



SEASONAL

TRAVEL GUIDE

2015



When you
were **A KID**
you *appreciated*
the **COLD.**

A blizzard meant a day off school, snowball fights and hot chocolate. You raced sleds down hills and only came in when your mother demanded.

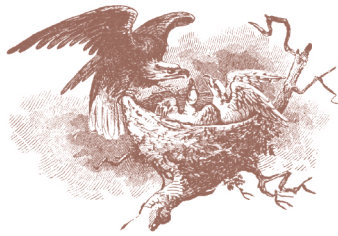
NOW, OF COURSE, IT'S DIFFERENT.

For adults, a blizzard means a boring day inside with daytime TV and creeping cabin fever. If you're already snowed in, it might be too late for you. But if you're reading during the warmer months – good things come to those that plan. An RV might be your ticket out of another gloomy Midwest winter.

These parks are the cream of the crop for RVers looking to escape the cold. Good Life RV hasn't received any endorsement from these locations – we just believe that they're the best places for Midwesterners to escape the winter blues.

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ZION NATIONAL PARK



LOCATED IN SOUTHWEST UTAH,

Zion National Park isn't exactly on the beaten path – it's midway between Las Vegas and Salt Lake City along I-15. But that doesn't mean RVers should steer clear.

Zion National Park is easily one of the most scenic places in the nation, and often gets overshadowed by other big-name parks nearby, including the Grand Canyon. At 229 square miles large, it's not hard to find a slice of serenity at Zion, no matter what you like to do, and there's plenty of places to park your RV and explore.

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HIKERS REJOICE: ZION NATIONAL PARK
offers MORE than 60 MILES of
designated HIKING TRAILS

BIRDWATCHING

One of the most popular activities at Zion is birdwatching. Home to more than 280 different species of birds, seasoned and new birders will find plenty to check out during their stay.

The park has also been part of a monumental bird recovery effort, and has aided the rescue and proliferation of the Peregrine falcon, the California condor and the bald eagle. These and many more species of birds are common throughout the park, and Zion's conservation efforts are bringing more around every year.



HIKING

Hikers rejoice: Zion National Park offers more than 60 miles of designated hiking trails, ranging from strenuous 14-mile trips to short paved trails

perfect for disabled adventurers. For even more challenge, the wilderness trails offer steep climbs, treacherous trails – all of which with breathtaking views along the way.

THE NARROWS

One of the more famous spots in Zion is The Narrows, a gorge with thousand-foot-tall walls and the Virgin River just 20 to 30 feet wide. Hikers can either see the narrows from the paved, accessible path, or they can get in the river, where hiking is encouraged.

A hike through The Narrows requires hiking in the Virgin River, and those ambitious hikers must get their feet wet, since there is no trail. But hikers who make their way down the Virgin River will discover the Temple of Sinawava, an all-natural stone amphitheater that must be seen to believe.

BACKPACKING

If your adventuring goes even further than an RV, backpacking might be good for you. Zion offers 37 designated backpacking sites, several at-large backpacking areas, 124,400 acres of designated wilderness – and innumerable unique backpacking opportunities for expert and novice backpackers alike.

There's no "best trail" – carve your own path and find out which route works best for you and your ability.

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Expert Tip: The Watchman Campground is the best place for RVers to set up camp. It's located about one-quarter mile from the south entrance and offers electrical hook-ups. Expect to pay about \$20 per night.



WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK



IF CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATER AND ALLIGATORS

are more your speed, Florida might be your best winter destination. And the best place for RV vacationers to check out is Wekiwa Springs State Park. There's more than 50 RV spots with full hook-ups on site, and plenty of Florida wilderness all around.

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THE SPRING

The main attraction of the park is its eponymous spring, which produces clear, 72-degree water throughout the year. Tourists flock from around the country for the opportunity to swim in the pristine spring – and might be the cleanest water they ever swim in.

The spring is located in a natural setting perfect for spreading a blanket and having a picnic. Also, a swim lift is available for swimmers who might have difficulty entering and exiting the pool.



BICYCLING

Wekiwa Springs is a cyclist's paradise, and RVers who bring their bikes along will be rewarded with some of the most scenic trails in Florida.

