

## 12 Tips for RV Newbies

Every RV Camper was a “Newbie” at some point. Here are some tips from some Seasoned Pennsylvania RV Camping members.

### *1. Take your time*

Allow extra time to get where you are going. Double and triple check everything before you leave home or the campground. Arriving Safely is the Key to an enjoyable trip.

### *2. Work in the daylight if possible*

Working in the dark is never easy, especially when you are doing something new. Arrive and leave the campground during daylight hours to make your life easier in the beginning.

### *3. Ask questions*

There are no stupid questions in the RV community. If you don't know, ask. Your fellow campers will be willing to give you a hand and show you what to do. You will learn something every year, if not every trip.

### *4. Don't pack your house*

You shouldn't expect to have everything you need your first trip. Stay somewhere close to home, or a store, so you can run in and pick up what you forgot.

### *5. Make a check list for setup and take down*

Remembering all the information when you are first getting started is difficult. Make a campsite set up and breakdown checklist so you don't forget something, like leaving your TV antenna.

### *6. Chock your trailer Wheels*

Don't make the mistake of unhooking your trailer without first chocking your wheels. This could lead to damage and serious injury to yourself or campers around you.

### *7. Practice backing up*

If you don't have a lot of towing experience, practice backing up in a large parking lot with cones. This will make campground arrival much less stressful.

### *8. Plan meals in advance*

Think about what you are going to eat each day and stick to it. Having a plan will make mealtime faster and more enjoyable.

### *9. Bring a few tools*

Sometimes things happen and you will need some tools. Bring screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers and a hammer just in case....

### *10. Reservations*

When booking your site make sure the site is large enough for your RV. Even smaller campers don't fit in every site at a campground, especially in a state park.

### *11. Have Fun!!*

When things happen, and they will, relax, breathe and move on. Next weekend you will be telling the story and laughing about it. Have fun making memories that will last a lifetime.

### *12. Smile!!*

After your campsite is set up, sit back, relax and smile and enjoy the RV Life.

