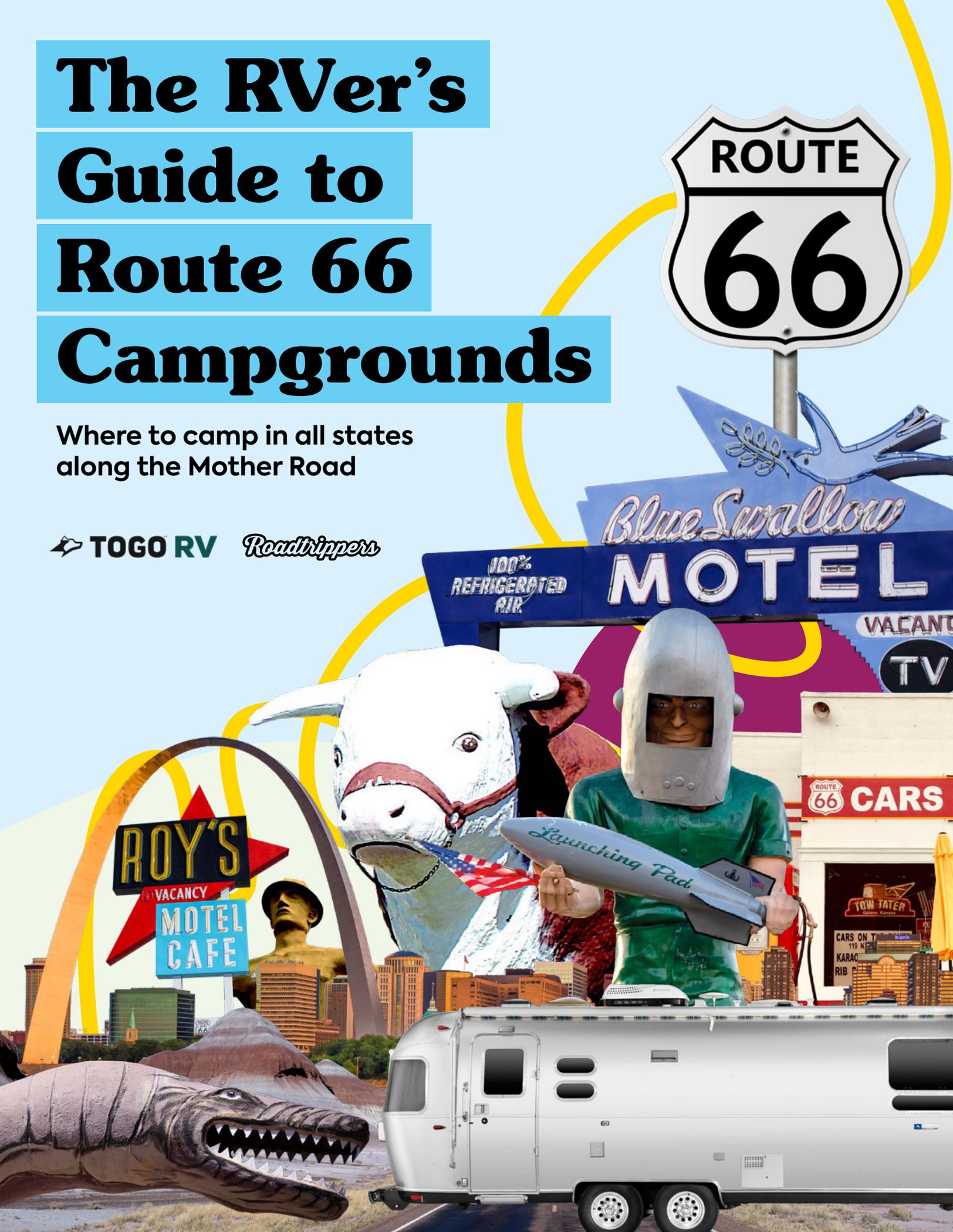


The RVer's Guide to Route 66 Campgrounds

Where to camp in all states
along the Mother Road

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Illinois

Chicago, Illinois, is the eastern terminus of the Mother Road—depending on which way you travel, you will either start or end your trip across from Grant Park and Lake Michigan. Over the years, various road realignments and improvements meant that the route was, and still is, ever-evolving; today many of these iterations still exist in some capacity throughout the Land of Lincoln. After leaving the Windy City, the road takes you southwest through rural Midwestern towns full of classic motel neon, vintage filling stations, roadside giants, and historic bridges until you hit the Mississippi River and East St. Louis.



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Featured campgrounds

Camp Bullfrog Lake

9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs, IL 60480

fpdcc.com/places/locations/camp-bullfrog-lake

312-636-9785

Price range: \$35–\$65

General amenities: Partial hookups, dump station, restrooms, general store, water access, recreational trails

This county campground is just over 20 miles from the eastern terminus of Route 66 at Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. The natural setting, with easy access to downtown by car or public transportation, is a perfect base for RVers to tour the area. This newer campground was built in 2015 by the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

When you're not seeing the sights in the city, enjoy fishing and kayaking (rentals available) on the lake, and hiking in the surrounding forest. The campground isn't very shady, but campers appreciate that the sites are level and spaced well apart. Sites have electric hookups only. A dump station and potable water are available.



Hollywood Casino & Hotel Joliet

777 Hollywood Boulevard, Joliet, IL 60436

hollywoodcasinojoliet.com

888-436-7737

Price range: \$35–\$60

General amenities: Partial hookups, dump station, restrooms

About 50 miles from downtown Chicago along the original Route 66, Joliet is home to several museums and historic sites, including the Route 66 Experience exhibit at the Joliet Area Historical Museum. For a convenient overnight in town with easy highway access, the Hollywood Casino & Hotel offers an RV park on-site, separate from the casino parking lot.

The RV park features grassy sites with concrete pads, partial hookups, and picnic tables. Check in at the casino, and use the dump station at the RV park entrance. Note that a resort amenity fee is added to the overnight fee. Take advantage of the free shuttle to the casino to enjoy the complimentary breakfast, WiFi, and pool.

IBMC International Livingston County 4-H Park

18142 4H Park Road, Pontiac, IL 61764

livingstoncountyagfair.com

815-842-2650

Price range: \$20–\$25

General amenities: Partial hookups, dump station, restrooms, playground, basketball court

Pontiac is a popular stopover for travelers on the Mother Road that's home to the Illinois Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum. Other attractions include the Pontiac-Oakland Auto Museum and the Livingston County War Museum. In between Joliet and Pontiac, the towns of Dwight and Odell have several restored Route 66-era buildings.

The Livingston County 4-H Fairgrounds and Park is a pleasant, economical overnight option for RVers. Located in a natural setting with large trees and grassy sites, the campground provides a family-friendly, peaceful base for touring the area, with convenient highway access. Note that cash or check is required for payment, and alcohol is prohibited in the park.



Featured campgrounds

Camp a While

1779 1250th Avenue, Lincoln, IL 62656

campawhilerv.com

217-732-8840

Price range: \$30–\$40

General amenities: Full and partial hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, playground

Camp a While is popular with RVers for its family-run Midwestern charm. This small park has a great location just off Old Route 66, close to shopping in the town of Lincoln and an easy drive to the state capital of Springfield. What the park lacks in amenities it makes up for with friendly hosts, large shady trees, and peaceful farm views.

