



BRYAN BAEUMLER'S ESSENTIAL RV HANDBOOK



BRYAN BAEUMLER'S GUIDE TO NAVIGATING THE ROAD AHEAD THE ULTIMATE
RV HANDBOOK TO HELP YOU ON YOUR NEXT RV JOURNEY.



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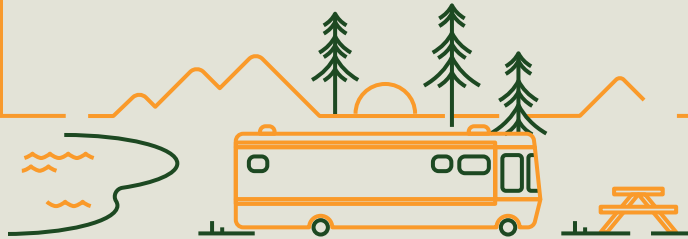
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Welcome to the world of RVing! For me, my RVing adventure began as a child camping with my family in a pop up trailer. More recently, I was on an unforgettable trip with my family and Go RVing Canada in 2019. Little did I know, that trip would spark a love for RVing leading me to purchasing an RV of my own.

Now, whether I'm crisscrossing North America for work or enjoying quality time with Sarah and the kids on vacation, our RV has become more than just a mode of transportation - it's our home on wheels.

In this handbook, I've shared some of my own RV tips and tricks that I've picked up along the way. Whether you're a seasoned RVer or just embarking on your first RV adventure, these tips will help you make the most of your next RV journey.

Visit gorving.ca to watch my show Bryan Baeumler's Roadhouse and join me and my family as we explore the world of RVing together.

Happy RVing,

Bryan Baeumler





START YOUR JOURNEY

YOUR FIRST TRIP

There are many things to learn when you first start RVing. These are Bryan's tips to help you get started so you can hit the road with confidence!



TIP #1: GO FOR A SHAKEDOWN TRIP

A 'shakedown trip' is a short RV trip close to home. The purpose of a 'shakedown trip' is to help you learn the RV ropes and identify any potential issues that might come up on your next long haul adventure!

TIP #2: RESERVE EARLY

Campgrounds book up quickly so get ahead of the game and secure your spot in advance to ensure you get to visit your favourite campgrounds. Most reservations open in the early new year between January and April. You can visit Go RVing Canada's Campground Finder Tool to find your next campground and reserve your spot for your next adventure.

TIP #3: CHECK YOUR UNIT

Remember to run through a pre-trip checklist before you hit the road. Do a full walkaround of your unit, secure the exterior and interior, ensure all compartments are locked, vents down, steps in, etc.

TIP #4: ARRIVE BEFORE DARK

When travelling, it's best to arrive before dark so that you can set up camp without the difficulty of searching and setting up your site in the darkness. If arriving before dark isn't possible, you can always look at your campsite and campground by satellite view online beforehand. This can give you a better idea of the grounds and your campsite if you've booked in advance.

TIP #5: LEARN TO LEVEL YOUR RV

Leveling your RV isn't difficult but it's an important skill that every RVer needs to know. This is something you can easily learn through online videos and your dealer can also give you a rundown before you hit the road.

FEATURE TIP:

Plan your RV trip today! Visit gorving.ca to explore our trip guides and plan the perfect route.



BRYAN'S LIST OF THINGS EVERY RV ER SHOULD HAVE



LEVELING BLOCKS:

For uneven terrain or soft ground.



EXTENSION CORD:

To help you reach just a little further.



LEAF BLOWER:

Better than a broom, trust me.



MULTI-BIT SCREWDRIVER:

You can fix 99% of your problems on the road.



TOWING MIRRORS:

Enhances visibility especially for wider trailers.



EMERGENCY ROAD KIT:

Including my battery jumper cables, a flashlight, tire pressure gauge, duct tape etc.



EXTRA FLUIDS:

Like wiper fluid, transmission fluid, DEF fluid, and motor oil.