The park offers a 9-mile off-road trail, which includes some challenging portions best reserved for seasoned cyclists. The 8-mile multi-use trail is also available for cyclists. But novice cyclists shouldn't be dissuaded: Cyclists of all levels can find a enjoyable ride in the park to take in some fresh Florida air.

CANOEING

It's hard to think of a more relaxing activity than canoeing. It's just you, a paddle, a boat and the water. Luckily, Wekiwa Springs is one of the premiere canoeing spots in the state, and offers miles of perfect water for a lazy afternoon boat ride. (And, for the more adventurous, there are two campgrounds in the park that can only be accessed via canoe!)

When canoeing along the Wekiwa River or Rock Springs Run, paddlers can spend upwards of 8 hours on leisurely downstream trips – and catch some sunrays along the way.

Expert Tip: Didn't bring your canoe with you? Don't worry: canoes are available for rent for \$17 for a two-hour trip, plus \$3 for each additional hour. Outfitted canoe camping excursions – including canoe, tent, sleeping bags and more – are available for \$132 per two-day, one-night trip.



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ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK



Go RVing

IF YOUR IDEA OF A WARM WEATHER GETAWAY IS A LITTLE

more historical, you'll find no finer place than Andrew Jackson State Park in Lancaster, South Carolina. Founded in the 1950s to honor the president Andrew Jackson, the park offers plenty of RV camping spots with full-service hookups.

At Andrew Jackson State Park, RVers can find their own slice of summer in an atmosphere that combines history, art and community activities into a natural, rustic setting. Located right along the border of South Carolina and North Carolina, the park is just a short drive down I-77 from the big-city sights of Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Expert Tip: The Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge, just an hour west, is a must-see for bird enthusiasts. As a preservation and habitat for rare migratory birds like the red-cockaded woodpecker, its 47,000-plus acres gives RVers plenty of places to enjoy wildlife.



WHAT DRAWS RVERS *is the NATURE,*
but WHAT KEEPS THEM COMING BACK
is the IMMERSIVE HISTORY



ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK

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fishing

When going to Andrew Jackson State Park, bring along your rod and reel. You'll be kicking yourself if you don't.

In the park's 18-acre lake, fishermen can find some of the South's best bass, bream, catfish and crappie. (A South Carolina fishing license is required, but is available for purchase on site.) If fishing from a boat is more your speed, non-motorized fishing boats are available for rent.

TRAILS

While Andrew Jackson State Park may not be the largest park, it offers two great trails that more than compensate for its size.

The Crawford Trail, a 1.1 mile loop, is a great trail for cyclists and hikers alike. It's an easy-to-follow, dirt trail that guides you through an oak, cedar, and pine forest in an undeveloped area of the park – and it's the perfect way to disconnect and destress.

However, the Garden of the Waxhaws Trail is the crown jewel of the park. At 1.0 mile long, this easy-to-follow, occasionally steep, loop trail provides fishing access and scenic views of the 18-acre park lake – as well as an opportunity to get close to the park's wildlife.

hiSTORY

What draws RVers to Andrew Jackson State Park is the nature, but what keeps them coming back is the immersive history permeating throughout the park.

The park offers dozens of activities and museums dedicated to the legacy of Andrew Jackson, the Revolutionary War and the important history of the area.

At the park, the museum is a must-see. The museum contains Revolutionary War artifacts and intact historical items that once belonged to President Jackson. More importantly, these exhibits reveal how people lived in South Carolina's backcountry during the late 18th century, and detail the impact of the Revolutionary War on the local community.



Guided historical tours and programs help visitors learn and understand the importance of the nearby Battle of Waxhaws, a Revolutionary War skirmish that angered the colonists and set the stage for the Battle of Kings Mountain, one of the more important Southern battles of the war.



| DURANGO RV RESORT



SO MAYBE BEING IN THE WOODS

isn't for you. Your idea of the Good Life is a little more high-class, and you'd rather be around other RVers than surrounded by 15 acres of trees.

If that's the case, Durango RV Resort is for you. More than your typical RV park, full hookups are just the start of the luxurious amenities Durango offers for its visitors: putting greens, therapeutic massage, an automated pet wash, easy access to the sights of sunny northern California and more.

