

GoRVing





GoRving	A new National Survey by Go RVing Canada shows that 64% of adults used to be more adventurous as children, but sadly that gets lost as the responsibilities of adulthood creep in. Many of our favourite childhood memories don't involve a jam-packed schedule, the most shiny plastic toy or even hours upon hours of playing video games. Instead we remember the exploration, adventure, curiosity, kinship and freedom we knew as children The RV lifestyle helps adults to bring back those childhood adventures and to connect and share with their own children in exciting new ways. The RV lifestyle is not something you need to save for retirement. Two thirds of all RVs are owned by people who are under the age of 55. And 90% of those owners say it's the best way to travel with kids. In fact it's a great idea for families and for multi-generational vacations. RVing is certainly known for campfires, swims in the lake and walks in the woods, but today it is so much more than that. It can be a fun way to hit the summer music festival circuit or do a family trip to the Maritimes. Even wine tours and foodie experiences are being integrated into the RV lifestyle.
RVing is Easy!	Some people think that you need a special license to drive an RV, or that they are hard to drive. Think again! Canadians just need a regular driver's license to drive almost all RVs, and modern RVs come with a lot of features that make them easier to drive. For instance, in a motorized vehicle, you have not only back-up cameras but you also have side cameras too. Plus dealerships will do a driving tutorial for anyone looking to rent or purchase an RV.
	For first time RVers, <u>www.gorving.ca</u> is a great resource when thinking about getting into RVing. If you're not sure where to start, you can check out the blog, read some of the latest articles and watch videos. When planning your RV trip, there is everything from beginner "how-to" videos to information on various models to recipes for the road. Plus there is a trip planner tool on the site. You simply enter in the location you're traveling to and the trip planner maps out campgrounds, RV dealers and popular RV destinations along your route.
	Your RV is self-contained for about 2-3 days depending on the size of your tanks and generator, but if you are going to be parking at a campground you can take advantage of the hook-ups right on-site. For first-time drivers, you can request a "pull-through" campsite which means you don't have to back your RV up when leaving the campground. This is helpful while still getting used to an RV. There are



Where to RV?	Here are just a few suggestions from the many great RV adventures awaiting you in Canada. It's easy to rent or buy an RV – so what are you waiting for?
Campgrounds	We are blessed with many amazing places to take an RV in Canada. There are two types of campgrounds: national parks; and privately owned campgrounds. While some are rustic, others provide full-service hook-ups and amenities. Nowadays many campsites are becoming more like resorts with waterslides, sports, beaches, horseback riding and various other activities.
Cost of RVing	There are more than 1 million RVs on the road today and 14% of Canadian households actually own an RV - that's more than the number of Canadians who own a cottage or go skiing in Canada. Studies show that an RV vacation is up to 78% cheaper than a regular vacation and there is an RV to suit any family and budget. Towables can start at \$6,000 and go all the way to \$200,000 depending on what type of model you are looking for.
	If you plan to park in one place for longer periods of time you may find a travel trailer or towable model more suitable. A towable or travel trailer allows you to drive your own vehicle, which you're already familiar and comfortable with. It also means that you have your family vehicle at the campsite when you want to go to the store or head out for excursions. Whereas with a motorized RV you would have to unhook it each time you want to go anywhere.
	If the journey itself is more of the appeal then a motorized might have more of what you're looking for. Your vacation begins the moment you pull out of your driveway, as passengers can enjoy the comfort and activities in the RV while it's moving. They can watch the TVs, play cards at the table, or reach into the refrigerator. As long as there are enough seatbelts for every passenger you can enjoy the amenities even in transit.
Types of RV	There are two main types of RV to choose between - a motorized RV and a travel trailer. But both types of RVs can provide all the comforts of home with conveniences like kitchens, bathrooms, air conditioning, beds, etc.
	 three main hook-ups for your RV – Water, Electrical, Sewage. You want to ensure you are booking a full service site in order to utilize all of the amenities such as air conditioning, bathrooms, etc. You can check out more tips on packing and other RV 101 advice at www.GoRVing.ca .



	Moraine Lake, Alberta - Once printed on the back of the Canadian twenty dollar bill, it is often referred to as the "Twenty Dollar View" – but it's more like a million dollar view.
	Gaspé, Quebec - Recognized by National Geographic Traveler as one of "Canada's 50 Places of a Lifetime", Gaspé gives you the opportunity to discover four national parks. Famous Percé Rock summits over 1000 metres and is one of the most beautiful bays in the world
	Flowerpot and Hopewell Rocks, New Brunswick - The Flowerpot and Hopewell Rocks are one of the most serene natural wonders of Canada. If you've never been blessed with that awe-inspiring feeling that large landscapes can give you, you need to RV here
	The Grotto and Tobermory, Ontario - Tobermory, a quaint little town at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula, boasts a must-see, "The Grotto." Carved out by the waves of Georgian Bay over thousands of years, it's a pristine setting; there are no signs, lights, stairs or handrails here.
RV Resource Links	There are many Canadian RV websites with articles, advice, directories, forums and resources for RVers plus some US-based sites with other useful RV links.
	RV HotLine Canada This is a Canadian RV Industry website with portions of this site developed in co-operation with the Recreational Vehicle Dealer Association of Canada (RVDA). Website: www.rvhotline.com
	Class B RV's, Camper Vans & Camping Van Conversions A useful Forum where users discuss all aspects of Class B Motorhomes and Class B Camping Van Conversions. Website: <u>www.classbforum.com</u>
	RV Bookstore A website with a complete selection of books, eBooks, videos, DVDs and magazines about recreational vehicles and the RV lifestyle. Website: <u>www.rvbookstore.com</u>
	RVers Corner An all Canadian site on RV maintenance. Free no-nonsense How-to, Where-to and When-to information to keep your RV operating at its best. New items and new articles are being added all the time. Take some time to explore this website it is well worth it! Website: <u>www.rverscorner.com</u>



