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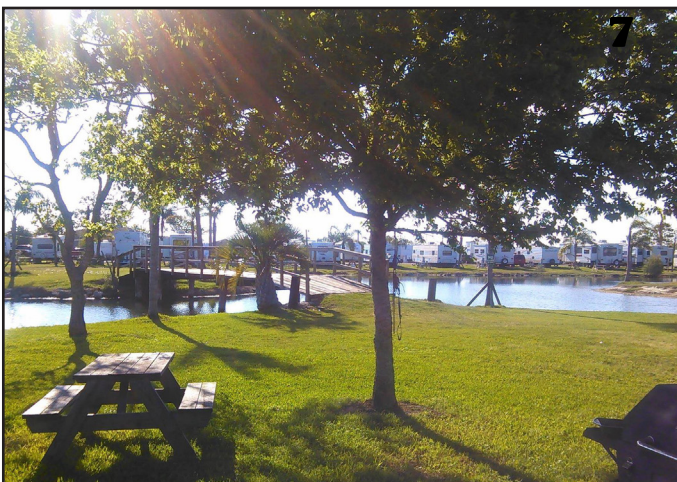
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Editor's Notes

Summer has finally arrived! It's time to hit the road and head out for another great camping adventure. It's time to make memories while sitting around a campfire with family and friends – all sharing news of the day's activities. It's a time to slow down and really appreciate one of the many blessings God has given us – a beautiful country to explore!

Heading to the Utah area? On page 6, you'll learn about one of Passport America's newest campgrounds located in Duchene, Utah – Lakeside RV Campground. Lakeside RV Campground, an oasis in the nearby rolling hills, is located on the banks of Starvation Reservoir. This is a year round resort which is popular for fishing and boating enthusiasts.

Barbara Oliver takes us on a

trip of Off Beat Places ... from Monster Trucks to Cat Houses to Tractor Testing; see Page 8. For a super-quick and easy meal over the campfire, try Campfire Bacon and Ranch Potatoes, see Page 11. Then on Page 23, Lazelle Jones shares with us his travels visiting several ghost towns and mining camps that lace the Colorado Rockies in the comfort of the Nissan Armada, a full size SUV designed to provide.

Want to earn money while camping and traveling? It's easy to do! Participate in the Passport America Referral Program that pays you every month. See our inside front cover for more details.

As always, we, at Passport America, are eager to hear

from our members and readers. If you have suggestions, stories, photos, feedback, tips, recipes, etc., please send them to us at RV America Magazine, c/o April Fillingim, 5713 Hwy 85 North, Crestview, FL 32536, or email to: april@passportamerica.net

We wish you safe and happy travels as you travel along our beautiful open roads!

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- Cynthia Miller

We will definitely return to this beautiful campground, Endless Carerns, in New Market, Virginia. We were pleased to find large, long level sites. Each picturesque site is very private and roomy. The staff are very informative and welcoming.

- Ronnie Bilow

I just spent 5 nights at Resaca Bend RV Park in San Benito, Texas. I was the only over-nighter. The rest were full timers. I loved my stay at this little park. Very comfortable and very friendly people. The whole park is neat and

clean and the location is central to everything in the east Rio Grande Valley. Quiet except for all the birds... but I loved that. Felt like home. Full hookups but the posts are about 20' behind the sites. Might need extensions for power and water. Great place to stop if you're passing through the area.

- Pam Flynn

I have stayed at Meadowbrook RV Park in Perris, California for one week every month so far this year 2019. The access is easy pull through, the space is neat and clean, hook ups 30-amp service only, Pleasant people here. Tuesday mornings social coffee and is great. Two small bathhouses one of them is really nicely tiled the other a street over from short term parking is in need of an updating but clean and plenty

of hot water.

- Jim Marchitto

We are currently staying at Sabal Palm RV Resort & Campground in Palmdale, FL for the winter months. We were going to travel next winter being as we are snowbirds. However, after our first visit here, we are going to come right back here. And who wouldn't with the serenity, the trees, horses, goats, and mule. Free train rides around the park each day. Heated pool, 9-hole golf course, free internet. I could just go on and on. Bingo, crafts, BBQs dances ... it just goes on. Never have to go out unless you want to. There is plenty to keep you busy. Did I mention yoga and water aerobics? The park is well maintained and the owners are amazing.

- Shirl McMurray



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The park maintains clean rest rooms with showers, picnic pavilion, volleyball court and game room. Depending on lake levels a boat launch ramp and boat dock are available. Guest find the lake relaxing while on a peaceful cruise or fishing from their boat. For the more adventurous, Starvation Reservoir, allows opportunity for water skiing and tubing. There is abundant wildlife in the area which also makes the surrounding land great for hunting or exploring.