The major historic sites related to President Abraham Lincoln are in Springfield, however, history buffs won't want to miss the Lincoln Heritage Museum, a hidden gem in downtown Lincoln on the campus of Lincoln College, the only college named for the president during his lifetime.

Double J Campground

9683 Palm Road, Chatham, IL 62629

doublejcampground.com

217-483-9998

Price range: \$45–\$55

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, general store, playground, pool, dog walk, game room, recreation courts

Located just outside Springfield, Double J Campground is a convenient base for touring the sites of the state capital and the home of President Abraham Lincoln. RVers appreciate the shade trees, playground, trails, multiple dog walks, and the spacious campsites that easily accommodate big rigs.

In addition to Lincoln's historical home, tomb, and presidential library, Springfield has many Route 66 attractions and proudly hosts the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival every September. Pick up an Explorer Passport at the Springfield Visitor Center for a fun self-guided tour. Don't miss a photo stop at the restored Illinois Brick Road, just south of Chatham on Route 4.

Kamper Kompanion RV Park & Campground

18388 East Frontage Road, Litchfield, IL 62056

kamperkompanion.com

217-324-4747

Price range: \$35–\$45

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, playground, horseshoe pit, dog run

Kamper Kompanion is an easy-access overnight experience along Illinois Route 66. Situated in a peaceful setting off I-55, Kamper Kompanion is close to charming Litchfield and still within a 40-minute drive of the state capital, Springfield. Litchfield is full of Route 66 history and attractions. Stop by the Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center to get oriented.

The RV park is small, with just over 20 pull-through sites surrounded by grass and trees. Campers rave about the friendly hosts, level sites, clean facilities, and large dog run at Kamper Kompanion. The owners take pride in their location on the Mother Road, with a historic highway sign at the entrance and memorabilia around the grounds.



Featured campgrounds

Country Bend Campground

3279 Honey Bend Avenue, Litchfield, IL 62056

countrybendcampground.com

217-324-2363

Price range: \$30–\$40

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, playground, fishing, pedal boats, game room, recreation courts, mini golf

This sprawling campground is a great spot for families, with a pool, playground, pedal boats, and mini golf. The spacious grounds have flat, paved roads that are ideal for biking. The natural setting, including ponds, a creek, and shady trees, makes it feel miles from anywhere.

Country Bend is conveniently close to I-55, and just 10 minutes from the amenities and Route 66 attractions in Litchfield. The town features not only two separate alignments of Route 66, but the oldest continually operated restaurant and oldest continually operated drive-in movie theater on the entire stretch of the Mother Road.

Casino Queen RV Park

200 Front Street, East St. Louis, IL 62201

casinoqueen.com/stlouis/rv-park

800-777-0777

Price range: \$50–\$60

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, WiFi, laundry, playground

Casino Queen RV Park is located just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri. It's so close, the Gateway Arch can be seen from the grounds. The location is great for RVers visiting St. Louis, with easy access to I-55 and an adjacent light rail stop. Campers even have the option of walking across the historic Eads Bridge right into Gateway Arch National Park.

The RV park offers hookups, but little landscaping or privacy between sites. Some visitors have complained about noise from passing trains. Others appreciate the access to casino amenities, like a pool and restaurants, in addition to the proximity to downtown at an economical rate.

Cahokia RV Parque

4060 Mississippi Avenue, Cahokia, IL 62206

cahokiarvparque.com

618-332-7700

Price range: \$45–\$50

General amenities: Full hookups, WiFi, laundry, pool, playground, campfire activities

Cahokia RV Parque offers a more typical campground experience, still with convenient access to downtown St. Louis and I-55. While there may be some issues with noise from nearby trains and truck traffic, campers love the pool, playground, well-maintained facilities, friendly staff, and especially the on-site barbecue restaurant.

Outside the “must-see” attractions in St. Louis, Chain of Rocks Bridge north of the city is a piece of Route 66 history. Originally constructed for automobiles in 1929, the bridge connecting Illinois and Missouri is now a walking and biking trail with historical markers. Nearby is Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, a 13th-century Native American settlement.



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Missouri

Many miles of Missouri's Route 66 have been replaced over the years by larger highways, so what remains of the original road is a patchwork, especially in and around St. Louis. The Show-Me State contains several abandoned stretches of the Mother Road, but it's still possible to travel on quite a bit of the original route. More than 300 miles of road takes you southwest from St. Louis to Joplin, a stretch packed with fantastic diners, roadside attractions, and photo ops.



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A composite image featuring the Gateway Arch on the left, the Old Courthouse in the background, and a silver Airstream camper in the foreground. A blue sign for "TED DREWES FROZEN CUSTARD" is mounted on the camper. A yellow decorative line loops across the top right of the image.

TED DREWES
FROZEN CUSTARD

Featured campgrounds

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park

5300 Fox Creek Road, Pacific, MO 63069

eurekajellystone.com

636-938-5925

Price range: \$35–\$70

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, dump station, WiFi, general store, pool, mini golf, game room, train rides, arts and crafts, outdoor games, recreation fields

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park campgrounds are sought out for their family-friendly amenities and activities. If you're traveling with kids along Route 66, this is a great option for a couple nights. Located just off I-44 and about 30 miles from Gateway Arch National Park, Jellystone at Eureka is a good base to visit St. Louis. Closer by, the city of Pacific contains original structures from the Route 66 era.

The park itself is in a woodsy setting and has the expected Jellystone offerings, from a pool and mini golf to crafts programs, movie nights, and appearances by Yogi Bear. If that's not enough to keep the kids entertained, Six Flags St. Louis is just a few minutes away.

St. Louis West / Historic Route 66 KOA Holiday

18475 Old Highway 66, Eureka, MO 63069

koa.com/campgrounds/st-louis-west

636-257-3018

Price range: \$45–\$70

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, dump station, WiFi, laundry, general store, playground, pool, basketball court, jumping pillow, ping-pong, bike rentals, dog park

Not far from Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, the Historic Route 66 KOA is another great option for touring the immediate area, visit Six Flags St. Louis, and take a day trip into the city of St. Louis. The KOA offers family-friendly amenities like a pool and jumping pillow, and is also appreciated by kid-free RVers for its large shady trees, spacious sites, and location on Historic Route 66.

Some sites are closer to railroad tracks or to I-44, so ambient noise is an issue raised by some campers. Other sites back up to Fox Creek and the surrounding woods, for a peaceful, natural setting.

Meramec State Park

115 Meramec Park Drive, Sullivan, MO 63080

mostateparks.com/park/meramec-state-park

573-468-6072

Price range: \$20–\$48

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, dump station, laundry, playground, boat rentals, fishing, recreation trails

Located less than 10 miles from I-44, Meramec State Park provides a peaceful overnight experience in a beautiful, natural setting. The more time you have, the more there is to see in this expansive state park, including hiking trails, springs, caves, and caverns.

