

## Rolling Solo: 25 tips for traveling alone

### Getting started

1. Travel with a group for the first few times.
2. Attend educational rallies to learn more about RVing. RVing Women, for example, have classes to teach women more about their RVs.
3. Join forums and ask questions. *Workamper.com*, *Escapees.com*, *RVNet.com* and *RVTravel.com* have forums.
4. Look at lots of RVs before choosing one.
5. Join the *RV Consumer Group* to check the ratings on RVs you are considering.

### Meeting people

6. Join a club for solos.
7. Traveling with pets can provide companionship and are a great tool for meeting people. Walk your dog or sit outside with your cat on a leash and many will stop to comment.
8. Join forums. You'll get online friends and may be able to meet up at some point.
9. RV clubs often have subgroups with similar interests. Joining one, such as birding, hiking, quilting, beading, making music, provides new friends. Look for these activities when you visit a town by looking in the local newspaper or a bulletin board at the public library.
10. A comment or question about a license plate can start a conversation.
11. For guys: open the hood on your RV or tow vehicle and a crowd will usually gather!

### Budget

12. You have flexibility in your budget when traveling. Stay a while in one area, get a weekly or monthly rate, work a while, cook instead of eating out help your budget catch up.

### Safety

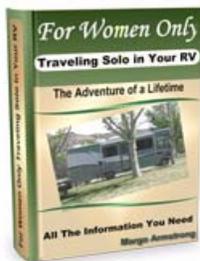
13. Maintain your RV regularly and according to recommended maintenance schedules.
14. Fill your tank when it drops to one-half.
15. Keep your doors locked at all times and close sliding glass windows at night. Choose an RV with some jalousie so you can keep some windows open at night.
16. Park so you can drive right out.
17. If a place looks suspicious or feels uncomfortable, don't stop there or spend the night.
18. When you leave your RV, carry a card in your pocket or in your purse that tells where you are parked and an emergency contact number. Also note if you have pets in your RV.
19. If you boondock, park near enough to others so they could hear you if you yelled. If you park at a Walmart or other parking lot, choose one with a few other RVs there too.
20. Know where your fire extinguishers are and how to use them.

## Driving

21. If you are not confident about driving your RV, take a driving class. They are often offered at RV shows.
22. To make sure you don't miss turns, get a GPS or write out your turns in big print on a sheet of paper so you can see them at a glance.

## Living the lifestyle

23. Get off the road by 2 or 3 PM so you have no trouble finding and getting to your site.
24. Use a checklist for setting up your rig and for preparing for travel. (See *Frugal RVing or Pinching Pennies without Getting Bruised - and - Other Advice from the Road* by Adrienne Kristine, solo RVer.)
25. Carry copies of your medical records with you in case you need to go to a new physician or have emergency care.



Everything you need to know about traveling solo, *For Women Only, Traveling Solo in Your RV* (<http://TheRVLifestyle.MovingOnWithMargo.com#solo>)