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AMENITIES

Once you visit Durango, you'll find it harder to stay at a more rustic site. The amenities of this park are immense – and that's why there's so many repeat visitors.

Featuring a riverfront spots, 24-hour security, concrete pad parking and cable TV hookups, Durango pulls out all the stops to make its guests feel right at home. Outside your RV, there's dozens of ways to let loose, including a putting green, a horseshoe pit and bocce ball court. Then there's the dozens of events held at the park – including monthly parties – help RVers from all over the country have a good time.



Gordon Surratt

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Outside of Durango's gates is a wide expanse of scenery, including a number of state and national parks. Less than an hour's drive from several great sites – including Lassen Volcanic National Park,



Expert Tip: Not a wine person? There's a handful of great breweries nearby that beer fans should check out. The Feather River Brewing Company in Magalia, Wild Card Brewery in Redding and Sierra Nevada Brewing are highly-regarded craft breweries within a short drive.

Shasta National Forest, and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area – Durango is a short distance from some of the most beautiful country in the U.S.

At Lassen Volcanic National Park, visitors can see awe-inspiring steam vents and hot springs from an active volcano, as well as boating, fishing and swimming. Just down the road at Shasta National Forest, you'll find more than 460 miles of trails and hundreds of lakes. And Whiskeytown National Recreation Area is home to gorgeous waterfalls and other water-based fun.

FOOD, WINE AND BEER

At Durango, foodies are also in paradise. Northern California is a great place for flora and fauna, and that includes all sorts of delicious things. Tehama County, home to the Sacramento Valley and Durango RV Resort, is host to a rich ecosystem and yields some of the finest grapes, tomatoes, fruit, olives, almonds and meat in the world.

Corning, a town not far from the resort, is famous for its olives. If you're a fan of the little green (or black) fruit, check it out.

More importantly, if you're a wine drinker, you're in the right place. With more than a dozen wineries within an easy drive of the resort, a good chardonnay is never far away.



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SOME PARKS BOAST THEIR CLEAR WATER

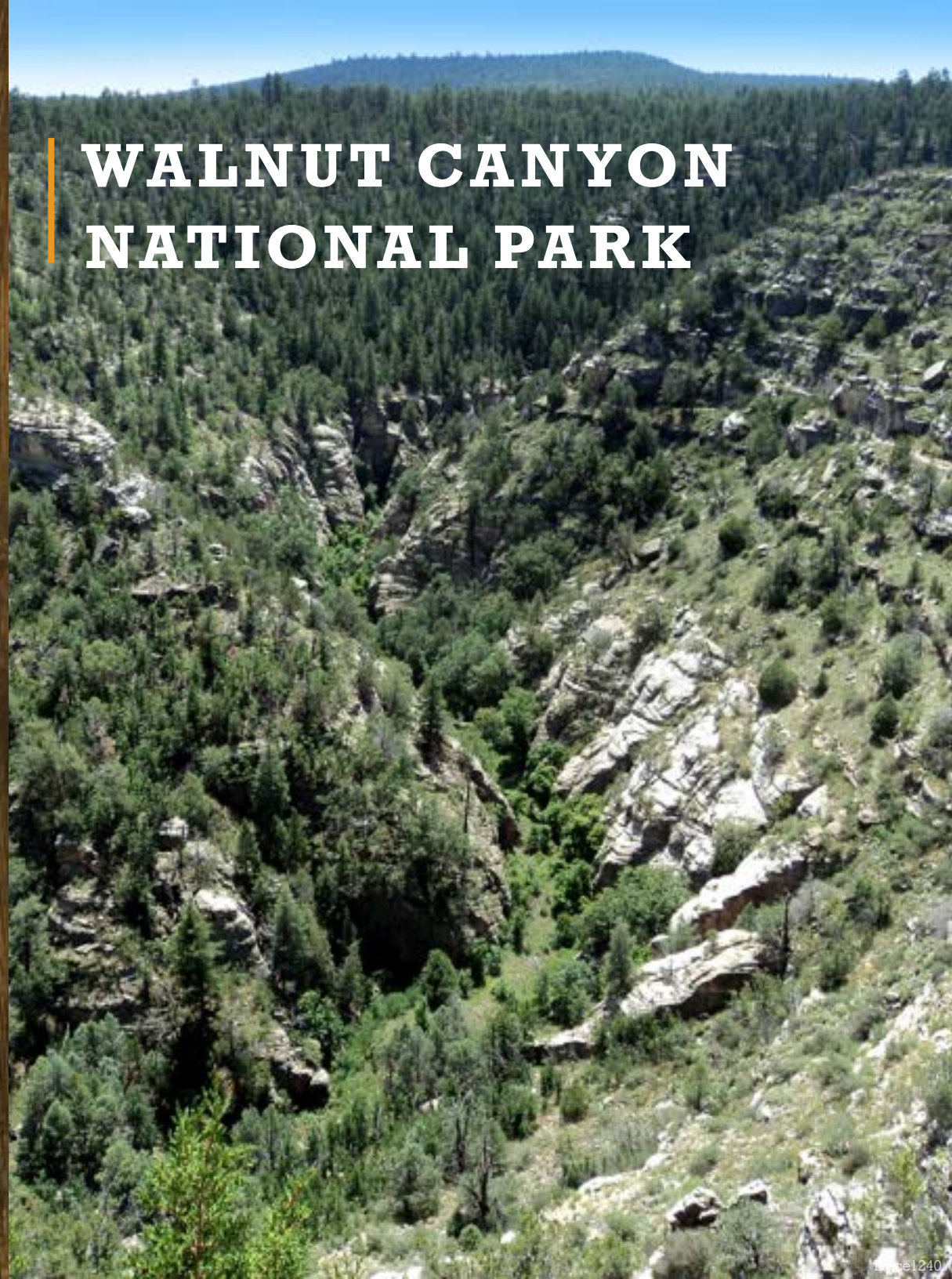
or beaches, while some take pride in their lush forests. Walnut Canyon, however, is all about the rock. (Bringing your electric guitar is optional.)