Campers love the proximity to the Meramec River for floating and swimming. Campground facilities are basic but well maintained, although the grounds can be muddy with rain. While there is no store and spotty cell service, the campground is just 10 minutes from the historic Route 66 town of Sullivan with shops, restaurants, and a few classic Mother Road motels.



Featured campgrounds

Pheasant Acres RV Park

20279 MO-8 East, St. James, MO 65559

pheasantacresrv.com

573-265-5149

Price range: \$35–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, dump station, walking trails, basketball court, fishing, outdoor lounge

Pheasant Acres is a small, family-run RV Park in the foothills of the Ozarks, with a convenient location just a few miles from Old Route 66 and I-44. Among the many natural and historical attractions nearby are Meramec Spring Park and Route 66-era motels in the quaint town of St. James. Twenty miles away is another historic Route 66 town, Cuba, famous for its murals, preserved architecture, and drive-in theater.

Campers rave about the friendly hosts and beautiful surroundings at Pheasant Acres. Many families return every year to enjoy the walking trails, open grassy fields, and pet rabbits at the campground, and for hiking and fishing in the adjacent conservation lands.

Lamplight Lane RV Resort at Glen Oaks

26215 Highway 17 / U.S. Route 66, Waynesville, MO 65583

lamplightlanervresort.com

573-774-2727

Price range: \$35–\$40

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, dump station, WiFi, laundry, playground, picnic areas

This family-run RV park is well regarded by campers for its helpful hosts, pull-through sites, full hookups, playground, and open space for dogs to play. New owners since 2019 have been continuing to improve the facilities, and take pride in their location right on Historic Route 66. The RV park is adjacent to I-44, although noise is not a major reported issue.

The park is a comfortable, economic base for touring the area, including Lake of the Ozarks State Park, and the city of Springfield. Nearby Waynesville has several Route 66-era buildings to enjoy, and the town of Lebanon, with the Route 66 Museum and other Mother Road attractions, is a 25-minute drive away.

Lebanon / Bennett Spring KOA

13654 MO-64, Lebanon, MO 65536

koa.com/campgrounds/lebanon

417-322-6907

Price range: \$35–\$50

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, WiFi, laundry, general store, dog park, pool, playground, jump pad, volleyball, bike rentals, kids' activities

The town of Lebanon is a highlight of the Mother Road in Missouri. With the Route 66 Museum plus several original motels, diners, gas stations, and neon signs from the era, Lebanon provides the full Mother Road experience.

Less than 10 miles from downtown, the Lebanon / Bennett Spring KOA offers family-friendly amenities in a natural setting. Under new ownership and the KOA brand since 2017, upgrades and improvements have been made to the original campground. Some campers find the sites tight, but many appreciate the updated, clean facilities, array of activities, and peaceful location convenient to Lebanon, Bennett Spring State Park, and the surrounding area.



Featured campgrounds

Bennett Spring State Park

26250 MO-64A, Lebanon, MO 65536

mostateparks.com/campgrounds/bennett-spring-state-park

417-532-4338

Price range: \$19–\$30

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, dump station, general store, restaurant, playground, fishing, recreation trails

For a longer stay in the area, consider Bennett Spring, a gem of the Missouri State Park system. The forested park is well loved for hiking, trout fishing, summer floating and boating, and its autumn colors. Bennett Spring's campground is well developed for a state park, with concrete pads, hookups, picnic tables, and fire pits. Facilities in the park include a store and dining lodge.

While Bennett Spring is a destination on its own, Old Route 66, I-44, and the town of Lebanon are less than 15 miles away. Lebanon is a must-see on the Missouri Mother Road, with a Route 66 Museum and many original buildings from the era.

RV Express 66 RV Park

1469 Spur Drive, Marshfield, MO 65706

rvexpress66.com

417-859-7837

Price range: \$30–\$35

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, dump station, WiFi, laundry, pool

RV Express 66 is a convenient stop and a great value for Route 66 travelers. RVers appreciate the full hookups, WiFi, well-maintained facilities, large concrete-pad pull-through sites, and easy access to I-44. With shops and restaurants close by, RVers can stock up on supplies, catch up on laundry, enjoy a swim, and even get the rig washed before heading back out on the road.

The original Route 66 from 1926 passed through the town of Marshfield. Visitors can still find remnants from that era and earlier, including the two-story brick Old 1880 Building. While ideal for an overnight, RV Express is also a good option as an economical base for touring Springfield and the surrounding small towns.

Cooks RV Motorpark

4075 North State Highway H, Springfield, MO 65803

cooksrv.com

417-833-1252

Price range: \$30–\$55

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, community grills, hot tub, dog run, pet wash

Conveniently close to Old Route 66, I-44, and downtown Springfield, Cooks RV Motorpark is a family-run park in a peaceful setting. Campers appreciate the large, level sites, full hookups, and pet-friendly amenities. New owners since 2019 have invested in upgrades, and are considered some of the friendliest hosts around.

Springfield, Missouri, is known as the birthplace of Route 66. It's a must-see along the Mother Road, with many attractions, landmarks, and historic sites. Make your first stop at the Route 66 Information Visitor Center to plan your time in Springfield, including the opportunity to drive along the original 1926 Route 66 alignment.



Featured campgrounds

Camp Mi Casa on the Route

17601 Old 66 Boulevard, Carthage, MO 64836

campmicasa.com

417-358-7829

Price range: \$35–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, dump station, laundry, pool

Carthage, Missouri, is a unique crossroads of American history and culture, having played pivotal roles in the American Civil War, the Wild West, the mining boom, and the Route 66 era. The town contains more than 600 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including elaborate Victorian mansions. Some of the best preserved and most iconic Route 66 buildings can be found in Carthage.

Camp Mi Casa has an ideal location right on Old Route 66, adjacent to the landmark 66 Drive-In Theater and just outside of downtown. In addition to its location, the RV park is highly rated for its friendly hosts, spacious sites, and well-maintained facilities.



Big Red Barn RV Park

13625 Elm Road, Carthage, MO 64836

brbrv.com

417-358-2432

Price range: \$27–\$60

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, game room, community lounge

Just a few miles outside of town, the Big Red Barn RV Park is another good option in the Carthage area. With a peaceful setting, shady trees, and spacious pull-through sites, the campground is a convenient overnight stop that's also comfortable enough for a longer stay. The park offers a range of options and price points, from partial hookups to premium sites with full hookups, a lawn, a swing, and a grill.

Campers appreciate the friendly staff, clean and well-maintained facilities, and personal touches like fresh cookies at check-in. Here you can experience camping in peaceful country surroundings while still being close to the Route 66 sites in Carthage and Joplin.

Coachlight RV Park

5305 South Garrison Avenue, Carthage, MO 64836

coachlightrv.com

417-358-3666

Price range: \$30–\$35

Amenities include: Full hookups, restrooms, dump station, laundry

Coachlight RV Park provides a convenient, economical base for touring the area. With an ideal location near the crossroads of I-44 and I-49, the park is a short drive from Carthage and just 20 minutes from downtown Joplin. Both towns have a rich Route 66 history, with original road alignments and an array of period architecture and attractions to explore.