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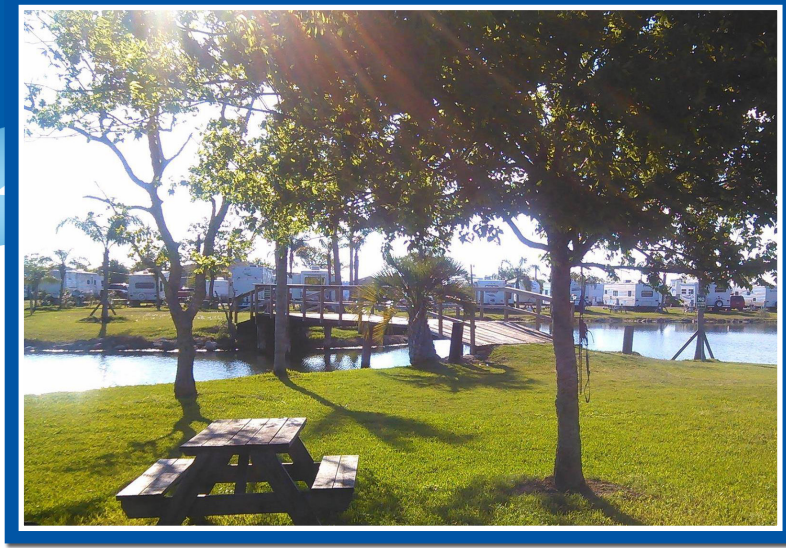
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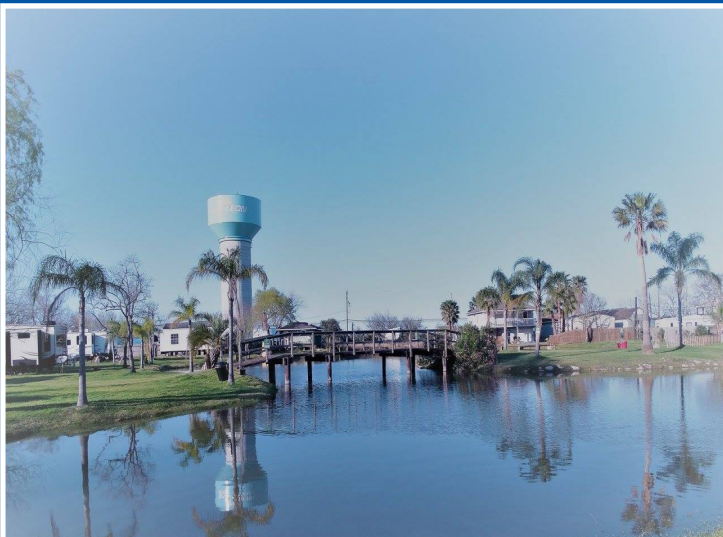
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Off Beat Places

A fun "pit stop" for Monster truck fans... in North Carolina.

Digger's Dungeon found in Currituck county, Poplar Branch N.C. is home to Grave Digger, a racing team in the Feld Entertainment Monster Jam series. There are nine Grave Diggers being driven by different drivers to allow them to make appearances at more events, but their flagship driver is/was creator Dennis Anderson. Anderson created the first Grave Digger in 1979 and was originally used for mud bog racing.

Here at Digger's Dungeon you will find great photo opts with Grave Digger positioned out front. It is considered to be one of the most famous and iconic monster trucks of all time. You will also find other monster

trucks to view plus a garage next door where maintenance projects on monster trucks are in progress. There is a diner for your enjoyment and a dirt track, where for \$5 you can get a thrill of a ride in one of those monster trucks.

For more information: (252)-453-4121.

Cat House...in California

EFBC's Feline Conservation Center, also known as the Cat House, is an exotic breeding compound, zoo and research facility. Cat lovers of all ages who discover this desert zoo/wildlife museum north of Los Angeles are surprised and amazed at the variety of wild cat species found here.

Founded in Rosamond, California in 1977, it is

Text & Photos by Barbara Oliver

dedicated to the protection and preservation of the world's most endangered felines and is a non-profit organization run entirely on public donations and admission fees.

There is a gift shop inside. Outside the grounds are well-kept and handicap assessable and you will most likely be greeted by the roaming peacocks. There is also plenty of parking for larger vehicles.

It is very family friendly and an inspiring place to visit with plenty of special events held here. For more information (661)-256-3793

Testing tractors... in Nebraska

The University of Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory is the official designated tractor testing station for the United States





key developments in agricultural machinery. Here you will find 30 vintage tractors and testing equipment that dates to the early 20th century.

The Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum is supported entirely through donations and is located on the ULN East Campus, Lincoln, NE. For more information: 402-472-8389

fleas, untreated illnesses, and the everyday risk of drowning under piled up logs in the river. It's safe to say that life on a log camp was far from glamorous.

At the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum the first stop should be the theater where you can watch the "reel" footage of the logging history. Then navigate your way through the blacksmith shop, heavy equipment shed, cook shanty, barn, bunkhouse and the other buildings that made up the camp. Snap your photo with the larger-than-life Paul Bunyan and his faithful blue ox, Babe.

Paul and Babe made their first public appearance in a 1914 advertisement but, unfortunately, did not have enough name recognition for the campaign to be successful. His fame grew in the 1920s until it peaked in the 1930s and 1940s. A Disney movie created in 1958 launched him to legendary status, and since that time, his fame has continued to grow.

The Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum is a fun place to learn about logging and its history. Admission is charged.

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the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development codes. It was established in 1920 in response to requirements of the Nebraska Tractor Test Act of 1919, which required all agricultural tractors sold and advertised in Nebraska to have manufacturers' performance claims verified by the Tractor Test Laboratory. The first tractor successfully tested in the lab in 1920 was a John Deere Waterloo Boy. Since 1919, the state has continued to test tractors to ensure reliability standards.

Built in 1919, the original building was designated as an historic site by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. It was dedicated as a museum in 1998 and officially named to honor Lester F. Larsen (1908-2000), the chief engineer for the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory from 1946 to 1975. He was instrumental in initiating the collection of historic tractor test equipment and in acquiring tractors that illustrate

Finding a tall tale in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Between 1843 and 1855 - just twelve short years - the Chippewa Valley's annual output of lumber increased 1,363%, from 5.5 to 75 million board feet. The crew worked sunup to sundown, making one dollar a day each, only to go home to the bunkhouse's terrible stench of wet wool socks, unwashed men, sweaty clothing, and tobacco. They also had to endure frostbitten feet, amputated fingers, crushed limbs, lice and



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Ingredients:

1 ½ lbs. potatoes
5 slices of bacon (cooked, cool and crumble)
½ tsp. salt
Non-stick cooking spray
½ cup shredded cheddar or Colby Jack cheese
¼ cup chopped onion
1/3 cup Ranch dressing
½ tsp. garlic powder
2 Tbsp. fresh parsley
Pepper to taste
Tin foil

Directions:

1. Preheat grill to 350° or medium heat. Slice the potatoes into ¼ inch slices. After slicing, rinse in water quickly and pat dry.
2. Spray the foil with non-stick spray. In a bowl, combine the potatoes, onions, ¾ of the ranch dressing, garlic powder, salt and pepper.
3. Mix well and place potato mixture in the center of the foil.
4. Top the potatoes with bacon and cheddar, and seal in the foil. Grill the potatoes for 20-25 minutes, with lid closed. flipping once through the process, ¾ of the way through.
5. Remove from grill after cooking time is up and let sit for 5 minutes. Upon serving, spoon remaining ranch dressing on top of the potatoes, and garnish with parsley.



