

## **Websites to explore on these long cold Winter nights! -**

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**Just like a dream: 12 surreal places you won't believe actually exist.** Beautiful photos of truly unbelievable locations around the world. *From MSN and The Active Times.*

**Ten ways to explore the Southwest.** New Mexico and Arizona possess 12 and 18 national monuments, respectively. Visit these locations and you will understand how and why landscape remains sacred in the American Southwest. *From MSN.com/travel.*

**Michelin North America RV Tires.** Just-re-launched website with a new RV tire selector, how to get more out of your tires and a dealer locator.

**20 of the most beautiful places in Canada.** From CNN.com, a gallery of some of Canada's most beautiful and diverse places.

**AARP tools — the complete collection.** Tools (calculators, comparisons, locators, etc.) for health, money, work and retirement, travel, home and family, and more. From AARP.org.

**10 surprising historical artifacts in the U.S.** ... and how'd they get here? A German submarine in Chicago, Hitler's phone in Georgia, a Danish windmill in Iowa, a statue of Vladimir Lenin in Seattle. These and more for you to visit in your RV travels.

**Macro photographs of snowflakes:** Amazing! *From natureknows.org.*

**The Historical Marker Database.** "This website is an illustrated searchable online catalog of historical information viewed through the filter of roadside and other permanent outdoor markers, monuments, and plaques. It contains photographs, inscription transcriptions, marker locations, maps, additional information and commentary, and links to more information. Anyone can add new markers to the database and update existing marker pages with new photographs, links, information and commentary."

**The ten most dangerous driving habits.** In addition to drinking and driving, or texting behind the wheel, there are a few other habits that significantly boost the likelihood of an accident. Here are the top 10 most dangerous driving habits with a few statistics to back up the claims. *From driveprime.com.*

**Ten most tax-friendly states for retirees in 2014.** *From Kiplinger and MSN Money.*

**Walmart stores that do not allow overnight RV parking.** More than 700 Walmart stores nationwide do not allow RVers to park overnight. Be forewarned with this list *from Roundabout Publications.*

**Why you should visit U.S. National Parks in winter.** Here are eight compelling (and beautiful) reasons to visit U.S. National Parks during the off-season. *From Condé Nast Traveler.*

**Norcold Refrigerator Recall:** If you have a Norcold fridge, check here to see if it's been recalled. Very serious fire hazard exists in many models. (This is a previous recall but some of these fridges are still being used and causing fires.)

**Rent an RV or rent out your RV at RVshare.com.** The world's largest RV rental marketplace.

**10 free and inexpensive attractions in America.** The National Mall and Washington, D.C. memorials, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Alamo, and more great ideas *from AARP.org.*

**Video tours of mega-motorhomes.** Tour 15 mega-motorhomes of celebrities. Wow! *From HGTV.*

**Funny signs from around the world.** For when you need a good chuckle. *From CNN.com.*

**Ten best National Parks in the fall.** America's national parks offer stunning autumn scenery from coast to coast. *From USA Today.*

**Special deals on RV rentals from Cruise America.** Locations all over the U.S., including one-way rentals.

**Directory of RV snowbird destinations from the Good Sam Club.** A collection of Snowbird-friendly RV resorts along America's Sunbelt.

**Motorhomes On Fire.** Videos of motorhome fires. The message: Be fire safe and carry good fire extinguishers.

**Best potato recipes.** Thousands of potato recipes from around the world, many of which are quick and easy for preparation in an RV. (We all love potatoes in some form or another, right?) Submit your favorite recipes to this huge collection.

**Transfer cars and RVs across the U.S.** From Transfercar, a vehicle relocation service designed to allow you to drive a free car or RV and to save rental companies money. Companies using Transfercar include Budget, Advantage, El Monte RV and Road Bear RV Rentals.

**Travel on the edge: U.S. tourism extremes.** Extremely: hot, cold, dark, stormy, old, etc. These interesting travel destinations are from CNN.com.

**RV recipes - quick, easy and yummy ideas.** *From RV-Living-Unlimited.com.*

**The ten best places to retire on Social Security alone.** *From MSN Money and U.S. News & World Report.*

**America's best small towns.** Detour-worthy towns with populations under 30,000 all over the country that have strong cultural offerings or great outdoor adventures. *From AARP.org.*

**Get Bear Smart.** If you spend time in areas where bears live, visit this website — for your sake and the bears.

**RV History Programs.** Educational seminars and attractive vintage RV displays. From Al Hesselbart, the country's leading storyteller on RV history subjects.