RV Campground Websites	 Wheel-Chair-Friendly Vacations B.C. Wheelchair Friendly Services is devoted to allowing handicapped persons of any capability, to enjoy B.C.'s beautiful outdoors and explore Vancouver Island in a 32-foot wheelchair accessible motorhome. Website: www.wheelchairfriendlyvacation.com These web links take you to Canadian RV camping websites, and Internet directories for campgrounds, trailer parks and campsites in
	RV Sani Dumps and Marine Pump-Outs Website: <u>www.sanidumps.com</u> RV Zone The Internet RV and Camping Guide Website: <u>www.rvzone.com</u>
	RVNetLinx A source of RV information and weblinks for the recreation vehicle lifestyle. Website: <u>www.rvnetlinx.com</u>
	RVing Women Members learn about RVing and enjoy a network of support and friendship offered by RVing Women. Rallies, convention, magazine and online forum. Website: <u>www.rvingwomen.com</u>
	RVing Families Geared to RVers who travel with their kids Website: <u>www.familiesontheroad.com</u>
	RVers Online An online magazine to serve the interests of RVers everywhere. Website: <u>www.rversonline.org</u>
	RV Living A website for Canadian RVers, with great destinations, much needed advice, and other matters concerning travel with your recreational vehicle. Lots of RV links and an RV Forum. Website: www.rvliving.net



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	Website: www.bcfroa.bc.ca
	Campgrounds Camping Canada (CCC) CCC represents campground owners who are members of Canada's provincial campground associations, and has links to campgrounds across the country. Details of these campgrounds ranging from wilderness campsites to full service, family-oriented RV parks, are listed by province. The website also has some other handy links for anyone planning a camping trip in Canada. Website: www.campcanada.com
	Camping-Canada.com A website fully dedicated to Canadian campground information, including a directory of campgrounds and lots of really useful Tips and Checklists for both Campers and Rvers. Website: www.camping-canada.com
	Canada's Virtual North Information on Outdoor adventures, Fishing and Wilderness expeditions. Website: <u>www.virtualnorth.net</u>
	Great Outdoors Recreation Pages (GORP) An international website with information specific to Canada, including Canada's Top 20 adventure destinations. Website: www.gorp.com/gorp/location/canada/canada.htm
	Trailer Life Directory Online 12,000 Parks and Campgrounds in North America. Website: <u>www.tldirectory.com</u>
Technical RV Information	Websites with technical information and resources specific to the driving, towing and maintenance of recreational vehicles, motorhomes and RV trailers.
	Canadian Towing, Brake and Licence Regulations Trailer towing requirements for each Canadian province and territory as well as brake regulations and provincial licensing requirements with reference to driving an RV in Canada. Provincial regulations vary from province to province. So if you are planning to travel in Canada with your RV you should refer to this summary of regulations prepared by the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association of Canada. They list size restrictions, seat belt regulations, safety chain laws, as well as brake



	requirements. Website: <u>www.rvda.ca/</u>
	RVers Open Forum Technical forum with topics on RV Maintenance, RV Safety and general discussions. Website: <u>www.rverscorner.com/info/forum.html</u> or <u>www.rvsafety.com/Forum.htm</u>
	RV Walk-Thru Video or DVD RVers have a lot to learn about how to operate everything on their motorhome or towable RV. Veteran RV technician Tim Collard and his wife Sherry explain how to make everything work, including: Awnings, Electrical, LP Systems, Furnaces, A/C, Water Heaters, Appliances, Water Works, Slides, and how to winterize a rig. Website: www.rvwalkthru.com
National RV Weekend 2015	 On Saturday June 13, 2015 campgrounds across Canada will help raise funds for Make-A-Wish Canada as part of National RV Weekend. Campgrounds will be selling Wish lanterns, and 100% of the proceeds are going to Make-A-Wish Canada to help terminally ill children make their wishes come true. At 10:00pm local time, campers will gather and make a Wish and shine their light for Make-A-Wish Canada. What a great weekend to choose
Contacts	for an RV adventure with the family and to support this great cause! You can interact with GoRVing Canada in many ways:
	Website: <u>www.gorving.ca</u> Connect with Go RVing on facebook:
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