NOTE: These can be cooked in the oven. To do so, preheat oven to 425° and cook for 30 to 35 minutes.

Please submit your favorite travel recipes! Include full recipe, photos and author.

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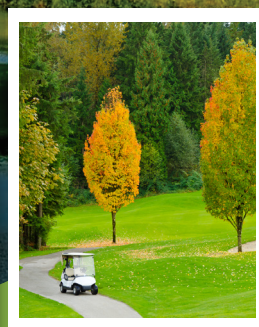
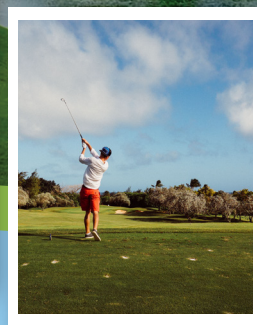
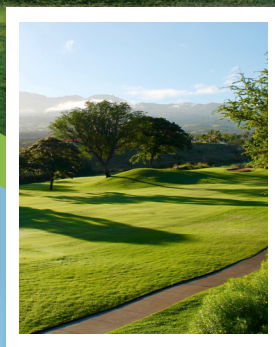
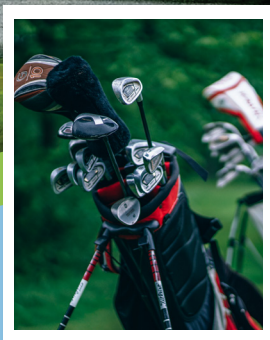
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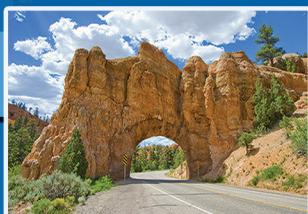
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Michael Scandrett, CO
Patricia Scanlan, TN
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William Schaeffer, PA
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Robert Schaufele, CA
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Walter Schinnell, WA
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Frank Schlechta, TX
Richard Schlegel, FL
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Anthony Schmid, MN
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Erwin Schmidt, MI
Larry Schmidt, MN
Laura Schmidt, WA
Lionel Schmidt, CA
Patricia Schmidt, SD
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Robert Schmidt, MD
Walter Schmidt, FL
Waymon Schmidt, NM
Thomas Schminke, FL
Dennis Schmit, WA
Paul Schmitt, NV
Alan Schmoker, CA
Hans Schneider, CA
Howard Schneider, FL
Mark Schneider, IN
Richard Schneider, OH
Susan Schneider, WI
William Schneider, CA
Gerald Schnellenberger, IN
Louis Schneller, LA
Forrest Schoeller, MN
William Scholten, SD
Earl D Schrader, UT
Ken Schrag, BC
Jennifer Schreiber, FL
Ed Schrick, NV
Gail Schroeder, FL
Greg Schroeder, CA
William Schroyer, LA
Victor Schrubbs, TX
Laurie Schryer, BC
Ron Schuck, PA
August Schuh, FL
Norm Schulenburg, CA