Coachlight adjoins an RV sales business, yet the park is peacefully situated in a shady, natural setting. Many sites are large pull-throughs that can accommodate RVs and tow cars without unhooking. RVers enjoy the convenient location, helpful hosts, well-maintained grounds, and dog-walking areas.

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Oklahoma

Oklahoma takes pride in, and embraces, most of its nearly 400 miles of Route 66. There are more driveable portions of the old Mother Road in Oklahoma than in any other state, and plenty of reasons to stop the car along the way. From Quapaw to Texola, this stretch is home to the Blue Whale of Catoosa, art deco gems of Tulsa, and two excellent museums filled with Route 66 history. Don't forget to stop into the Sandhills Curiosity Shop in Erick and say hi to Harley Russell—if you're lucky, he might just serenade you with a round of “(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66,” or hand you a guitar so you can play along.



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Featured campgrounds

Buffalo Run Casino & Resort

1000 Buffalo Run Boulevard, Miami, OK 74354

buffalorun.com

918-542-7140

Price range: \$0–\$15

General amenities: Partial hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, pool

The town of Miami, known as the gateway to Oklahoma, is home to several Route 66 landmarks, including the Marathon Oil Service Station and Coleman Theater, both on the National Registry of Historic Places. Miami also includes the famous “Ribbon Road,” a 9-foot-wide stretch of road that was paved in 1921–22 and became part of the original Route 66 in 1926.

Buffalo Run Casino is an easy, economical overnight stop. Just off I-44, the casino offers first-come, first-served truck and RV parking with partial hookups in a large lot. RVers appreciate the convenient location, safe and quiet environment, and access to the casino and resort facilities.

Twin Bridges Area at Grand Lake State Park (formerly Twin Bridges State Park)

14801 South Highway 137, Fairland, OK 74343

travelok.com/state-parks/twin-bridges-area-at-grand-lake-state-park

918-542-6969

Price range: \$25–\$35

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, dump station, restrooms, WiFi, playground, volleyball, basketball, recreation trails, water access

If you're looking for a couple nights off the road in a natural environment, the beautiful Twin Bridges Area at Grand Lake State Park is only 10 miles from I-44. Situated on a bluff at the confluence of the Neosho and Spring rivers, the park offers panoramic views, walking trails, boating, fishing, and outdoor recreation courts.

Both the upper and lower campgrounds provide RV sites with concrete pads and water and electric hookups. In the town of Miami just a few miles away, don't miss the Route 66 landmark buildings, old Main Street, and history with the notorious bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde.

Water's Edge RV and Cabin Resort

446714 East 355 Road, Vinita, OK 74301

watersedgerv.com

918-782-1444

Price range: \$30–\$60

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, clubhouse, WiFi, water access

Another great option for a longer, relaxing stay not far from the historic Route 66 town of Miami is the Water's Edge RV and Cabin Resort. Less than 20 miles from Miami and I-44, Water's Edge provides a comfortable RV resort experience on a spectacular peninsula in Grand Lake. Most campsites are waterfront, and include a covered deck with picnic table in addition to full hookups. Campers love the beautiful, shady grounds, spacious sites, well-maintained facilities, friendly hosts, and excellent dining nearby. The water is the highlight here, with easy access to boating, fishing, and swimming, and endless views. Enjoy a couple nights at this relaxing park before getting back on the road.



Featured campgrounds

Claremore Expo Center

400 Veterans Parkway, Claremore, OK 74017

visitclaremore.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Claremore-Expo-Center-RV-Park-95
918-342-5357

Price range: \$12–\$37

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, pet area

Claremore is famous for being the birthplace of cowboy and entertainer Will Rogers. The town is home to his childhood ranch, the Will Rogers Memorial, and the Will Rogers Hotel. The Will Rogers Hotel was built on a corner of Route 66 in 1930 and catered to travelers along the Mother Road.

In the center of town, blocks from Route 66 and the historical attractions in Claremore, the Expo Center offers partial and full hookup sites at a great value. While city and fairground RV parks are typically glorified parking lots, campers at Claremore Expo Center appreciate its large trees, expansive grassy lawns, and pet-walking areas.

Tulsa NE / Will Rogers Downs KOA Journey

20900 South 4200 Road, Claremore, OK 74019

koa.com/campgrounds/tulsa

918-283-8876

Price range: \$35–\$50

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, playground, horseshoe pit, dog park

Just a few miles from Claremore, and 30 miles from Tulsa's Route 66 attractions, the Tulsa NE / Will Rogers Downs KOA Journey offers a comfortable stay with amenities for RVers visiting the area.

Note that this KOA is adjacent to the Cherokee Casino and racetrack. Some campers have expressed concern about cars speeding on the public road that passes through the campground. Others appreciate access to the restaurants and other amenities at the casino. The campground has spacious sites, with concrete pads and full hookups, in an open grassy area edged by oak trees. Many customers have enjoyed repeat visits for the convenient location and well-maintained facilities.

Warrior RV Park

5131 South Union Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74107

tulsawarriorrv.com

918-446-3199

Price range: \$35–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi

Warrior RV Park has a convenient location right off I-44 and I-75 on the west side of Tulsa. Despite the highway and commercial surroundings, noise is not a reported issue. The small campground is laid out in an open grid, but backs up to woods for a natural setting and a place to walk pets. Level concrete sites, full hookups, clean grounds, and facilities make this a favorite spot for RVers staying in Tulsa or just passing through.

Tulsa is a landmark city on Route 66. Be sure to plan enough time to visit the many museums, restored buildings, and historic sites along two different alignments of the Mother Road.



Featured campgrounds

Twin Fountains RV Resort

2727 Northeast 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

twinfountainsrvresort.com

405-475-5514

Price range: \$50–\$60

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, salon, store, WiFi, clubhouse, bar and grill, pool, hot tub, splash pad, mini golf, playground

Oklahoma City is the largest city in the state, with many iconic landmarks. Don't miss the longest continuous stretch of Route 66, between Tulsa and Oklahoma City, which includes the Route 66 Interpretive Center in Chandler. If you have more time to stay, the state capital is full of other attractions, like the Oklahoma City Zoo, Myriad Botanical Gardens, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial.

The Twin Fountains RV Resort provides a comfortable base full of amenities for RVers in the city. Campers love the shady trees, open green spaces, big-rig-friendly paved sites, and well-run facilities including a spa, pool, bar and grill, showers, and a mini-golf course.

Mustang Run RV Park

11528 I-40 Service Road, Yukon, OK 73099

mustangrunrvpark.com

405-577-6040

Price range: \$45–\$50

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, pool, playground, clubhouse, dog run

Located in a suburb of western Oklahoma City, Mustang Run RV Park is within easy driving distance of the capital city attractions, including many Route 66-era motels, gas stations, and diners. Outside of Yukon is the steel-truss Lake Overholser Bridge, built in 1924 and incorporated into the original Route 66 alignment. The town of Yukon has a colorful Czech culture and history, including the largest dance hall in the state.

Mustang Run RV Park offers a convenient location off I-40, with resort amenities like a pool and clubhouse at a good value. Campers rave about the clean and well-maintained facilities. The spacious sites are big-rig friendly, with concrete pads and full hookups.

