

## 2005 RV Trip

### **Day 1 – Drive to Toledo, Ohio (566 miles; 11 hours)**

Drive 9 hours to Cuyahoga National Park

Go for a run along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail

Drive another 2 hours to Toledo, Ohio

Stay at Flying J

### **Day 2 – Lake Anita State Park, Iowa (621 miles; 12 hours)**

Drive another 12 hours to western Iowa

Stay at Lake Anita State Park

Campground right on lake – can fish, but beach to swim is across the lake

Run, bike ride, and evening swim in lake

### **Day 3 – Lake McConaughy State Park, Nebraska (419 miles; 7 hours)**

Drive 7 hours to Lake McConaughy State Rec Area in Nebraska

Swim and play around on beach

Camp at Little Thunder Campground

### **Day 4 – Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, Colorado (290 miles; 6 hours)**

Drive 6 hours to Colorado Springs

Stay in Garden of the Gods Campground right outside park

Swim in campground pool

Explore Garden of the Gods City Park

Bike from campground to the park

Shop at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post

Hike the Central Garden Trail through the rock formations

### **Day 5 – Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Colorado (236 miles; 6 hours)**

Hike the Rim Rock Nature Trail from the Campground to Gunnison Point

Drive the South Rim Scenic Drive stopping at various scenic overlooks

BBQ Dinner at Sunset View overlook

Stay at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park Campground

### **Day 6 – Ouray, Colorado (55 miles; 1.5 hours)**

Soak in the hot springs at the Ouray Hot Springs Pool and Park

Bike Ride to Box Canyon Falls

Hike the Falls Trail and the High Ridge Trail

Bike the Uncompahgre River Park Trail

Walk around the historic downtown

Have dinner at the Buen Tiempo Mexican Restaurant

Stay at the 4 J+1+1 RV Park right in town

### **Day 7 – Natural Bridges National Monument, Utah (237 miles; 5 hours)**

Drive the Million Dollar Highway to Silverton

Stop at Molas Pass

Stay at Natural Bridges National Park Campground  
Drive the 9-mile Bridge View Scenic Drive  
Hike the 1.2 mile RT hike to Sipapu Bridge  
Hike the .4 mile RT hike to Owachomo Bridge Trail

**Day 8 – Halls Crossing, Lake Powell, Utah (57 miles; 1.25 hours)**

Drive Route 276 to Halls Crossing  
Launch blowup boat and take it across to Lost Eden Canyon  
Stay at Halls Crossing Campground (primitive – no hookup)

**Day 9 – Halls Crossing, Lake Powell, Utah (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Launch blowup boat and take it up Halls Creek  
Move to Halls Crossing Campground (electric sites)

**Day 10 – Capitol Reef National Park, Utah (80 miles; 2 hours)**

Take ferry from Halls Crossing to Bull Frog (\$32 for RV and passengers)  
Drive the 2 hours to Capitol Reef  
Stop at waterfall along Route 24 for a swim  
Hike the 2.5-mile RT Fremont River Trail from the campground up to an overlook  
Stay at Fruita Campground in the park

**Day 11 – Capitol Reef National Park, Utah (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Bike 3.5 miles from campground to Cassidy Arch Trailhead on Grand Wash Road  
Hike the 3.5-mile RT hike to Cassidy Arch  
Drive back to waterfall on Route 24 for a swim  
Stay at Fruita Campground again

**Day 12 – Moab (148 miles; 3 hours)**

Photograph the Gifford Farmhouse in Capitol Reef in morning light  
Drive 3 hours to Moab  
Walk around town and shop  
Have dinner at the Moab Brewery  
Stay at Canyonlands Campground right in Moab

**Day 13 – Moab (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Have Coyote Shuttle transport us up the Colorado Riverway to Hittle Bottom  
Raft Colorado River from Hittle Bottom to Take Out Beach  
Drive into Arches to see lightning and thunderstorm  
Back in town, go for run along Mill Creek (flooded by storm)  
Stay at Canyonlands Campground again

**Day 14 – Moab / Arches National Park (23 miles; .5 hours)**

Drive ½ hour to Arches National Park  
Drive Arches Scenic Drive 18 miles – stop at various hikes and view arches  
Hike .5 miles to Double Arch

Hike 4.8-mile RT from Devils Garden to Landscape Arch and Double O Arch  
Hike 3-mile RT to Delicate Arch  
Stay at Devil's Garden campground in the park

**Day 15 – Colorado National Monument / Vail (296 miles; 6 hours)**

Drive 2.5 hours to Colorado National Monument  
Drive the 23-mile scenic Rim Rock Drive through the park  
Drive another 3 hours to Vail  
Stay at Gore Creek National Forest Service Campground

**Day 16 – Vail to Breckenridge (31 miles; .75 hours)**

Mountain bike Vail Mountain - \$116 for all day passes for 4 of us  
Lorry and kids ride bikes from Vail Pass down to Frisco (about 12 miles downhill) while Herb drives RV on I70 to meet up with them  
Drive to Breckenridge  
Stay at Tiger Run RV resort – wonderful  
Swim, hot tub, pool, ping pong  
Kids go for high elevation run

**Day 17 – Breckenridge 0 miles; 0 hours)**

Bike Blue River Parkway to town  
Enjoy town of Breckenridge  
Shop at Space Cowboy for retro rock t-shirts  
Eat lunch at Fatty's Pizzeria  
Stay at Tiger Run RV resort again  
Swim, hot tub, pool, ping pong  
Kids go for another high elevation run

**Day 18 – Kansas (500 miles; 10 hours)**

Drive 10 hours into Kansas  
Stay at Sundowner West RV Park near Salina, KS  
Fish in campground pond

**Day 19 – Spencer Art Museum / Missouri (358 miles; 7 hours)**

Drive 2.5 hours to Lawrence, Kansas  
Stop at the University of Kansas Spencer Art Museum  
Drive another 4.5 hours into Missouri  
Stay at the Kan-Do Campground right off I70 near Danville, Missouri  
Swim in campground pool  
Take a run to Graham Cave State Park  
Make a campfire and roast s'mores

**Day 20 – St. Louis Gateway Arch / Ohio (425 miles; 8 hours)**

Drive 1.5 hours to St. Louis Gateway Arch  
Ride the tram to the top of the Arch (\$28 with National Park Pass for 4)  
Drive another 6.5 hours towards home

Stay at the Brookville KOA (near Dayton, Ohio)  
Play mini-golf, swim in pool, fish in pond

**Day 21 – Fallingwater and Ohiopyle, PA (309 miles; 6.25 hours)**

Drive 5 hours to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater  
Take tour of grounds and house

Drive another hour to Ohiopyle State Park

Stay at Ohiopyle State Park Campground (on top of mountain)

Take run down to and along the river

**Day 22 – Home (378 miles; 6.5 hours)**

Drive remaining 6.5 hours home

Total Trip Mileage:            5029 miles  
Average Miles per Day:        228 miles per day