New Campgrounds

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CALIFORNIA

Pala Casino RV Resort

11042 Hwy 76, Pala, CA, 92059

www.palacasino.com

Rates: \$55.00 - \$75.00

PA Rates: \$27.50 - \$37.50

COLORADO

Sage View Ranch

40881 Hwy 133, Paonia, CO 81428

www.sageviewranch.com

Rates: \$20.00 - \$25.00

PA Rates: \$10.00 - \$12.50

FLORIDA

Stay N Go RV

4951 Malloy Plaza East

Marianna, FL 32448

www.stayngorv.com/contact

Rates: \$40.00 - \$45.00

PA Rates: \$20.00 - \$22.50

IDAHO

Intermountain RV Camp

1894 N Frontage Rd, Wendell, ID 83355

www.idahorv.com

Rates: \$30.00 - \$33.00

PA Rates: \$15.00 - \$16.50

ILLINOIS

Old Bates Campground

5272 Peach Orchard Rd

Sesser, IL 62884

www.oldbatescampground.com

Rates: \$27.00

PA Rate: \$13.50

INDIANA

eXplore Brown County

2620 Valley Branch Rd

Nashville, IN 47448

www.explorebrowncounty.com

Rates: \$28.00 - \$30.00

PA Rates: \$14.00 - \$15.00

MAINE

The Timeout Campground

189 Berry Pit Rd, Hudson, ME 04449

www.timeoutcampground.com

Rates: \$20.00 - \$22.00

PA Rates: \$10.00 - \$11.00

MISSOURI

The Bluffs on Taneycomo

2120 Rustic Acres Rd

Kirbyville, MO 65679

www.thebluffsontaneycomo.weebly

Rates: \$35.00, PA Rate: \$17.50

OHIO

Arrowhead Lake Campground

21876 US-68

Williamstown, OH 45897

www.arrowheadlakecg.com

Rates: \$40.00 - \$50.00

PA Rates: \$20.00 - \$25.00

SOUTH CAROLINA

Cedar Creek Resort, LLC

260 Gant Mill Rd, Leesville, SC 29070

www.cedarcreekresort.net

Rates: \$25.00 - \$35.00

PA Rates: \$12.50 - \$17.50

TEXAS

Acacia RV Park

89 E Business Hwy 83

Alamo, TX 78516

www.rvacacia.com

Rates: \$35.00, PA Rates: \$17.50

Houston East RV Resort

11810 Interstate 10 East

Baytown, TX 77523

www.houstoneastrvresort.com

Rates: \$44.00 - \$54.00

PA Rates: \$22.00 - \$27.00

Palm Resaca Mobile Home Park,

100 Tangerine Blvd

Brownsville, TX 78521

www.palmresacapark.org

Rates: \$40.00, PA Rate: \$20.00

Buena Vista Wildlife Safari & RV

1830 S US Hwy 281

Evant, TX 76525

www.buonavistawildlifesafari.com

Rates: \$35.00 - \$40.00

PA Rates: \$17.50 - \$20.00

Coffee Landing RV Resort

8362 State Hwy 155

Frankston, TX 75763

Rates: \$45.00, PA Rate: \$22.50

River Trail Cottages

1709 Water St

Kerrville, TX 78028

www.rivertrailcottages.rentals

Rates: \$35.00 - \$40.00

PA Rates: \$17.50 - \$20.00

Bluebonnet RV Resort

3366 N Bentsen Palm Dr

Mission, TX 78574

www.rvresorts.com/blue-bonnet.html

Rates: \$38.00, PA Rate: \$19.00

Tropical Gardens RV Park

609 24th St

San Leon, TX 77539

www.tropicalgardensrvpark.com

Rates: \$50.00, PA Rate: \$25.00

Sunset RV Park and Cabins

1445 US Hwy 69 N

Woodville, TX 75979

www.sunsetrvparkandcabins.com

Rates: \$30.00 - \$35.00

PA Rates: \$15.00 - \$17.50

VIRGINIA

Leeman Field RV Park & Cpg

355 Fairgrounds Rd

Pennington Gap, VA 24277

www.townofpenningtonva.gov/

Rates: \$25.00 - \$30.00

PA Rates: \$12.50 - \$15.00

WASHINGTON

Goose Creek RV Park

712 SE Railroad Ave

Wilbur, WA 99185

www.goosecreekrvpark.com

Rates: \$34.00, PA Rate: \$7.00



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Campground Updates

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ALABAMA

Bairdsnest Campground

Mentone, AL

PA valid one night max, Sunday - Thursday. Not valid during holiday weekends or local festival periods. Call for reservations.

ARKANSAS

Whitney Lane RV Park

Kensett, AR

Open year-round. Reservations and drive-ups are welcome. No restroom/shower facilities. Credit Cards accepted. Pets welcome. No aggressive breeds allowed. *Plus tax.

Downtown Riverside RV Park

North Little Rock, AR

Open Year Round for RV Camping Only. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, 24 hr notice required to cancel reservation. PA valid 3 nights per month. Not allowed two days prior to or during Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day Holidays. Not valid on Riverbank sites or the 14 Pull-Thru sites.

ARIZONA

Desert Pueblo RV Resort

Bouse, AZ

55+ Park. Open Oct 1st - April 15. PA valid 3 nights max, once per month. Cannot be combined with another discount or special offers. Valid on standard sites only.

Silver View RV Resort

Bullhead City, AZ

New Rates: \$40.00 - \$50.00
PA: \$20.00 - \$25.00

Arizona Oasis RV Resort

Ehrenberg, AZ

PA valid Sun thru Thurs, not valid Jan & Feb and during holidays, holiday weekends and local special events (please call for details). Reservations preferred. Drive-ups welcome (please call ahead to check availability).

Phoenix Metro RV Park

Phoenix, AZ

New Rates: \$50.00, PA: \$25.00

Fairgrounds RV Park

Prescott Valley, AZ

New Rates: \$49.00, PA: \$24.50

Rolle's Lynda Vista RV Park

Yuma, AZ

55+ Park. Open year-round! PA valid 7 nights. Limited availability during Peak (Winter) Season. No reservations accepted at PA rate. Pets welcome, weight limit for dogs is 25 lbs. One pet per RV.

CALIFORNIA

Rio Del Sol RV Haven

Big River, CA

2 nights minimum/max stay required to receive discount. Snowbird park in winter, family park in summer.

Valencia Travel Village

Castaic, CA

New Rates: \$65.00, PA: \$32.50
PA valid Jan 2 - Apr 30.

Glen Ivy RV Park

Corona, CA

PA valid 10 days. 2 nights minimum stay required during the weekends. Reservations and drive-ups welcome. Open 24 hours. Insurance and registration must be provided at check-in. Credit cards accepted. Pets welcome. New Rates: \$35.00 - \$40.00
PA: \$17.50 - \$20.00

Catalina Spa & RV Resort

Desert Hot Springs, CA

Reservations required. PA not valid Oct 2 thru Mar 31. Valid 14 Days.

Stagecoach Trails Resort

Julian, CA

New Tent Rates: \$34.00, PA: \$17.00
New Rates: \$44.00 - \$60.00
PA: \$22.00 - \$30.00

Chinook RV Resort

Klamath, CA

New Rates: \$35.00, PA: \$17.50
Reservations and drive-ups welcome. PA not valid with groups or rallies. Valid on nightly rate only and cannot be combined with another discount or special offer.

Flag City RV Resort

Lodi, CA

New Rates: \$65.00, PA: \$32.50

Oasis Palms RV Park

Oasis / Thermal, CA

New Phone: (760) 397-1011

McCoy Mobile Home & RV Park

Winterhaven, CA

New Rates: \$45.00 - \$60.00
PA: \$22.50 - \$30.00

COLORADO

Aspen Ridge RV Park

South Fork, CO

New Rates: \$36.00 - \$40.00
PA: \$18.00 - \$20.00
Open May 1 - Oct 4. PA not valid Jun 15 - Aug 31. Valid 2 nights. One discount per stay, per 30 days.

FLORIDA

Royal Palms RV Park

Citra / Ocala, FL

New Rates: \$30.00 - \$45.00
PA: \$15.00 - \$22.50
55+ RV Park. PA not valid Jan thru Apr. Valid Mon - Thurs nights only, for 3 nights max. Please see management for information on extended stays.

Rivers Edge RV Park

Georgetown, FL

New Rates: \$50.00, PA: \$25.00
PA not valid Nov thru Mar. Valid Sun thru Thurs nights only. Not valid during weekends and holidays. Reservations accepted only 3 days prior to arrival. Must mention PA at time of making a reservation.

