evening
1 - Arrival		
2		
3		
4		
5 - Departure		

Reservations and daily details

Timed entry / shuttle / permits: _____

Trail or activity / distance / difficulty: _____

Parking or access restrictions: _____

Turn-around time / backup plan: _____

Trip budget

Item	Estimated \$	Actual \$
Camping / booking fees		
Fuel / propane		
Entry / passes / permits		
Food / supplies		
Activities / local travel		
TOTAL		