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS:

My RV insurance, registration, and my RV's operating manual.



FOLDING TABLE:

Helpful when I'm cooking outside with the family.



WASTE:

Proper RV waste treatment and tissue.



HOSES:

A drinking water hose with a regulator and a good quality septic hose (because a leak could really change your mood!).



FRENCH PRESS:

I need my coffee in the morning!



LEVELING BLOCKS



**MULTI-BIT
SCREWDRIVER**



FRENCH PRESS



EXTENSION CORD



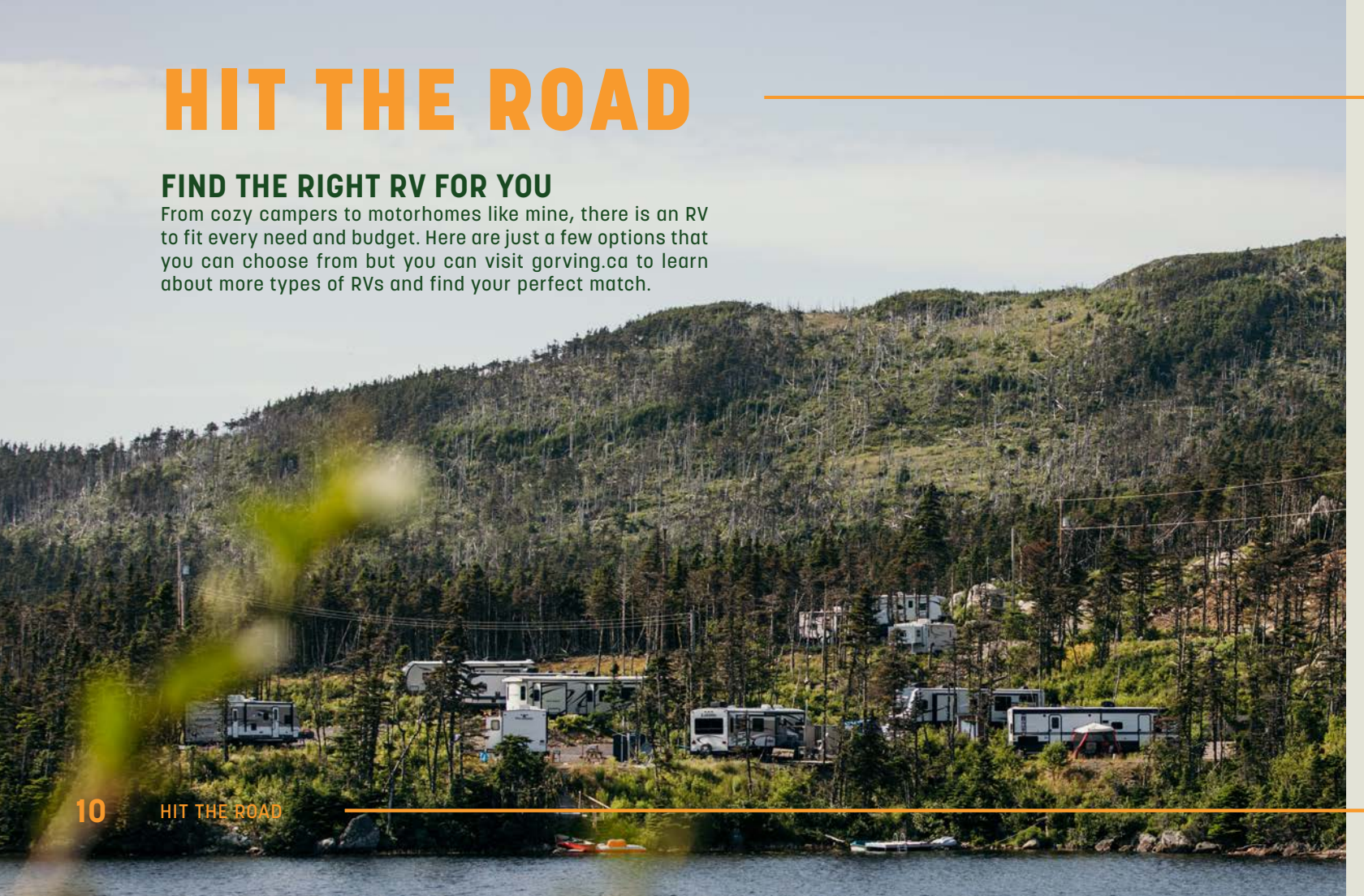
LEAF BLOWER



HIT THE ROAD

FIND THE RIGHT RV FOR YOU

From cozy campers to motorhomes like mine, there is an RV to fit every need and budget. Here are just a few options that you can choose from but you can visit gorving.ca to learn about more types of RVs and find your perfect match.



TRAVEL TRAILER:

The travel trailer is the most common RV and comes in a range of styles to suit different lifestyles. These compact homes can be towed by a car, SUV or pick-up truck.



CLASS C MOTORHOME:

Class C Motorhomes are easily recognizable by the over-the-cab area that is often an optional sleeping area. Amenities are similar to those in conventional motorhomes.



FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER:

Fifth wheels are towed by pick-up trucks using a special 'fifth wheel' hitch. They're spacious units known for high ceilings, lots of slide-out rooms and split level design.



TRUCK CAMPER:

The truck camper gives you all the benefits of a trailer and still lets you take full advantage of your pickup truck's towing abilities. This RV is designed to sit in the truck bed with all the conveniences of a larger RV.



CLASS A MOTORHOME:

Class A's are spacious, with large kitchens and living areas, separate bedrooms, and larger bathrooms. Another advantage is that a Class A can easily tow another vehicle behind it.



TEARDROP TRAILER:

Teardrops are perfect for the minimalist traveler. These RVs can easily be towed behind a sedan or small SUV and you can take these RVs almost anywhere.



POP UP CAMPER:

A very affordable choice, the camping trailer or pop-up trailer can be stored in most garages and embodies the needs of the true camper.



PARK MODEL:

A park model is used for camping and seasonal use as a temporary accommodation. Built on wheels so they can easily move, they are designed to look like a home; however, they need to be hooked up to site electricity, sewer, and water as with any RV.



With so many different models to choose from, there's bound to be an RV to help you find your Wildhood! Visit gorving.ca to use their RV Matchmaker Tool to find your perfect match for your next RV adventure.



BRYAN'S DRIVING & PARKING TIPS

- 1. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:**
Start with smaller trips and practice parking in open areas to get comfortable with the size and handling.
- 2. TAKE IT SLOW:**
Some RVs require more time to accelerate, brake, and maneuver. Drive at a moderate speed especially around corners and curves.
- 3. KNOW YOUR DIMENSIONS:**
Know your RV's height, width and length. Pay attention to clearances and road signs indicating maximum vehicle heights.
- 4. FIND YOUR CAMPSITE IN ADVANCE:**
Google the satellite view of your campsite in advance and plan your entry and exit route.
- 5. CONDUCT A WALKAROUND:**
Before you go anywhere, conduct a full walkaround of your RV so you're aware of your surroundings.
- 6. USE A SPOTTER:**
Don't be afraid to ask for help. Use a spotter to provide guidance when parking, especially in tight spots (just make sure each of you know what 'left' means!).
- 7. KNOW YOUR RV:**
Know what side your services are on and be aware of your slide outs if you have them. This will save you from having to adjust your vehicle once you're parked.
- 8. MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCES:**
Keep a safe distance between your RV and other vehicles.
- 9. CHECK THE WEATHER:**
Be cautious during adverse weather conditions. High winds, rain, or snow can affect your RV on the road.
- 10. STAY ALERT AND RELAX:**
Keep focused, stay relaxed, and take breaks during long drives to ensure a safe and enjoyable adventure!