Campground Updates continued

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FLORIDA (continued)

Ponderosa RV Park

Kissimmee, FL
New Rates: \$46.00, PA: \$23.00

The Waves RV Resort

Naples, FL. 55+ Resort. PA not valid Nov 1 thru Apr 15. Valid 2 nights max, standard sites only. RVs must be at least 25-feet in length, cannot be over 10 years old; RVs subject to approval

The Waves RV Resort

Naples, FL. New Name: Formerly Paradise Pointe RV Resort.
New Rates: \$65.00, PA: \$32.50

Tamiami RV Park

North Fort Myers, FL
New Rates: \$36.00, PA: \$18.00

Waters Edge RV Resort

Punta Gorda, FL. PA valid May - Nov.
New Rates: \$55.00, PA: \$27.50

Sarasota Sunny South RV Resort

Sarasota, FL
New Rates: \$65.00, PA: \$32.50

Whispering Palms Resort

Sebastian, FL
New Rates: \$60.00, PA: \$30.00
Valid April 1 - Sept 30, 5 days. PA discount on RV sites only. CC accepted. Pets welcome.

Seasons In The Sun RV Resort

Titusville / Mims, FL
55+ Resort. PA not valid Nov 1 - April 15. Valid 2 nights max, standard sites only. Sites on a space-availability basis.
New Rates: \$45.00, PA: \$22.50

Villager RV Park

Wildwood, FL
New Rates: \$37.00, PA: \$18.50
Adult park. PA valid 3 night max.
Reservations required from Oct 1 - May 1. No arrivals on Sunday

GEORGIA

Appalachian Campground

Hiawassee, GA
New Rates: \$30.00 - \$35.00
PA: \$15.00 - \$17.50

A Big Wheel RV Park

Saint Marys, GA
New Rates: \$42.00, PA: \$21.00

IDAHO

Snake River Hideout

Rexburg, ID.
New Name: Formerly Sheffield RV
New Rates: \$40.00, PA: \$20.00
Open year round! PA valid 2 nights, per season. Please see management for discounts on longer stays. Not during holiday weeks.

ILLINOIS

Kamper Kompanion RV Park

Litchfield, IL
Open year round (weather permitting).
PA valid Sun thru Thurs nights only.
From Mar 15 thru Oct 31, valid one night max. From Nov 1 thru Mar 14, valid 2 nights max.

KENTUCKY

Dad's Bluegrass Campground

Franklin, KY
New Rates: \$47.00 - \$49.00
PA: \$23.50 - \$24.50
Open year round. PA not valid during holidays or holiday weekends. PA not valid Jun 8-12 & Aug 19-22.
Reservations suggested. Drive-up welcome.

LOUISIANA

Three Oaks and a Pine RV Park

New Orleans, LA
New Rates: \$60.00, PA: \$30.00
PA not valid week before and week of Mardi Gras. Limited availability during holidays. Reservations preferred. Must mention code PA to receive discounts.

MAINE

Paul Bunyan Campground

Bangor, ME
New Rates: \$36.00 - \$48.00
PA: \$18.00 - \$24.00

Acadia Seashore Camping & Cabins

Sullivan, ME
Open May 20 to Oct 9. PA not valid June 16th thru Labor Day Weekend. Valid up to 2 nights. Not valid during holidays, holiday weekends, special events, and with any other discounts.

MICHIGAN

Cadillac Woods Campground

Cadillac, MI
New Rates: \$35.00, PA: \$17.50
New Tent Rates: \$30.00, PA Tent: \$15.00
Open May 1st thru Oct (weather permitting). PA valid one night. Call ahead for reservations, especially units over 30'. No discounts on tent sites.

Vagabond Resort and Campground

Rapid River, MI
Open May 15 thru Nov 30. PA valid 2 nights max. Reservations preferred. Drive-ups welcome. Credit cards accepted. Pets welcome.

MINNESOTA

Shady Oaks Campground

Garden City, MN
Open: May 1 - Oct 31 (weather permitting). PA not valid Fridays & Saturdays, holiday weekends and special event weekends. Call for available dates. No discount on tent sites.
New Rates: \$25.00, PA: \$12.50

MISSISSIPPI

Martin Lake Resort

Biloxi, MS
From Oct 6 - Oct 13, please call in advance. Credit cards accepted. Pets welcome.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Rivercamp USA

Piney Creek, NC

New Rates: \$50.00, PA: \$25.00

Open May 1st thru Nov. 1st (weather permitting). Reservations required. PA valid Sun -Thurs only. Weekends require a minimum stay of 2 nights at the full rate. Management may limit length of stay in July. PA does not apply during holiday weekends and the week of 4th of July. No discounts on tent sites. No check-ins after dark.

Fort Wilderness RV Park

Whittier, NC. Open Year Round. PA not valid during Fourth of July weekend.

Cash or check only.

NEBRASKA

The 4 Seasons RV Park

Elm Creek, NE

New Name: Formerly Sunny Meadows Campground

NEW MEXICO

Hidden Valley Resort

Albuquerque / Tijeras, NM

PA valid 7 nights. Please see management for discounts on longer stays. PA not valid Oct 1st thru Oct 15th. Valid on space availability. BECAUSE OF LIMITED AVAILABILITY, RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Happy Trails RV Campground

Moriarty, NM

New Rates: \$45.00, PA :\$22.50

Rusty's RV Ranch

Rodeo, NM. Open year-round!

Minimum stay 3 nights required. PA valid 6 nights max. Check In: Before 5PM. Check Out: 11AM.

Blaze-In-Saddle RV Park

Tucumcari, NM

New Rates: \$27.00, PA: \$13.50

PA valid one night. Please see management for discounts on longer stays.

NEW YORK

The Landing Campground

Blossvale, NY

Open Apr 15 thru Oct 1. June thru Aug, PA not valid during weekends. During May & Sept, weekends are subject to availability. PA not valid during Holidays, Holiday Weekends & Holiday Weeks. Reservations are suggested.

The Ridge NY - Recreation Area, Entertainment and Camping

Le Roy, NY

New Tent Rates: \$29.00, PA Tent: \$14.50

New Rates: \$35.00 - \$59.00

PA Rates: \$17.50 - \$29.50

OHIO

Sandy Springs Campground

Stout, OH

PA discount valid for 2 days.