Featuring out-of-this-world curved canyon walls and seemingly impossible geological cliff formations, Walnut Canyon has some of the most impressive rock formations anywhere in the Southwest. More than that, the park features remnants of cliff dwellings of the Native Americans who lived there hundreds of years ago.

Founded in 1915 by President Woodrow Wilson, Walnut Canyon has been a feather in the cap of the National Parks Service for nearly 100 years, and will continue to do so for decades to come.

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WALNUT CANYON NATIONAL PARK



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Expert Tip: Humphrey's Peak, the highest point in Arizona, is 12,637 ft. above sea level, but even novice hikers can reach the summit in one day. Climbers can drive to the start of the Mt. Humphreys Trail (at 9,300 feet above sea level) and take a 4.7-mile hike to the top. It's not for the faint-of-heart, but the views are unforgettable.



TRAILS

In order to get the best view of the 5.5 square-mile park, it's recommended that you take a hike. (Really!) Two trails loop throughout the park and give you the best view of its awesome natural architecture.

The Island Trail is 1 mile long and winds its way past 25 cliff dwelling rooms once belonging to the native Sinagua along the trail. The other trail, The 0.7-mile Rim Trail, puts the spotlight on Walnut Canyon itself, and offers stunning views of native Ponderosa forest and the rim of the canyon.

COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

Walnut Canyon is located a few minutes south of Flagstaff, Arizona. While Walnut Canyon is worth the trip in itself, RV adventurers in this part of Arizona need to take in some of the other beautiful sights of the region as well, especially Coconino National Forest.

The Coconino National Forest is one of the most diverse forests in the country with landscapes ranging from the famous Red Rocks of Sedona to Ponderosa Pine Forests – with alpine tundra mixed in between.

Take a detour to Coconino to explore mountains and canyons, fish in pristine forest lakes or just hang out in crystal-clear streams.

Coconino is also the best place for RVers to stay near Walnut Canyon, and its RV park facility at Bonito Campground is one of the best in the area.

TOOZIGUT AND MONTEZUMA CASTLE



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Two other must-see crown jewels of the area are Toozigut National Monument and Montezuma Castle National Monument.

Similar to Walnut Canyon, Toozigut National Monument offers up-close viewing of 2- to 3-story pueblo ruins on the summit of a limestone and sandstone ridge. Montezuma Canyon also features ancient dwellings, built between 1100 and 1425 AD.





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