Territory Route 66 RV Park & Campground

14144 Old 66 Road, Bridgeport, Oklahoma 73047

territoryroute66.com

405-542-6566

Price range: \$20–\$35

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, communal fire pit

Territory Route 66 RV Park delivers authentic midwestern hospitality and ambience. The small, family-run campground is right on Route 66, surrounded by fields and open vistas. Visitors are delighted by the friendly hosts and modern facilities. Concrete-pad sites, full hookups, well-maintained laundry and restrooms, and free WiFi all add up to a comfortable stay for an overnight or longer.

The tiny town of Bridgeport contains an original 1926 alignment that's on the National Registry of Historic Places. Another original alignment can be found in Calumet, 20 miles away, and the town of El Reno just a few miles farther has several Route 66 landmark buildings and attractions.



Featured campgrounds

Cedar Point Campground, Foss State Park

10252 Highway 44, Foss, OK 73647

travelok.com/state-parks/foss-state-park

580-592-4433

Price range: \$20–\$35

General amenities: Partial hookups, dump station, restrooms, store, playground, recreational fields, swimming beach

Although Route 66 does pass through Foss, there isn't much left of the town. Foss State Park provides an excellent base for camping in a natural setting and exploring two towns within 20 miles that have a rich Route 66 history. Several vintage motels and service stations can be found in Calumet. Clinton, known as the hub city of Western Oklahoma, is home to the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum and several landmark buildings from the era.

Cedar Point Campground has a spectacular location on a peninsula in the expansive Foss Reservoir. The campground is well maintained and offers concrete pads with partial hookups, shady trees, and many waterfront sites.

Bobcat Creek RV Park

2005 Northeast Highway 66, Sayre, OK 73662

bobcatcreekrvpark.com

580-210-9877

Price range: \$35–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, WiFi, pet areas

Sayre lies roughly halfway between Oklahoma City and Amarillo, Texas, on Route 66, and it proudly preserves many sites from the era. The Sayre Downtown Historic District is home to more than 30 brick-faced buildings, built between 1903 and 1952 along Route 66.

Just outside of town, off Route 66 and I-44, Bobcat Creek RV Park provides a great base for RVers to tour Sayre and the surrounding area. Campers appreciate the easy-access gravel sites, walking paths, friendly owners, and full hookups and amenities at an economical rate. Don't miss out on the home-cooked meals available for delivery right to your site.



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Texas

The Lone Star State has about 180 miles of old Route 66 road still remaining. It closely parallels Interstate 40, so it's easy to hop on and off stretches of the Mother Road. The billboards along I-40 may not tell you this, but we will: Some of the very best roadside attractions in the U.S. are right here in the panhandle of Texas.



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Featured campgrounds

Texas Route 66 RV Park

15580 I-40, Shamrock, TX 79079

texas66rvpark.com/66

806-256-5353

Price range: \$15–\$30

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, WiFi, playground, dog run

Shamrock is the first town in Texas along Route 66 heading west.

The town is a must-see for its many vintage gems, from filling stations to motels and diners. Its most famous landmark is the spectacular art deco Conoco Tower Station and U-Drop Inn Café. Now a museum and visitor center, the distinctive building is also recognizable as an inspiration for the animated movie *Cars*.

Less than 5 miles outside of town along the Mother Road, Texas Route 66 RV Park offers full hookups, easy-access sites, and well-maintained facilities. Campers love the reasonable rates, well-stocked store, friendly hosts, large dog run, and idyllic farmland surroundings.

Big Texan RV Ranch

1414 Sunrise Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104

bigtexan.com/big-texan-rv-ranch

806-373-4962

Price range: \$35–\$45

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, indoor pool, hot tub, playground, yard games, mini golf, clubhouse, dog parks

Big Texan RV Ranch lives up to its name. The RV park is sprawling and full of amenities. Guests can enjoy a free limo shuttle to the nearby Big Texan Steak Ranch and Brewery, with its famous 72-ounce steak dinner and outsize hospitality. While there may be some noise from nearby I-44, RVers appreciate the convenient location and well-run park.

Amarillo is the most significant town along Route 66 in Texas. If you have only one night, don't miss the downtown Historic District. The vintage buildings, service stations, and signs along this 13-block stretch transport visitors back in time to the heyday of Route 66.

Fort Amarillo RV Park

10101 West Amarillo Boulevard, Amarillo, TX 79124

fortrvparks.com

806-331-1700

Price range: \$40–\$45

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, WiFi, fishing pond, playground, indoor pool, basketball/tennis court, dog run

Located on the western edge of Amarillo, Fort Amarillo RV Park is a comfortable option for an overnight in the area, not far from the Route 66 attractions in town. Fort Amarillo is also just 2 miles away from the famous Cadillac Ranch public art installation, one of the most recognized and photographed tourist attractions along all of Route 66.

RVers love the convenient yet quiet location, clean facilities, and unique Old West atmosphere. Some visitors find the RV sites too close together, but appreciate the easy accessibility even for big rigs. With a scenic catch-and-release fishing pond, large dog park, indoor pool, and fun gift shop, Fort Amarillo provides a host of amenities at a great value.



Featured campgrounds

Oasis RV Resort

2715 Arnot Road, Amarillo, TX 79124

myrvoasis.com

806-356-8408

Price range: \$45–\$65

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, game room, pool, hot tub, playground, dog run

Not far from Fort Amarillo RV Park and Cadillac Ranch, Oasis RV Resort is a popular choice for an overnight or two in the area. The Route 66 Historic District is a must-see in Amarillo, and the town is also home to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum.

Oasis RV Resort guests love the easy access to I-40; the spacious, pull-through, concrete-pad sites with full hookups; and the well-maintained grounds and facilities. The park has close to 200 sites, but it can book up fast, especially on the weekends. Some campers have noticed noise from the freeway, but most don't find it to be a major issue.

Amarillo KOA Journey

1100 Folsom Road, Amarillo, TX 79108

koa.com/campgrounds/amarillo

806-335-1792

Price range: \$50–\$70

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, dump station, store, laundry, pool, playground, yard games, dog park

For a longer stay to tour the greater area around Amarillo, the KOA Journey provides a great base with family- and pet-friendly amenities. Although it is located near a small airport and train tracks, feedback on noise at the campground is mixed. Many guests consider it a peaceful location off the freeway. Campers appreciate the friendly staff, clean facilities, and well-stocked store.

In addition to the Route 66 attractions in Amarillo, there is history to explore in smaller towns to the east and west of the city. Palo Duro Canyon is a popular Texas state park nearby, with spectacular red-rock scenery that is well worth an extra day to visit.