OKLAHOMA

Cedar Valley RV Park

Guthrie, OK

New Rates: \$39.99, PA: \$20.00

OREGON

Umpqua's Last Resort

Idleld Park, OR

New Rates: \$28.00 - \$45.00

PA: \$14.00 - \$22.50

Open year-round. PA valid Oct thru April. Reservations preferred. Drive-ups welcome (please call ahead to check availability). Credit cards accepted.

PENNSYLVANIA

Hickory Hollow Campground

Rockwood, PA

New Rates: \$35.00 - \$40.00

PA: \$17.50 - \$20.00

Open Apr 15 - Oct 31. PA valid 5 nights max, Sun - Thurs. PA not valid on Holidays. Cannot be combined with other discount/special offer. Not valid weekly, monthly, or seasonal rates. RV sites only.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Saluda River Resort

Silverstreet, SC

PA not valid for the week before, during and the week after a holiday weekend. PA accepted 7 nights maximum stay. Please mention PA when making a reservation. PA discount does not apply to another discount or special offer. Pets are allowed, but must be on a leash and cleaned up after. Credit cards accepted.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Camp 83

Herreid, SD

New Rates: \$30.00, PA: \$15.00

Days End Campground

Sturgis, SD. Open Apr15 - Oct 15.

PA valid Sun - Thur, 2 nights max, full hookups only. Not valid week before & during the Sturgis (call for dates). PA not valid during holidays/special events. Reservations and drive-ups welcome. PA not valid with online reservation. New Rates: \$28.50 - \$34.50
PA: \$14.25 - \$17.25

TENNESSEE

Shadrack Campground

Bristol, TN

New Rates: \$28.00 - \$40.00

PA: \$14.00 - \$20.00

Bitner's RV Park

Spring City, TN

New Rates: \$35.00, PA: \$17.50

TEXAS

Aok Camper Park

Amarillo, TX

New Rates: \$28.00, PA: \$14.00

Soliel du'Coeur Park

Bandera TX

Adults only. PA valid 2 nights max. Not valid Sunday nights or during holidays. No children under 18 without prior approval. No RV's older than 12 years old, depending on condition. No more than two quiet and trained dogs.

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TEXAS (continued)

Lake Pointe Resort

Canyon Lake, TX

New Rates: \$58.00 - \$68.00

PA: \$29.00 - \$34.00

PA valid up to 14 days within 30 day period, valid max 28 days per year.

Discount valid Sun - Thurs only. Must have one week out to stay longer. 2 day minimum stay on holidays. Please call ahead to check availability.

Eagle Resorts, LLC

Fort Worth, TX

Reservations required. 2 nights min stay required to receive PA discount. Valid 2 nights max. Not valid during Apr & Nov, holidays and special events, please call for details. Must pass criminal history check to stay. Security on site. Credit cards accepted. No smoking. Pets are welcome but must be kept on leash.

Johnson Creek RV Resort & Park

Kerrville, TX

PA valid 2 nights, Sun - Thurs only, not valid on holidays. PA does not apply to anyone arriving after office hours. Please call ahead to check availability or to make reservations.

Mathis Motor Inn & RV Park

Mathis, TX

New Rates: \$40.00 - \$50.00

PA: \$20.00 - \$25.00

Braunig Lake RV Resort

San Antonio, TX

New Rates: \$50.00 - \$66.00

PA: \$25.00 - \$33.00

Pecan Park Riverside RV Park

San Marcos, TX

PA valid Sun - Thurs. PA not valid during month of Mar, May 15 - Sept 15, & during holidays, holiday weekends, special event weekends & during rallies.

New Rates: \$55.00 - \$69.00

PA: \$27.50 - \$34.50

Marina Village Resort

Trinity, TX

PA not valid during holidays, holiday weekends/weeks and special events.

Reservations and drive-ups welcome.

Please call ahead to check availability.

Please mention PA at time of reservation and present ID card upon arrival. PA is valid for nightly rate only.

Mesa Verde RV Park

Wolfforth / Lubbock, TX

PA not valid Feb - Oct. PA valid Sun -

Thurs, one night only. Not valid during

holidays, weekends and any special

events (call for details). Reservations

and drive-ups are welcome. Credit cards

accepted. Pets welcome.

New Rates: \$40.00, PA: \$20.00

UTAH

Canyonlands RV Resort & Campground,

A Sun RV Resort, Moab, UT

Open Mar - Oct. PA not valid Mar - Jun, holidays and during special events. Valid

Sun - Thurs nights only. One vehicle per RV site and two tents max per tent site.

Archview RV Resort, A Sun RV Resort

Moab, UT

PA valid 2 nights max, not valid March

- June, during holidays and special

events. PA valid Sun - Thurs nights only.

Wasatch View Estates

Ogden, UT

PA valid 2 nights. Reservations accepted only up to two weeks prior to arrival.

Check-in between noon - 7pm. Credit cards accepted. Pets welcome!

VIRGINIA

Colonial Pines Campground At

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

Toano, VA

New Rates: \$31.00 - \$41.00

PA: \$15.50 - \$20.50

Open year-round! PA valid Sat-Thurs only, maximum of 2 days per calendar month. PA not valid Memorial Day weekend.

VERMONT

Onion River Campground

Plainfield, VT

New Rates: \$35.00 - \$45.00

PA: \$17.50 - \$22.50

WASHINGTON

Elma RV Park

Elma, WA

New Rates: \$43.00, PA: \$21.50

North Country Christian Campground

Oroville, WA

New Rates: \$10.00 - \$15.00

PA: \$5.00 - \$7.50

Bains' RV Park

Oroville, WA

Open April 1 thru Oct 15. PA not valid Jun, Jul and Aug (please inquire about other discounts). PA valid one night (please see management for discounts on longer stays).

