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Innovations provide the power to enjoy RV amenities miles beyond the last electrical hookup.

(ARA) – If you've already experienced the serenity and fun of camping with your towable recreational vehicle (RV), you know the freedom of getting away. Now you can travel even farther and discover your own quiet haven in nature. Without leaving every convenience behind, your family can dine amidst tall pines, identify constellations in clear night skies and then flip on the lights to enjoy a favorite novel before turning in. New products such as quiet, dependable power sources can make comfort and security part of your travels, wherever the trail may lead.

"The U.S. Forest Service includes 192 million diverse acres across the nation that are waiting to be enjoyed," says Jim Miller, dispersed recreation program manager, USDA Forest Service. "Most campsites in our system do not have electrical hookups and many forests offer even more primitive or 'dispersed' camping opportunities. Depending on local forest regulations, campers can travel off main roads and pick out their own sites along less-developed routes, as long as they do so responsibly, with respect for other visitors and as little environmental disruption as possible."

Miller notes that dispersed sites tend to appeal to experienced campers who are looking for their own quiet spot. What they often find are breathtaking vistas, colorful sunrises and close-up looks of surrounding nature. "Many choosing dispersed sites stay near favorite hunting or fishing spots," Miller notes. "Mountain bikers or hikers also prefer to camp close to favorite trails for easy access."

Camping -- Not Roughing It

Even without electrical hookups, piped water or toilets, campers can enjoy many comforts from home when they travel in a camper carrying its own power source. Onan's new compact generator, Camp Power, provides big-RV power for smaller trailers, folding camping trailers and truck campers. The generator's fully enclosed design is quiet enough to operate in many national parks, although park

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authorities should always be consulted regarding local regulations.

"Towable RVs can be compatible with rustic or dispersed campsites, where it's highly important to tread lightly on the land," says Joyce Drinnin, marketing manager, RV marketing, Onan. "Since most toilet and cooking facilities are available in towables, it's easier to leave natural surroundings undisturbed. With an unobtrusive power source, campers can enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a hearty meal without building a fire. Plus, in some camper units, you can even cool down in air-conditioned comfort after a long, hot day on the trail."

For other benefits, Drinnin points to added security from dependable campsite lighting and communication systems that provide advance warning when stormy weather is on the horizon. "Today's active families build strong ties when they spend time together camping," she adds. "These extra safety features can reduce stress and enhance the time busy families enjoy together."

Be Prepared

Preparation for remote camping experiences is key to ensuring a pleasant camping experience, says Miller. His recommendations for campers are:

Contact the U.S. Forest Service in the area you plan to visit for current campsite information, since rules and regulations vary around the country. Motorized equipment is not allowed in designated wilderness areas.

Pack water filters or purification tablets for purifying lake or stream water, in case you need more water than you've brought along.

Follow local campfire regulations. If fires are permitted, build only small ones, never leave them unattended and always put fires dead out, especially when retiring for the night.

Use the portable toilet facilities in your towable. Other options are to bury human waste in decomposable layers of soil, normally at least 6 to 8 inches deep and 200 feet away from water, paths and campsites, or use toilet devices that allow you to sanitize waste for safe disposal when you return from camping.

Pack out everything you bring in. Always leave campsites the way you would like to find them.

For more information about U.S. Forest Service camping, visit

or

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The U.S. Forest Service is listed under the U.S. Department of Agriculture in phone directories. For additional information about Camp Power, visit

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Remote Camping Adventures

Pack your camper and experience nature in U.S. forests across the nation. Here's just a sampling of the adventures that await.

White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire and Maine. Spectacular foliage is a key fall attraction for visitors. The forest includes Mount Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast, and a variety of wildlife, ranging from moose and black bears to peregrine falcons. Visit

or call

603-528-8721.

Superior National Forest, Minnesota. Nearly 2,000 lakes and streams offer unmatched canoeing, boating and fishing in northeastern Minnesota's north woods. Trails for novice through advanced hikers meander through 3 million scenic acres and include access to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Visit

or call 218-626-4300, ext. 2.

Dakota Prairie Grasslands, North Dakota and South Dakota. Four separate grasslands, including the Maah Daah Hey Trail, offer rare views of wildlife and opportunities for hiking, canoeing, fishing, hunting and backpacking. These diverse sites range from tallgrass prairie on rolling hills to stark badlands. Visit

or call 701-250-4443.

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Colorado. Located on the western slope

of the Colorado Rockies, these three forests offer some of the most spectacular scenery in the mountain range. Sites include Bridal Veil, the tallest waterfall in Colorado; Grand Mesa, the world's largest flattop mountain; and Dry Mesa Dinosaur Quarry, home of the world's largest dinosaur bone fossils. Visit

or call 970-874-6600, ext. 6676.

Custer National Forest, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. This ecologically diverse area includes elevation ranges of less than 1,000 feet up to the 12,799-foot Granite Peak in Montana. Other highlights include ancient sand dunes covered with grasslands, rugged badlands and fields of alpine wildflowers. Visit

or call 406-446-2103.

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Angeles National Forest, California. Not far from bustling Los Angeles, Angeles National Forest offers diverse topography, ranging from 10,000-foot mountain peaks to 1,200-foot canyon bottoms. Forest trails wind through 800 miles of rugged backcountry, scenic ridges and tree-lined canyons. Visit

or call 626-574-5200.

Willamette National Forest, Oregon. This 1.6 million-acre forest stretches 110 miles along the western slopes of the Cascades. Trails, roads, campgrounds and viewpoints allow visitors to enjoy the forest's abundant rivers, streams and lakes. Seven major volcanic peaks are part of the Willamette, along with the forested Cascade Range of mountains. Visit

or call 541-465-6521.

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Where To Purchase A Camping Air Mattress Of Superior Quality

By Jodie Philips

Today's camping enthusiast is discovering that the camping air mattress is a very popular and comfortable alternative to sleeping on the ground. As they now come in various shapes and sizes you are certain to find one that exactly suits your particular needs. Make sure a camping air mattress is among your supplies when you are preparing to head out on your next camping trip. You will find that sleeping on an air mattress instead of the hard ground will definitely make your camping experience much more enjoyable.

There are many different ways to find a suitable camping air mattress. The first and most obvious is by visiting your local camping or outdoors store. These stores usually carry a vast range of products including anything you could possibly need when camping or going outdoors. It is vitally important that you carefully look into all the various options before committing to your purchase and don't jump in and buy the first one you come across. Shopping around can certainly help you to get the best deal possible.

If a camping or outdoors store doesn't have anything suitable, a sporting goods store would be the next option for you to visit. Go to the camping section and talk to an experienced salesman. They will be able to fill you in regarding options and information regarding the camping air mattress. By doing so, the salesman can advise on which item would be most suitable to your requirements. This will then help narrow down your choice of camping air mattress.

So, when looking to make your camping experience more comfortable, a camping air mattress is definitely the way to go. Seek out your local camping or sporting goods stores to complete your purchase. Then while organizing your next camping trip think about how comfortable and relaxed you will feel sleeping under a starry sky on your camping air mattress instead of the hard ground.

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