**Destination guides.** Search by location, activities and environment. *From AARP.org.*

**Slow cooker recipes for every meal.** From breakfast to dessert after dinner and everything in between. Great for cooking in your RV. *From AARP.org.*

**Eight places for fantastic fossil finds.** These spots are scattered around the U.S., and some of them allow visitors to keep the fossils they find. *From CNN.com.*

**Full-time RVing workspaces.** In this series, the Technomads share the workspaces and offices of fellow full-time RVing peers to help give you ideas for your own.

**CNN.com's travel photo of the day.** New photos, beautiful and/or intriguing, from around the world every day. Why not submit your own best travel photos?

**RV-Living-Unlimited.com.** Pages and pages of real-life tips from seasoned travelers and links to other valuable, information-packed sites including shopping for an RV, buying insurance, boondocking, recipes, unique road trips, RV jobs ... you name it! More added all the time.

**13 of America's most photogenic places.** Maybe one or more of these will inspire you when you're planning your next trip. *From CNN.com.*

**Families on the Road.com.** A directory of resources for families who are on the road fulltime, on extended road trips or are just dreaming about it.

**Recipe Goldmine.** Thousands of recipes, including camping, dutch ovens, grilling, slow cooker; as well as "Kitchen Charts," an encyclopedia of information--even edible flowers, heirloom measurements and adjustments for high altitudes. This definitely is a "goldmine"!

**It's leaf-peeping time in the U.S.** From New Mexico to New York, here are nine ways you can putt, putter and paddle your way through spectacular autumn scenery. *From AARP.org.*

**Legends of America.** A huge and excellent website (since 2003) exploring the history, destinations, people and legends of America, including ghost towns (and ghost stories), the Old West, Route 66 and treasure hunting, along with lots of RVing tips and tricks, and much more.

**Razzle Dazzle Recipes.** Hundreds of recipes including for camping, grilling, holidays, ethnic, seasonal, cooking for a crowd, and much more.

**Ten top fall foliage trips in the U.S.** *From AARP.*

**How to winterize your RV better than an RV dealer would.** *From The Fun Times Guide.com.*

**America's 20 best national parks.** As reported by Telegraph Media Group in the United Kingdom. Compare your favorite parks to this list from "across the pond."

**99 great ways to save money.** AARP's fifth annual list of fun and creative ways to save money.

**Top RV parks for golfers for 2014.** *From Good Sam RV Travel Guide.*

**20 best places to visit in the USA.** Vacation destinations whose rankings are based on a formula combining online reader votes with the opinion of reputable travel writers. *From CNN.com.*

**RV storage tips.** Top 13 tips to store your RV and save potential repair costs — from Extra Storage Space and El Monte RV.

**RV Rental.com.** Frequently asked questions about renting an RV. *From Camping World.*

**How much does a motorhome RV cost?** Costs for buying or renting different types of motorhomes, operating expenses, how to shop for an RV, and more. *From CostHelper.com.*

**America's best small town museums.** Amazing museums in unexpected locations scattered across the U.S. *From Travel+Leisure on CNN.com.*

**Four secrets of successful RV cooking.** Four secrets, but also lots of tips and recipes for cooking in even a small RV kitchen. *From Amanda Watson on doityourselfrv.com.*

**Alaska campgrounds and RV parks.** Official State of Alaska vacation and travel information website.

**50 places straight out of nightmares.** Photos of 50 locations around the world that are eerie or haunting or just plain fascinating in a weird sort of way. *From The Weather Channel.*

**The benefits of buying a used RV,** and what to keep in mind while looking for an RV. *From Kirkland RV Sales.*

**Fun RV hobbies.** Dozens of creative ways to spend your time. *From Fun Times Guide.com.*

**S\*M\*A\*R\*T.** Special Military Active & Retired Travel Club (S\*M\*A\*R\*T) brings military veterans (active, retired and honorably discharged) together to share camaraderie, travel and RVing, and to support our veterans.

**GoCampingAmerica.com** helps a million campers each year find their perfect park on their adventure. This is also a resource for ideas, tips and information campers can use while planning their trip or on the road. *From the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds.*

**Outside Our Bubble.** Lots of great RVing tips and tricks; honest location, restaurant and equipment reviews; tech tips from an expert; product recommendations (or not); even a live web cam! Voted a Top 50 RV travel blog.

**RV Lifestyle.** A website with RV maintenance tips, RV cooking, destinations (including kid-friendly), and lots more. *From Lance Campers,* but with great information for all RVers.