New Rates: \$40.00, PA: \$20.00

WISCONSIN

Chain O'Lakes Campground

Eagle River, WI

New Rates: \$39.00, PA: \$19.50

New Tent Rates: \$36.00

PA Tent Rate: \$18.00

CANADA

ALBERTA

Beaver Dam Golf & RV Resort

Madden, AB

Open mid April until mid October (weather permitting). PA valid for up to 6 nights throughout the season.

Reservations and drive-ups welcome.

No tent camping or rentals available.

Credit cards accepted. Pets welcome.

*Plus 5% GST. Prices subject to change.

New Rates: \$42.00, PA: \$21.00

THE NISSAN Platinum 4X4 ARMADA A FULL SIZE SUV FOR ALL OCCASIONS

by Lazelle Jones

Last summer was spent poking around and into several of the ghost towns and mining camps that lace the Colorado Rockies. Using the features the Nissan Armada offers, we enjoyed the comforts this full size SUV is designed to provide. Following that we doubled down and tested the prowess of the Armada during the “dead” of winter, as we traversed the State of Washington to get a look/see at how this unit measures up under winter driving conditions. Crossing the Evergreen State during and between an on-slot of blizzard type storms (one right after the other), we arrived at the

other end of the State satisfied this big Nissan SUV is every bit as capable in winter as it is in summer.

This is a vehicle that is equally capable with or without a trailer in tow. It is rated to handle a Gross Actual Trailer Weight of 8,500 lbs. (this is the total weight of the travel trailer with full holding tanks and cargo) which is above and beyond the 8 passengers it can comfortably accommodate and the cargo that can be loaded in the giant cargo area in the back. The total curb weight of the Armada Platinum 4X4 is 5,972 lbs. The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating is 7500

lbs. The Armada has a trailer tongue weight rating of 850 lbs. The Gross Combined Weight Rating of the Armada Platinum 4X4 is 14,700 lbs. As noted, this is a substantial vehicle.

Putting nearly a thousand miles on the Armada during the summer portion of our road-trip, we would wind our way through the central and south central parts of Colorado. Here we visited once booming mining camps that decades earlier had gone bust (overnight) just as quickly as they had boomed. Our odyssey included exploring mining towns that otherwise would be ghost towns today



except for the fact that they took advantage of their rich, colorful past and magnificent surroundings to reinvented themselves and become destinations that accommodate family style vacations. This includes fine and casual dining, RV campgrounds (private, State, and National Parks), shopping of every kind, art studios and galleries, museums, outdoor adventures, etc, etc, etc. It will come as no surprise when two of these recreation venues are disclosed for they are popular destination today. However, there is also one mining town that morphed into something quite different. It has become a spiritual Mecca where new age religions and the world of folk and fine art have joined in a collaborative effort (more on those momentarily).

For the past 150 years the mineral wealth of Colorado brought miners from around the world to search of gold and silver and hopefully garner for themselves a share of this bonanza. More specifically gold and silver fever



Leadville, Colorado



Cripple Creek

was the driving force where literally over night boom towns and mining camps sprung up, and then over night disappeared when claims did not pan out. Two such towns are Leadville and Cripple Creek and both have reinvented themselves and are popular vacation destinations today.

Cripple Creek lies on the back side (west side) of Pikes Peak, a mountain that is part of the Colorado's Front Range. Beginning at the turn of the 20th century, Cripple Creek would be the last "gold rush" in the United States. Folks in Cripple Creek explain that more gold was extracted here than from all the other gold mines in California and Alaska, combined. Now that's interesting! Today Cripple Creek hosts a full menu of outdoor fun things to do, great restaurants, museums, and a narrow gauge railroad where day trips can be taken down to the mining town of Victor, the home town of newsman Lowell Thomas. In Cripple Creek you can take the Mollie Kathleen Mine elevator down a thousand

feet below ground and see a real working mine in action.

A two hour drive northwest of Cripple Creek is the town of Leadville where in the 1870's the wealth that was brought to the surface was sufficient to turn this town (that sits two miles above sea level) into a cultural center. It was here Horace Tabor (he ran a dry goods store) would "grub stake" miners (provide tools, equipment, and provisions) in exchange for a slice of the gold and silver, should they find any. Well, one miner he grubstaked hit "pay dirt" and Tabor became a multi millionaire over night. He would build an opera house, bring in Broadway shows and theatrical productions, and leave his wife of many years for a girl (Baby Doe Tabor) who was half his age. When the United States Government decided to the Gold Standard, Tabor's and Baby Doe lost everything for their mines were silver. The price of silver dropped to the point where it was worth almost nothing. Today minutes outside town you can visit the Matchless Mine where Baby Doe continued

to live for 35 years in a shack while waiting (as her husband Horace Tabor told her to do) for the price of silver to come back. It never did. Today the streets of Leadville remain vibrant and lined with Victorian homes and building. Visit the Opera House and step inside the old Silver Dollar Saloon that's been in continuous operation since before the late 1800's.

South Central Colorado hosts three mining towns that went bust. Using a gravel road at the north end of the San Luis Valley drive fifteen miles to the west of Hwy 261 and you will find Bonanza (or what remains of Bonanza), a mining town where the mineral wealth "played out" and the town disappeared. Today it's a community of summer homes and cabins where folks drive down from Denver and Colorado Springs to enjoy the fresh thin



Cripple Creek

mountain air. The last gold mining occurred here sometime during the 1940's. It is still evident that mining took place, for old mining equipment can be seen tucked up in the gullies and partially hidden by forest. At its zenith, Bonanza transported the ore it gleaned from the earth by an aerial bucket tram that carried the ore seven miles over the mountains to be processed in the town of Salida.

On the east side of the San Luis Valley (opposite Bonanza) are the remains of what was a mining town that never really panned out, or did so only on a limited basis. When the 19th century ended the town of Crestone was gearing up to mine the riches they thought were there. It went bust and the vast sagebrush carpeted land that covers the San Luis Valley floor went back to serving ranchers and cattle. However for whatever reason, Crestone (circa the 1950s) became a magnet for those seeking a spiritual harbor. Today you can drive up among the pinion pine and



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find Buddhist temples and prayer wheels that spin continuously due to the never ending winds that sweep from high in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains down to the Valley floor below. In the town of Crestone are art galleries, eateries, and yes even a micro brewery. Crestone is truly one of a kind.

