

## Target an Area for Job Hunting

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One of your goals for working or volunteering on the road may be to spend some time in a particular location. How do you go about getting job offers in the area you pick?

**Look in publications and web sites** for RVers or that specialize in seasonal jobs.

*Workamper News* lists jobs by state and zip code order to make it easy. At *Cool-works.com* you can also do a search by state.

**Contact state tourist information offices** and request a trip planner. Every state has a toll-free number and most also have web sites. Do an Internet search for that state's tourist information office. Once you obtain a trip planner, zero in on the specific geographic area and contact RV parks or other potential employers listed in it by telephone, letter or e-mail.

**Search for specific cities and their web sites.** Often the search results list tourism offices, chambers of commerce, plus RV parks and other potential employers. Contact all the employers directly.

**Check newspapers and their classified ads.** Many are now on-line. A search of the newspaper's name may yield results, or you may find a link through the city chamber of commerce or tourism bureau. Search the help wanted ads before you arrive. You could even line up a job.

**Pick up Sunday newspapers** in larger southern cities in the winter. Some employers in summer resort areas advertise and even hold interviews in cities like Phoenix and Los Angeles.

**Talk to other working RVers** on the job or in your travels. Ask them if they have worked, or know of someone who has worked, in your place of interest. You might turn up a good lead that way. You might also get information that would eliminate an employer from your consideration.

Some other tips:

- Don't be afraid to contact employers even if you don't find a help wanted advertisement.
- Start early. November or December isn't too early to start lining up your summer job.
- If you contact an employer who isn't hiring, ask if you can send your resume in case they have a later job opening. You may get a call later on. Also, ask her if she knows of another employer who is looking for good, reliable workers.

For more information on working on the road see *Support Your RV Lifestyle! An Insider's Guide to Working on the Road*. In Appendix 10 is the story of how Bill and I targeted and found jobs in Alaska.