

# GREAT RV DESTINATIONS

**Reservations? Ha!!** - There is another thread going around regarding whether or not to reserve campgrounds in advance. With some obvious exceptions e.g. National Park campgrounds, many, many campers just go with the flow and call while they are on the road. We just finished a 12,000 mile trip around the entire western US last fall and never had a single reservation more than one day in advance. In fact, most of them were acquired the same day. When we saw something we liked we stopped a day or two; when we saw that we were getting tired, we just got out the Good Sam catalog and my DW started calling while I drove!

- **Mama Gertie's Hideaway in Swannanoa, N.C.** - In the mountains near Asheville. They clean every site - right down to the sewer cap - every time someone leaves. They also have new premium "view" sites on a mountaintop that rival any scenic overlook you've ever pulled into.
- **Grand Canyon, Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley, Natural Bridges** and ending up in **Capitol Reef**.
- **Crater Lake, OR**, then to the coast staying at **Tillicum right on the beach, Pacific City** then on to
- **Sisters, Mt Bachelor, Sun River etc.** in Central Oregon
- **Holiday Park in the Traverse City Indiana** area. Be sure to ask for their older wooded circle areas. Right on the south side of Silver Lake (with their own private beach), only about 5 miles south of downtown TC and the Grand Traverse Bay. Has all the neat stuff the area has to offer (foodie town, dunes, Lake Michigan, scenery, lighthouses, wineries galore, bike trails on the Leelanau Peninsula, beautiful fall colors etc
- **Corinth** situated in the NW corner of Alabama. It is near the town of Double Springs in the **Bankhead National Forest**. It is on Smith Lake and there is ample boating, biking and hiking. Hiking the in **Sipseey wilderness** is outstanding. There are even two nice trails on the property, one with two waterfalls. It is kept immaculately by the operator Reserve America. There are interesting sites around this property. Two natural bridges, waterfalls like the Caney Creek falls, and a unique place called **Dismalites**. Reserve ahead but select the spot you like most that's available when you arrive. They do not reserve all spaces.
- **Hiawatha National Forest** in the Upper Peninsula Michigan if you like kayaking/canoeing, hiking, mountain biking trails, lighthouses, fishing, ice-fishing, waterfalls, antiquing, boating, lighthouses, shipwrecks, camping, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, golfing, birdwatching, wildlife observation, historical sites/buildings, 4-wheeling, fall color tours, cherry festivals, apple cider outings, National Forests, Wine tasting, cheese tasting, National Lake-shore, Sand Dunes, Hunting, and much more.

- **Pete's Lake or Bay Furnace Campground near Munising, MI.** Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore nearby. Anytime, any season, it's there for you. Whew, be sure to narrow it down and go for it!
- **Northern Wisconsin** in the hot part of the summer, there's **Camp Holiday in Boulder Junction, Lynn Ann's Campground in St. Germaine** (both of those have fantastic rec trails nearby for cycling).
- **Maple Heights Campground in Lakewood, WI** (in the Eastern part of the state).
- **Lake of the Woods near Waupaca, WI** is also lovely.
- **Sky High Campground between Portage and Baraboo** for breathtaking views and is handier to the southern part of the state and very nice, too.
- **Blanco State Park Texas** close to San Marcos, New Braunfels. Beautiful shaded park with lots of room between coaches. Very clean and nice facilities.
- **Camp Florida RV Resort - Lake Placid FL**
- **Gulf State Park - Gulf Shores, AL**
- **Elite Resorts - Salt Springs FL**
- **Santa Rosa RV Resort - Navarre FL**
- **Neshonoc Lakeside - West Salem WI**
- **Campground at Barnes Crossing - Tupelo MS**
- **Timber Wolf Resort at [Glacier National Park](#)**
- **Rafter J Bar in Hill City, South Dakota.** Close to Custer State Park, Rushmore, Wind Cave, bike/walk trail, etc.
- **Elkhorn Ridge in Spearfish, SD** (drive Spearfish Canyon and visit Deadwood)
- **Estes Park Colorado KOA** (an old KOA so pretty tight sites)
- **Rocky Mountain State Park** - avoid the crowds and save by staying in Loveland and driving into Rocky Mtn. Park to visit.
- **Cheyenne Mtn. State Park in Colorado Springs** is a wonderful place to camp. Full hookups and magnificent views. State park which requires a daily permit, but still cheaper than most private campgrounds. Need an advance reservation as very popular with locals.

- **Roan Mountain State Park or Fall Creek Falls in Tennessee**, two of our favorite state parks, both have full hookups and Roan now has Wi-Fi, not sure about Fall Creek Falls. You can make reservations on their website site. Tennessee has some really great state parks and recently renovated well equipped campgrounds.
- **Gulf Breeze RV Park** at Gulf Shores Alabama: cable and including a private dock!
- **Gulf Shores State Park** in Gulf Shores, Alabama
- **Bahia Honda State Park**, Big Pine Key, Florida
- **Curry Hammock State Park**, Marathon, Florida
- **Clute Memorial Campground**, Watkins Glen, New York
- **Camp Hatteras**, Waves, North Carolina
- **Prouty Beach and Campground**, Newport, Vermont
- **Lake Anna State Park**, Spotsylvania, Virginia
- **Lake Guntersville State Park**, Guntersville, Alabama
- **Lakeview Restaurant and Camping Resort**, St. Agatha, Maine