



# Delaware Camping Center is your RV Outlet!



Visit us at [www.delawarecampingctr.com](http://www.delawarecampingctr.com)

## **Celebrate Quirkiness While Traveling in Your RV**

*Discover oddball, unique, or just plain strange things to see and do*

These and other unique experiences can be found at quirky attractions located throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. These destinations have some truly interesting adventures that take the message of “off the beaten path” to a whole new level.

### **Delaware**

Eight miles northwest of Wilmington, discover the world’s largest collection of operating steam cars. The Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights memorializes the technology of historic steam transportation. Its collection includes fourteen licensed and working Stanley Steamers, 4 other antique cars, a miniature railroad and the 1925 Cretors popcorn wagon. [www.VisitWilmingtonDE.com](http://www.VisitWilmingtonDE.com)

In bygone days, Nipper stared blankly into the horn of an RCA phonograph. Today, Johnson’s Victrola Museum, a world-wide one of a kind, located in Delaware’s Capital, houses 55 Nipper figurines, 75 talking machines and thousands of old 78 speed records. Stop in and listen to part of our nation’s musical past. [www.visitdover.com](http://www.visitdover.com)

### **Maryland**

Maryland has so many curiosities that local author Allison Blake wrote a whole book about them. From Smith Island Cake (our official state dessert) to John Wilkes Booth’s escape route to a former chicken shack turned crab house, you’ll find plenty of fun things to see and do in Maryland. [www.visitmaryland.org](http://www.visitmaryland.org)

Nostalgia reigns at Chick & Ruth’s Delly in Annapolis where you can recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily, sing the Star Spangled Banner upon request, enjoy personalized magic shows tableside, feast on a 6 lb. milkshake (the largest in the world), or down a 3 lb. Super Duper Colossal Burger. [www.VisitAnnapolis.org](http://www.VisitAnnapolis.org)

Where can kids and kids-at-heart visit for a unique and fun experience? Travel + Leisure named Baltimore’s American Visionary Art Museum as one of its “10 Places to See Before You’re 10,” featuring outstanding original works of art created by self-taught artists, a quirky gift shop and sculpture garden. [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org)

Pink flamingos, lipstick kisses, and painted fingernails adorn the gravesite of Harris Glen Milstead, a.k.a. “Divine” (1945-1988). Buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Towson, Divine grew up in Baltimore County. The private, nondenominational cemetery is open to the public and on the County Landmarks list. [www.visitbacomd.com](http://www.visitbacomd.com)

Fairy tales come true at Clark’s Elioak Farm in Ellicott City, home of the rescued Enchanted Forest figures, a pre-Disney storybook park and Maryland pop culture landmark. Howard County is home to iverse architecture from greek revival, art deco, Usonian, Sears houses, a Founding Father’s estate, Frank Gehry’s first commissions to HGTV homes. [www.VisitHowardCounty.com](http://www.VisitHowardCounty.com)

### **Virginia**

The White Oak Civil War Museum in Stafford houses a remarkable collection of Civil War artifacts that were lost or discarded by the troops while they were camping or fighting in the Fredericksburg region. The museum operator discovered, restored and now displays these artifacts in a museum that’s praised by the National Park Service. [www.VisitFred.com](http://www.VisitFred.com)

Enjoy the twisted imagination of “Professor Cline” in Lexington and Rockbridge County with Foamhenge (a full-scale reproduction of Stonehenge), Haunted Monster Museum and Dinosaur Kingdom (an ingenious full-scale battle between the Union Army and the dinosaurs), and the Haunting Tales of Historic Lexington (a nightly ghost tour through back alleys). [www.lexingtonvirginia.com](http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com)

Come discover a truck that “walks” or a ship that “flies” at the U.S. Army Transportation Museum in Newport News. This unusual museum invites visitors to learn first-hand the story of Army transportation, from horse-drawn wagons to hovercrafts, plus experimental craft such as the aerocycle and the rocket belt. [www.newport-news.org](http://www.newport-news.org).

The Star City of the South gets its name from the 100-foot neon star atop the highest city mountain peak, and is the spot for the best view of the Valley. Erected in 1949 and alight every night, the Roanoke Star is a historic landmark on permanent display! [www.visitroanokeva.com](http://www.visitroanokeva.com)

## **Pennsylvania**

From a flying saucer in the town square to a giant coffee pot along the highway and hills that defy gravity, Pennsylvania certainly has its share of quirky stops. Check out medical mysteries at the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia or visit Punxsutawney’s Weather Discovery Center, made famous by Pennsylvania’s groundhog prognosticator. [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com)

Twinkling stars and safari animals bring the life of the savannah to Cumberland Valley. The Oakes Museum showcases more than 40,000 Smithsonian-quality African and North American specimens, which include the largest African mammal collection in PA, featuring 75 full mounts such as an elephant, hippopotamus, zebra, giraffe and nyala. [www.visitcumberlandvalley.com](http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com)

With all the rich history in Gettysburg, visitors sometimes need to laugh a little. And that’s what makes Mister Ed’s Elephant Museum the perfect getaway. With 10,000 elephants, bags of peanuts and a wide assortment of candy, it’s just as much a Gettysburg landmark as the monuments themselves. [www.gettysburg.travel](http://www.gettysburg.travel)

Visitors to Philadelphia can soar 40 feet into the air at Tree Adventure, Morris Arboretum’s innovative new \$3.1 million permanent outdoor exhibition. Climbers can cross the swaying Suspension Bridge to the Bird’s Next, wander the 275-foot-long Canopy Walk, and more all while learning that we need trees and trees need us. [www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com)