Midpoint Campground

100 U.S. Route 66, Adrian, TX 79001

rvcampgroundinadriantx.com

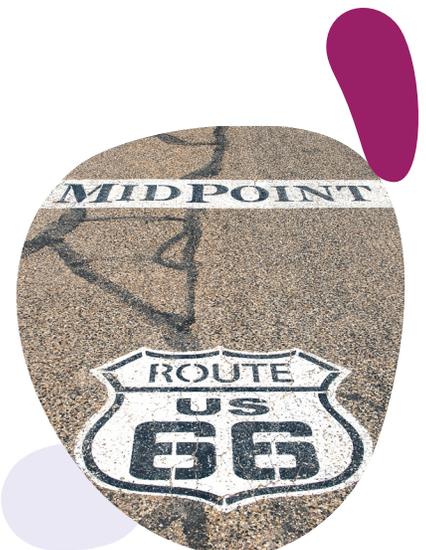
806-344-6535

Price range: \$25–\$30

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi

Adrian, Texas, has the distinction of being the exact midpoint on Route 66: 1,139 miles from both Chicago and Los Angeles. Midpoint Campground is within walking distance of the Midway Point marker and the Midpoint Cafe. This historic building and business was not only an inspiration for the animated movie *Cars*, but the character Flo was based on the cafe's now-retired owner.

In addition to tent camping, the Midpoint Campground offers 10 RV sites, all with full hookups and large enough to accommodate big rigs. Enjoy the authentic Route 66 ambience in this tiny town, and don't miss out on a meal at the Midpoint Cafe.



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New Mexico

New Mexico is known as the Land of Enchantment, and for good reason. There is certainly something enchanting about the Southwest. Maybe it's the combination of hot springs, forests, desert, and mountains, or the area's rich history and strong, visceral ties to the past. Towns such as Santa Fe and Taos are full of art galleries, boutiques, innovative architecture, museums, great restaurants, and more. There are some gorgeous side trips you can enjoy, including the High Road to Taos or a drive down the Turquoise Trail, a scenic byway that connects Santa Fe to Albuquerque. The trail commemorates the state's mining history as it passes through the stone- and ore-laden mountains and former boom towns.



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Featured campgrounds

Blaze-in-Saddle RV Park

2500 East Route 66 Boulevard, Tucumcari, NM 88401

blaze-in-saddle.com

575-815-4085

Price range: \$30–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, pet area

Tucumcari, known as the “Heart of the Mother Road,” is a must-see for Route 66 travelers. The town is home to dozens of iconic landmarks from the era, as well as kitschy attractions like the Mesalands Dinosaur Museum and Tee Pee Curios shop. The creators of the animated movie *Cars* were influenced by the town and its surroundings, including the distinctive Tucumcari Mountain.

Blaze-in-Saddle RV park provides a comfortable and convenient overnight spot just outside of town and right on Route 66. While the park is no-frills, campers enjoy the easy access to I-40, the well-maintained grounds and facilities, and the helpful staff.

Santa Rosa Campground & RV Park

2136 U.S. Route 66, Santa Rosa, NM 88435

santarosacampground.com

575-472-3126

Price range: \$30–\$40

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, WiFi, store, restaurant, pool, dog run

Heading west out of Santa Rosa, Route 66 travelers can choose between taking the 1937 alignment along I-40 toward Albuquerque, or detouring through Santa Fe to follow the original 1926 alignment. This can depend on time available and weather conditions through the higher altitudes around Santa Fe.

Either way, Santa Rosa Campground provides a convenient and comfortable base for an overnight before continuing west. RVers appreciate the full hookups and amenities for a reasonable rate. Santa Rosa has several vintage buildings and the Route 66 Auto Museum to visit. It’s also a unique oasis in the Southwest, with lakes, ponds, and streams fed by natural springs.

Santa Fe KOA Journey

934 Old Las Vegas Highway, Santa Fe, NM 87505

koa.com/campgrounds/santa-fe

505-466-1419

Price Range: \$45–\$75

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, dump station, store, laundry, WiFi, game room, playground, horseshoe pit, dog park

For travelers following the original Route 66 alignment, Santa Fe is a destination in its own right, with a unique mix of Native American, Mexican, and Spanish culture reflected in the city’s famous architecture and cuisine.

The Santa Fe KOA is located about 15 miles southeast of historic Santa Fe Plaza, along I-25 and Old Route 66. With kid-friendly amenities, the KOA is a great base for families to tour the area. The price range reflects peak pricing and different site types, including deluxe sites with a patio and a fire pit. A KOA membership discount makes this one of the best-value RV parks with full hookups and amenities in the area.



Featured campgrounds

Santa Fe Skies RV Park

14 Browncastle Ranch, Santa Fe, NM 87508

santafeskiesrvpark.com

505-473-5946

Price range: \$60–\$70

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, dump station, laundry, WiFi, walking trails

On the southwest edge of the city, Santa Fe Skies RV Park offers a peaceful, upscale atmosphere. RVers appreciate the beautiful landscaping and walking paths, outdoor sculptures, spotless facilities, and comfortable sites. The park's location provides panoramic views of the surrounding valley, with unforgettable sunrises and sunsets. Families are welcome, but note that there are no playgrounds or other kid-friendly amenities.

Santa Fe Skies is an easy drive into old Santa Fe to explore the city's historical and cultural landmarks, including the Route 66-era LaFonda on the Plaza Hotel. The Santa Fe Brewing Company Beer Hall nearby is a popular spot for locals and campers alike.

Coronado Campground

106 Monument, Bernalillo, NM 87004

townofbernalillo.org/departments/coronado_campground

505-980-8256

Price range: \$20–\$30

General amenities: Partial hookups, dump station, restrooms, playground, grill

Coronado Campground provides a comfortable, economic stay for RVers just 15 minutes outside of Albuquerque and under an hour's drive from Santa Fe. If you're driving the 1937 Route 66 alignment from Santa Rosa to Albuquerque, Coronado is a good base from which to tour Albuquerque and make an easy day trip to Santa Fe.

Run by the town of Bernalillo, Coronado Campground offers spacious sites with partial hookups, grills, and picnic tables under an adobe shelter. The highlight of the campground is its setting, next to the Rio Grande and boasting spectacular views of the Sandia Mountains. With restaurants and shops nearby, this is a hidden gem just outside Albuquerque.

Albuquerque KOA Journey

12400 Skyline Road Northeast, Albuquerque, NM 87123

koa.com/campgrounds/albuquerque

505-296-2729

Price range: \$50–\$90

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, store, WiFi, bike rentals, hot tub, mini golf, dog park

The Albuquerque KOA offers a central location with scenic surroundings, plus the expected amenities and hospitality of a KOA. The wide price range reflects a variety of site types and seasonal rates. Located just off I-40, this is a convenient spot for campers to visit nearby attractions, take advantage of big-city shopping, and still enjoy beautiful mountain views.

RVers appreciate the spacious sites; many are long enough to park without unhooking your tow vehicle. Albuquerque's historical sites and cultural attractions are within easy driving distance. The city is rich in Route 66 history, and many landmark buildings can be found in eastern Albuquerque close to the KOA.



Featured campgrounds

Route 66 RV Resort

14500 Central Avenue Southwest I-40, Albuquerque, NM 87121

rt66rvresort.com

505-352-8000

Price range: \$45–\$60

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, exercise room, pool, pickleball, horseshoe pit, volleyball, dog park, dog wash

Route 66 RV Resort provides a central base for visiting Albuquerque and Grants, and to explore the Route 66 and Native American history of surrounding small towns. Albuquerque Plaza is less than 30 minutes away, and Grants under an hour. Both cities can be reached by traveling straight along I-40 or on portions of Route 66.

