

9 campground etiquette tips

We all have our own reasons for getting away. Some people live full time in their RVs. For others this might be the only getaway they have in a long time so it's very dear to them. Whatever the case, we all hope to have a peaceful and enjoyable time away.

By following proper campground etiquette, we can create a harmonious and enjoyable environment for all campers. Someone once said "camp like your grandmother is watching."

Embracing these practices allows us to appreciate the beauty of nature while ensuring that future generations can enjoy it as well.

Here are 9 tips listeners to the *StressLess Camping RV podcast* came up with that can help you to be a better camper and enjoy StressLess Camping.



Leave No Trace

Among the principals advocated by the organization are leaving natural and cultural features undisturbed, packing out trash, minimizing campfire impacts, respecting wildlife, and camping on durable surfaces.

Our podcast with Leave No Trace's Lauren is episode 137 and can be found at our home on the web at StressLessCamping.com

Quiet Hours

Be mindful of a campground's designated quiet hours and keep sound to a minimum.

This includes loud conversations, music, slamming doors, or using noisy equipment during quiet hours. Generators are a particular annoyance to many people who try to escape the sounds of the city.



Minimize light and noise

Many campers get away for peace and quiet or to hear the sounds of nature. Some also get away to celebrate and have a good time. Both can be absolutely compatible as long as each respects the others' space.

If you are playing music or watching an outdoor TV be cognizant of how far the sound travels, especially in an otherwise-quiet space.

Many newer RVs have increasingly brighter lights which can overpower the blinds in neighboring RVs. Use the quiet hours to turn off all exterior lights on your RV.

There are some who think that lights can keep mice away from an RV but we have a better way to keep rodents away at StressLessCamping.com

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Campfire safety guidelines

Keep fires within designated fire rings or pits and *never* leave them unattended.

When leaving the campfire, ensure fires are completely extinguished. Remember, preventing wildfires is everyone's responsibility.

Get firewood locally - most campgrounds sell wood that is locally-sourced or know of places that do.



Properly dispose of trash

Use designated trash disposal. Do not use the fire pit for trash, including cigarettes.

We have friends who own campgrounds and one of the more difficult jobs is fishing trash out of the fire pits after people leave. We've even heard of stories of needles and other inappropriate trash in the fire pit.

Put food away

Leaving food out is an invitation to the creatures that inhabit campgrounds. Unfortunately if they get too used to human food they may become aggressive and may have to be put down.

Respect everyone's space

Respect the personal space and privacy of fellow campers. Keep a reasonable distance between campsites, avoid walking through occupied sites, and refrain from using or touching someone else's equipment without permission.

Camping with pets

Keep your pets on a leash and under your control. Clean up after them promptly and dispose of waste properly.

Be proactive if your dog is making a lot of noise.

Be considerate of other campers who may have allergies or fear of animals. Respect any pet restrictions.

Make sure your pets do not disturb the local wildlife.



Shorten your journey

We understand that many people have a very limited time to get away. But that doesn't change the fact that long distances make for grumpy campers. One of the reasons might also be late check ins.

Headlights and the sounds of setting up can be quite annoying to other campers. We like to limit our distances to 300 miles at the most and arrive no later than about 3p.m.



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