The Hershey-Harrisburg region is home to several quirky exhibits at Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. At the *Forces of Nature* gallery, visitors experience hurricane force winds, earthquakes, and tornados. The unique *Science on a Sphere* animated globe tracks real-time weather and hurricane activity around the world. [www.hersheyharrisburg.org](http://www.hersheyharrisburg.org)

America’s favorite sandwich – the Big Mac® – was created in Pennsylvania’s Laurel Highlands. The Big Mac® Museum Restaurant located just off Exit #67 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike has the world’s largest Big Mac replica, life-size bust of inventor, high tech displays, classic memorabilia and state-of-the-art jungle PlayPlace. [www.laurelhighlands.org](http://www.laurelhighlands.org)

Roadside America in Shartlesville is an indoor, miniature village that depicts rural life in the United States from pioneer times to present day through a sprawling exhibit at a 3/8 inch scale. Hand-made miniatures include houses, churches, cars, bridges, and train sets, all created by a local family. [www.LehighValleyPA.org](http://www.LehighValleyPA.org)

Explore a one-of-a-kind collection of military knives used by U.S. servicemen at the American Military Edged-Weaponry Museum in Intercourse. Items range from pikes and swords, to sabers and fencing bayonets, to Bowie and trench knives – as well as other military artifacts – dating from the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. [www.discoverlancasterpa.com](http://www.discoverlancasterpa.com)

The Agricultural and Industrial Museum is home to seven large galleries filled with exhibitions highlighting industries that made York County a manufacturing international name. Explore a variety of exhibits, including a three-story 1830s gristmill with an operating water wheel and a 72-ton A-Frame ammonia compressor, once used to make large blocks of ice. [www.yorkpa.org](http://www.yorkpa.org)

## **Green Driving Tips for the Road:**

**Avoid quick starts.** A smooth, steady starting acceleration and on-the-road speed save fuel and reduce wear and tear on the transmission, engine, tires and brakes.

**Keep to the speed limit.** Each mph over 55 decreases fuel efficiency by about 1%. So when holding steady at the posted 55 mph instead of pushing it to 65, you increase fuel economy by a whopping 10%.

**Use overdrive and cruise control.** Whenever possible, cruise control not only helps you keep to the speed limit, but the overdrive gears slow engine speeds, reducing wear and saving fuel.

**Hang on to recyclables.** With plenty of on-board RV storage, it's easy to keep recyclable waste with you to dispose of at local recycle stations along the way or through programs offered by many campgrounds.

**Limit summer AC use.** While driving on the road, open windows and vents and turn off the air conditioning system to avoid decreasing your fuel consumption.

**Refuel in cooler temps.** In the heat of the summer, try to refuel when temperatures are lower, like early morning and after sundown, to alleviate the vaporization of the fuel that escapes and aggravates smog formation.

## **Green Maintenance Tips Before You Hit the Road:**

Whether you prefer to travel by motorhome or towable RV, there's engine power involved in getting you and your RV from home to your ultimate destination and so many places in between. One of the best ways to conserve fuel, reduce emissions and keep costs down is by performing routine engine and vehicle maintenance including:

**Engine performance.** Optimize your fuel performance by having engines tuned and spark plugs replaced according to the manufacturer's specifications. Just a single misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel economy by up to 4%, says the EPA.

**Check engine warning lights.** Ignoring these indicators could result in poor fuel economy or worse, in costly engine repairs. Heed the warning lights – that's what they were installed for.

**Motor oil.** Before a trip, check levels and top off oil to keep the engine properly lubricated. Also follow manufacturer recommended guidelines for the frequency of oil changes to maintain fuel efficiency.

**Air filters.** Replacing a dirty air filter at the end of its suggested lifespan can increase gas mileage by up to an incredible 10%, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Brakes.** While always important in a moving vehicle, the weight of an RV puts added pressure on the vehicle braking system. Brakes that are not maintained properly can create unwanted drag, which is like driving with your foot on the brake pedal. This will wear out brakes too quickly (expensive!) and cut fuel economy because of the resistance.

**Tire inflation pressure.** Properly inflating tires to the manufacturer's recommended pressure can also increase miles per gallon. Tires can lose about one pound of pressure in a month and for every three pounds below the recommended pressure, fuel economy goes down by 1%.

**Tire wear.** Replacing worn tires with a manufacturer-recommended size and performance style can save hundreds of dollars each year and can increase safety on road surfaces and in inclement weather conditions.

**Reduce unnecessary vehicle weight.** Excess weight reduces fuel efficiency, so unless you are dry camping along the route, travel to your destination with minimal water in your waste and fresh water tanks, which can be filled up and emptied at the campground. Even purchasing heavy items like campfire wood once you arrive can cut weight and help you comply with local ordinances if certain types of wood from your region of the country are banned in another – this also helps preserve the eco-balance.

### **Free 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch With Purchase\***



Purchase a new or pre-owned\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel by June 30, 2011 and receive a free 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch. This limited time offer is valued at over \$1,100 and includes installation in your vehicle.

All prior sales are excluded and this coupon must be presented at time of purchase.

\*Offer valid through June 30, 2011

\*\*Offer does not apply to Wholesale or As-Is-Where-Is units.

---

### **Free Hitch Package for Travel Trailers\***



Purchase a new or pre-owned\*\* Travel Trailer by June 30, 2011 and receive a free Hitch Package. This limited time offer hitch is valued at \$1,100 and includes installation.

All prior sales are excluded and this coupon must be presented at time of purchase.

\*Offer valid through June 30, 2011

\*\*Offer does not apply to Wholesale or As-Is-Where-Is units.