RVers appreciate the easy highway access and spacious pull-through sites at the RV resort. Extensive amenities, well-maintained facilities, and friendly staff make it a comfortable stay for one or more nights. Guests also have access to amenities at the adjacent Route 66 Casino Hotel. Don't miss nearby Rio Puerco Bridge, a Route 66 national landmark.

Grants KOA Journey

26 Cibola Sands Loop, Grants, NM 87020

koa.com/campgrounds/grants

505-287-4376

Price range: \$40–\$60

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, snack bar, WiFi, playground, dog park, walking trail

Grants is a small city rich in Route 66 history, with several landmark motels and attractions. It's also a gateway to Native American history and culture and unique landscapes, including Zuni Pueblo, Acoma Sky City, El Malpais National Monument, and El Morro National Monument.

Grants KOA Journey provides a comfortable stay with full hookups and amenities while you tour the area. The KOA is surrounded by open land, making for a peaceful location still just minutes from downtown Grants and I-40. RVers appreciate the natural setting, extensive walking paths, and friendly staff. The campground even offers home-cooked dinners delivered to your RV.

USA RV Park

2925 West Historic Highway 66, Gallup, NM 87301

usarvpark.com

505-863-5021

Price range: \$30–\$40

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, WiFi, pool, playground, putting green, entertainment room, business center, dog walk

Situated amid spectacular red rock surroundings, Gallup is a unique destination for outdoor recreation, Native American arts and culture, and Route 66 history. Landmark attractions include El Rancho Hotel, where stars of Hollywood's golden age stayed while filming Westerns. Over a thousand Native American artisans from several area tribes create and sell unique works at shops and galleries in town.

USA RV Park has a convenient location on Route 66 just outside of downtown. Some guests have found the sites tight and the traffic noise disruptive. Others recommend it as the best option in the area, with clean, well-maintained facilities, family-friendly amenities, and full hookups at a good value.



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Arizona

You'll know you're crossing into Arizona from the east when you spot the large, bright white Teepee Trading Post advertising "jewelry, pottery, kachinas, and southwest souvenirs." The teepee-shaped souvenir shop is set against a striking backdrop of dramatic red rock cliffs and it's a great place to pull over, grab a drink, use the restroom, and load up on souvenirs. With the exception of the Navajo Nation, most of Arizona does not observe Daylight Saving Time so be sure to confirm the time as you cross the border from New Mexico or California.



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Featured campgrounds

OK RV Park & Red Rock MPH

1576 Roadrunner Road, Holbrook, AZ 86025

okrvpark.com

928-524-3226

Price range: \$30–\$45

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, clubhouse, WiFi

For an easy overnight in Holbrook, OK RV Park offers full hookups and basic amenities at an economical rate. RVers appreciate the convenient location off I-40, in walking distance to shops and restaurants, yet without traffic noise. There is little coverage from wind or sun, but sites are big rig friendly, facilities well maintained, and the staff helpful. There are even pieces of petrified wood on the grounds.

Downtown Holbrook is just a couple miles away, with an abundance of classic Route 66 attractions, including the Wigwam Motel and Rainbow Rock Shop. Petrified National Forest and the Route 66 landmark Little Lithodendron Wash Bridge are less than a 30-minute drive away.

Meteor Crater RV Park

140 Meteor Crater Road, Winslow, AZ 86047

meteorcrater.com/attraction/rv-park

928-289-4002

Price range: \$45–\$55

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, store, WiFi, playground, dog run

Famously mentioned in the Eagles song “Take It Easy,” Winslow, Arizona, is home to Standin’ on the Corner Park. This irresistible photo op, along with renewed interest from the animated movie *Cars*, have revitalized Winslow as a must-stop along Route 66. The town is rich in landmark Mother Road architecture, including the restored La Posada Hotel.

Twenty miles outside of town along Route 66, the Meteor Crater RV Park provides a comfortable stay in beautiful setting. Located just a few miles from Meteor Crater Natural Landmark, this family and pet-friendly park is a great option for visiting this astronomical wonder after exploring Winslow.

Flagstaff KOA

5803 North US-89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004

koa.com/campgrounds/flagstaff

928-526-9926

Price range: \$45–\$90

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, store, WiFi, playground, jumping pillow, cafe, bike rentals, dog park, hiking trails

Flagstaff is not only a destination along Route 66, it’s a vibrant small city surrounded by the great outdoors of Northern Arizona: forests, mountains, volcanic cones, prehistoric cliff dwellings, and more. Flagstaff’s Historic Downtown and Railroad District is home to iconic buildings from the late 19th century to the Route 66 era.

With full hookups, laundry, a grocery store, and fun facilities for the kids, the Flagstaff KOA is a comfortable base for touring the area. Pet owners enjoy the dog run and direct access to hiking trails in the adjacent forest. Some RVers have expressed concern about narrow roads and tight, unlevel spots among the trees. Many campers appreciate the natural setting, and big rig friendly sites have been added recently.



Featured campgrounds

Grand Canyon Railway RV Park

601 West Franklin Avenue, Williams, AZ 86046

thetrain.com/lodging/rv-park-location

800-843-8724

Price range: \$45–\$75

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, WiFi, basketball, volleyball, horseshoe pit, walking trail

The small town of Williams has made the most of its Route 66 history and its gateway access to the Grand Canyon. Visitors delight in experiencing the best-preserved Main Street along Route 66, with landmark buildings, iconic neon signs, and a lively shopping and dining scene.

Grand Canyon Railway RV Park has an ideal location to walk to Main Street and have direct access to the historic Grand Canyon Railway train station and hotel. In addition to convenience, RVers appreciate the clean grounds and access to amenities at the hotel. If you're planning on taking the Grand Canyon Railway, look into package rates for train tickets with an RV park stay.

Railside RV Ranch

877 East Rodeo Road, Williams, AZ 86046

railsiderv.com

928-635-4077

Price range: \$50–\$55

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, WiFi, game room, fitness center, sauna, playground, basketball court, horseshoes, mini golf, dog park, dog wash station, communal fire pits

Located a short drive from Main Street, Railside RV Ranch provides a comfortable stay in a natural setting. Campers appreciate the level pull-through sites, well-maintained facilities, family- and pet-friendly amenities, and expansive views. The park is adjacent to the Grand Canyon Railway tracks, but as the train doesn't run at night, noise is not an issue.

The friendly RV park staff can help advise on how to make the most of your time in the area, including different options offered by the Grand Canyon Railway. Whether you're staying one night or a few, Railside RV Ranch is a great base to experience Williams' Route 66 history and the surrounding area.

Williams / Exit 167 / Circle Pines KOA Holiday

1000 Circle Pines Road, Williams, AZ 86046

koa.com/campgrounds/williams

928-635-2626

Price range: \$40–\$80

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, store, snack bar, WiFi, indoor pool, hot tub, playground, jumping pillow, bike rentals, mini golf, dog park

Only 5 miles from historic downtown Williams, the Circle Pines KOA is packed with kid-friendly amenities for a great family stay in the area. In addition to the Route 66 sites in Williams and day-trip options to the Grand Canyon, nearby attractions include Bearizona Wildlife Park, Grand Canyon Deer Farm, Grand Canyon Go-Karts, and access to hiking on the Great Western Trail.