The San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado hold many mysteries and much history that intrigues those who come to explore. One such place where old empty building that once housed families, machine shops, schools, and boarding houses where worker for the mining company lived still remain, is Summitville. Sitting at 13,000-plus feet, the elevation of this abandoned mining town literally “takes your breath away”. The remains of these old structures sit in air Mark Twain characterized as being the kind

of rarefied air that “angles breathe.” You get there taking Hwy 261 to Del Norte and then heading south over a winding gravel road that climbs and twists for forty miles. Exhilarating and ethereal, Summitville is a time capsule. There are no services here or on the way so fill up with fuel, water, and grab some snacks in Del Norte. Then get ready to have a real adventure!



Summitville, Colorado



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Inspirational

Quotes by Ronald Reagan

“I believe this blessed land was set apart in a very special way, a country created by men and women who came here not in the search of gold, but in search of God. They would be free people, living under the law with faith in their Maker and their future.”

“Our liberty springs from and depends upon an abiding faith in God.”

“The truth is, politics and morality are inseparable, and as morality’s foundation is religion, religion and politics are necessarily related. We need religion as a guide.”

“If we lived by the Golden Rule, there would be no need for other laws.”

“I believe with all my heart that standing up for America means standing up for the God who has so blessed our land. We need God’s help to guide our nation through stormy seas. But we can’t expect Him to protect America in a crisis if we just leave Him over on the shelf in our day-to-day living.”

“My fellow citizens, those of you here in this hall, and those of you at home. I want you to know that I have always had the highest respect for you, for your common sense and intelligence and for your decency. I have always believed in you and in what you could accomplish for yourselves and others.

And whatever else history may say about me when I’m gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts. My dream is that you will travel the road ahead with liberty’s lamp guiding your steps and opportunity’s arm steadying your way.

My fondest hope for each one of you, and especially for the young people here, is that you will love your country, not for her power or wealth, but for her selflessness and her idealism. May each of you have the heart to conceive, the understanding to direct, and the hand to execute works that will make the world a little better for your having been here.

May all of you as Americans never forget your heroic origins, never fail to seek Divine guidance, and never lose your natural God-given optimism.

And finally, my fellow Americans, may every dawn be a great new beginning for America and every evening bring us closer to that shining city upon a hill...My fellow Americans, on behalf of both of us, goodbye, and God bless each and every one of you and God bless this country we love.”

Product Highlights

Sleek First Aid Flashlight

Just like food and water, a first aid kit is a must when going to remote areas. Designed for daily adventures, this pocket medical set by VSSL is packed with everything you could possibly need in case of an emergency, from painkillers and antiseptic wipes to a dual mode LED flashlight and a handy oil-filled compass. All 17 items are rolled into a sleek, indestructible 9" long tube that you can easily attach to your outdoor gear and carry with you anytime.



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For more information visit https://www.amazon.com/Thermacell-MR-FJ-Portable-Mosquito-Repeller/dp/B0031ESIVK/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&linkCode=sl1&tag=travgadg-20&linkId=5c0919343da07b8abbf7993d39ec139b&language=en_US



Nature's Candy

Text & Photos by Barbara Oliver

A few years ago, when offered a date shake, I turned up my nose and politely refused. No way was I trying dates...raw, dried, cooked or in a shake. Today, they are one of my favorite fruits.

So what changed this gal's mind? Maybe it was learning about this age-old fruit that has been around for thousands of years

and was the "fruit of kings"; a delicacy reserved for Royalty and the elite. Or the nutritional value for one's health; like 5 dates has more potassium than a single banana. But it was really just finally being adventurous enough to give them a try.

In the 1940s, the Medjool date palms were introduced to the Yuma, Arizona area. Eleven

palms arrived with nine surviving. (Trees are started from shoots from the mother palm and grow about 2 1/2 feet a year and can reach heights of 40 feet...some nearly 100 feet.) From those nine palms, the fields today produce up to 15 million pounds of premium dates, per year. They are grown, harvested and then shipped around the world.



Operations begin in the spring with the pollination of the female flowers of the mother palm. Pollen is collected from the male date palm and is applied by hand to the female flowers. Once the seeds germinate and begin to grow in size, the thinning process begins, again, by hand. This is to allow room for growth, air circulation and sun exposure. A more heavy thinning is required once more and in August bags are placed on the bunches to protect the still growing and green dates from insects and birds.

Work is continuous, as from the time of pollination it is nearly 9 months before harvesting the fruit. During this period constant care is required. So from the picking to sorting to packing, it is a “hand” process all the way.

There are reported many health benefits from dates...For bone health and strength (the significant amounts of minerals found in dates make it a super food for strengthening bones and fighting off painful diseases such as osteoporosis). As an energy booster, (high in natural sugar to give you an immediate burst of energy and also good for those with diabetes and hypoglycemia). A healthy heart (a delicious way to lower your LDL cholesterol). And the nervous system (the potassium is one of the prime ingredients in promoting a healthy and responsive nervous system).

So if on your travels you happen to be in Yuma, take the time to stop at one of the date gardens. Take the tour and have one of those famous date shakes!



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WHAT MONTH IS IT, Anyway?

JUNE

National Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Month

6/2 - National Rocky Road Day	6/23 - National Pink Day
6/9 - Donald Duck Day	6/28 - Paul Bunyan Day
6/16 - Father's Day	6/29 - Camera Day

JULY

National Ice Cream Month

7/4 - Independence Day	7/12 - National Pecan Pie Day
7/6 - National Fried Chicken Day	7/17 - National Peach Pice Cream Day
7/9 - National Sugar Cookie Day	7/24 - Amelia Earhart day

AUGUST

National Catfish Month

8/5 - National Mustard day	8/19 - Potato Day
8/10 - Lazy Day	8/22 - Be An Angel Day
8/12 - Middle Child's Day	8/31 - National Trail Mix Day

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