SET UP CAMP

BRYAN'S ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

Arriving at your destination is exciting, especially after a long journey, but it's easy to overlook essential tasks in the excitement. I use my RV Arrival Checklist to make sure I have everything covered and we can settle in quickly. It's also a great resource when I lend my RV to friends or family. Everyone's checklist might look a little different depending on your unit, so make sure you create one that is personalized for your RV.

☐ **SITE ASSESSMENT: take a walk around the campsite before you pull in the RV.**

- ☐ Locate the services on the site so you know where to position your unit.
- ☐ Remove any debris from the area and be mindful of tree branches that may obstruct your slideouts.
- ☐ Identify any sloping on your site.

☐ **PARKING: pull the RV into the campsite and set the parking brake. Note: backing up in a straight line is much easier than attempting a curved path.**

- ☐ Engage the leveling system.
- ☐ Engage the stabilizer jacks to prevent rocking or swaying.
- ☐ Check your tires on both sides of your unit.
- ☐ Extend your slideouts and awning (have someone spotting for you outside).

☐ **HOOKUPS: connect all of your utilities.**

- ☐ Electricity: confirm the amperage for your site, make sure the breaker is off, and plug in your surge protector before connecting to the power supply.
- ☐ Water: connect your water line (make sure to use a regulator).
- ☐ Sewage: connect your sewage hose if one is available. Seal it to the ground.
- ☐ Turn on your propane and ensure the propane detector is working.

☐ **INTERIOR**

- ☐ Test your water lines in the kitchen and bathroom.
- ☐ Open the cupboards and fridge carefully in case anything has shifted during travel.
- ☐ Light the stove pilot light.
- ☐ Bleed air from the hot water tank and turn it on.
- ☐ Mix your favourite beverage, kick back, & enjoy!

RESPONSIBLE CAMPING TIPS

When it comes to enjoying the great outdoors, being a responsible camper is key for me and my family. Respecting nature, our fellow campers, and the places we visit is a big part of the RV experience. Here are some of my tips to help you be a more responsible camper.



1. **KNOW THE CAMP RULES:** Campsite rules are different at each campground. These could include quiet hours, open beverage restrictions, and rules for our pets.
2. **BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER:** Not everyone is a dog person. Be polite and keep your pets on leashes and always clean up after them.
3. **KEEP ECOSYSTEMS SAFE:** Don't forage in the park for sticks or firewood. This disturbs local ecosystems that critters big and small rely on.
4. **LEAVE NO TRACE:** Keep your site tidy, remove clotheslines, remove all garbage, and ultimately, leave your campsite better than you found it.
5. **PUT FOOD AWAY:** Always put food away so you don't attract unwanted guests to your campsite.
6. **CAMPFIRE SAFETY:** Be mindful of local fire restrictions, don't leave your fire unattended, and always ensure your fire is fully extinguished.

7. **RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOURS:** Stick to your designated campsite and keep your noise down.
8. **DON'T TRANSPORT WOOD:** Don't bring firewood from other regions as it could introduce invasive species to the environment. Always purchase your firewood locally.
9. **DON'T CUT CORNERS:** Stick to the paths and don't walk through other campsites as a shortcut.
10. **RESPECT WILDLIFE:** Keep a safe distance from wildlife and don't feed them.

FEATURE TIP:

Find a campground near you or search for campgrounds to stay at during your RV trip! Use gorving.ca's easy Campground Finder Tool.





Ready to learn more? Go RVing Canada invites you to step inside Bryan Baeumler's Roadhouse! Inspired by a memorable RV trip with Go RVing Canada in 2019, Bryan is now a seasoned RVer, and he's here to guide you through the ins and outs of life on the road. Whether you're a first-time RVer or a seasoned vet, Bryan Baeumler's Roadhouse is sure to teach you a few things about hitting the road in your own 'Roadhouse'.



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