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CampingCar-Online/Ramble Campervans would like to share some general information about American campsites with you, as well as the names of some good campgrounds. Motorhome travel is an ideal way to explore the vastness of the USA and enjoy its beautiful landscape.

Camping in the USA

A motorhome trip in the USA involves good preparation of budget, route, itinerary and especially campsites for the night after a long day's drive and adventure.

The country is full of places to park your vehicle for the night varying in price and style from well equipped, "luxury" campsites to more rustic, basic sites.

The motorhome is a very popular way to travel in the USA, so it is good to be well informed about campsites, especially for those in national parks. Some campgrounds require advance booking, but there is always plenty of first-come-first-served camping, as many motorhomes come and go each day.

General camping information

There are over **16,000 campgrounds** across the country. However, they are not all the same. Some have **electricity outlets**, while others are more **rustic**, **basic campsites**. Many are free, but the majority are well equipped to ensure a good level of comfort. The more equipped a campsite is (spa, pool, golf, internet etc ...) the more expensive it will be.

Here are some useful camping terms that may help you to understand the description of the campsite:

- Black water = dirty toilet water
- Gray water = dirty sink/shower water
- Boondock = campsite without electricity of other connections
- Dump Station also called "sanitary dump", "disposal station" = a station at which you can dump/drain the water in your motorhome (black and grey water)
- Hookups = connections for recharging your motorhome with electricity, water or connecting to sewers for dirty water dumping
- Full hookups = stations with 3 connections to the motorhome
- Partial hookups = stations that have only 1 or 2 connections to the motorhome

We strongly advise that you not park overnight in a rest area, a supermarket parking lot or on the side of the road. Rather choose **real campsites** which which often offer **lovely views** of the scenery.

Here are some useful links to good campsites in various states and national parks. Depending on the site you can book online and get information about the camping area.

- <u>KOA</u>
- Arizona Dream
- Arizona Dream (parcs nationaux)
- Go Camping America
- Good Sam
- US Forest Service
- Wheelers Guide
- Woodalls
- <u>Camp Jellysrtone</u>
- <u>National Park Service</u>
- Adventure Bound