Campers appreciate the natural setting and spacious sites at the KOA, the indoor pool, and family activities, from a jumping pillow to bike rentals and movie nights. Note that some guests have expressed concern about noise from nearby train tracks and the highway.



Featured campgrounds

Route 66 General Store

22940 West Historic Route 66, Seligman, AZ 86337
route66seligmanarizona.com/attractions
928-422-3549

Price range: \$25–\$35

General amenities: Partial and full hookups, WiFi

Seligman is known as “The Birthplace of Historic Route 66” for its role in rescuing the Mother Road from oblivion. The small town embraces its history and the kitsch of Route 66 through preserved architecture; vintage signs, cars, and motels; and one-of-a-kind shops like the Route 66 General Store.

For an easy overnight stay in the heart of town, the General Store offers RV sites with full hookups. RVers appreciate the clean and simple setup with a convenient location off I-40 and within walking distance of attractions in town. An overnight in Seligman allows you to take your time driving the unforgettable 90-mile stretch of Historic Route 66 through Peach Springs to Kingman.

Blake Ranch RV Park & Horse Motel

9315 East Blake Ranch Road, Kingman, AZ 86401
blakeranchrv.com
928-757-3336

Price range: \$45–\$50

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, game room, dog run

After taking the scenic route along Historic Route 66 from Seligman, a stop in Kingman gives RVers the opportunity to enjoy “The Heart of Historic Route 66,” and a day trip to another famous Mother Road town, Oatman. The road to Oatman starts out flat, but a stretch of narrow switchbacks and the tight quarters of the popular old town itself make it challenging for RVs.

Blake Ranch RV Park provides a comfortable and convenient base for touring the area. Kingman is home to Arizona’s Route 66 Museum and many classic buildings, while Oatman is known for its Wild West atmosphere. Campers at Blake Ranch appreciate the well-maintained facilities, large sites, and easy access off Route 66 and I-40.



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California

The California section of Route 66 will give you a proper taste of the Golden State's diverse scenery, from tiny desert ghost towns to the urban sprawl of Los Angeles. This stretch is also packed with iconic roadside attractions. Take your time and meander through the glass forest at Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch or get your photo taken next to the freshly restored neon sign at Roy's Motel and Cafe. Before you know it, you'll be finishing this epic journey at the end of the Santa Monica pier, where the West Coast meets the Pacific Ocean.



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Featured campgrounds

Pirate Cove Resort

100 Park Moabi Road, Needles, CA 92363

piratecoveresort.com

760-326-9000

Price range: \$50–\$75

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, store, restaurant, water access, water park, water rentals, ATV trails

If you're looking to splurge after crossing into the last state headed west on Route 66, consider booking a couple nights at Pirate Cove Resort. This pirate/tropical island themed resort, located on the Colorado River, is full of fun amenities for adults and kids alike. With a restaurant, bar, fully stocked store, water park, boat and ATV rentals, and swimming beaches, you never have to leave the resort.

RVers find the peninsula campsites worth the extra cost for their riverfront location and additional privacy compared to the RV sites near the main entrance. The resort is a popular destination for day trippers and can get busy in the summer.

Needles KOA Journey

5400 National Old Trails Road Highway, Needles, CA 92363

koa.com/campgrounds/needles

760-326-4207

Price range: \$30–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, clubhouse, WiFi, pool, dog park

The Needles KOA Journey provides an economical stay with full hookups, amenities, and easy access to I-40. It's a good base for a day trip to visit Oatman and Kingman along Historic Route 66 in Arizona. Campers appreciate the well-maintained pool, laundry, dog park, and store. Note that the campground is in an open desert setting without shade or wind cover.

As the first westbound town in California along Route 66, Needles has many vintage buildings from the era. It also plays a memorable role in John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* as the town where the Joad family rests before their painstaking journey across the Mojave Desert.

Newberry Mountain RV Park

47800 National Trails Highway, Newberry Springs, CA 92365

newberryrvpark.com

760-257-0066

Price range: \$35–\$40

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, pool, fishing pond, barbecue area

For a taste of the original Route 66 experience, follow the National Old Trails Highway out of Needles as it meanders north and south before turning west, through the desolate Mojave Desert. Passing through isolated towns like Fenner, Amboy, Baghdad, and Siberia, drivers will find few facilities but many treasures from the Route 66 era.

Newberry Mountain RV Park offers a welcome overnight spot along the way, before reaching the commercial and transportation hub of Barstow. This small, family-run park is an oasis in the desert on Old Route 66. RVers enjoy the fishing pond, pool, full hookups, spacious sites, and friendly hosts.



Featured campgrounds

Fairplex RV Park (formerly Fairplex KOA)

2200 North White Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

fairplexrvpark.com

909-593-8915

Price range: \$50–\$75

General amenities: Full hookups, dump station, restrooms, laundry, pool, hot tub, dog run

The Fairplex RV Park in Pomona provides a convenient overnight spot with easy access to I-10 east of Los Angeles. RVers find that the sites are tightly spaced, but appreciate the shady grounds, pool, and dog run, among other amenities in the urban setting.

The Fairplex is a good base for touring Route 66 sites in the surrounding towns, including Pomona and Pasadena. If you have a tow car, leave the RV behind and travel back along Old Route 66 east to San Bernardino, home to many classic Mother Road landmarks including the Wigwam Motel and the first McDonald's (now a museum).

Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort & Campground (formerly East Shore RV Park)

1440 Camper View Road, San Dimas, CA 91773

bonellibluffsrv.com

909-599-8355

Price range: \$60–\$80

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry, store, WiFi, pool, fishing, horseshoe pit, basketball

Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort provides a comfortable base in a natural setting east of Los Angeles. The Santa Monica Pier, western terminus of Route 66, is less than 50 miles away. Of course, this being LA, travel times vary greatly depending on traffic. The resort is closer to attractions like Hollywood, Universal Studios, and Pasadena with its Route 66 history, charming downtown, and cultural sites.

Considering its central urban location, Bonelli Bluffs is in a surprisingly bucolic setting, overlooking Puddingstone Lake and surrounded by a large park. RVers appreciate the full hookups, amenities, and grassy sites. The park and campground are popular with locals and can be busy on weekends.



Featured campgrounds

Dockweiler RV Park

12001 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, CA 90293
beaches.lacounty.gov/dockweiler-rv-park
800-950-7275

Price range: \$65–\$85

General amenities: Full hookups, restrooms, laundry

Dockweiler RV Park has an unparalleled setting directly on the beach, just a few miles south of Santa Monica Pier, making it the closest option for RVers to the terminus of Route 66. This county park is quick to fill up, and reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.

The grounds are essentially a parking lot with hookups. Beachfront sites are more popular (and expensive), but other sites are just steps from the sand. Note that LAX airport is close by and airplane noise may be disruptive. RVers can experience LA like a local and tour the nearby beach towns on the scenic public bike path. Don't miss a photo op at the "End of the Trail" Route 66 sign at Santa Monica Pier.



Leo Carrillo State Park Campground

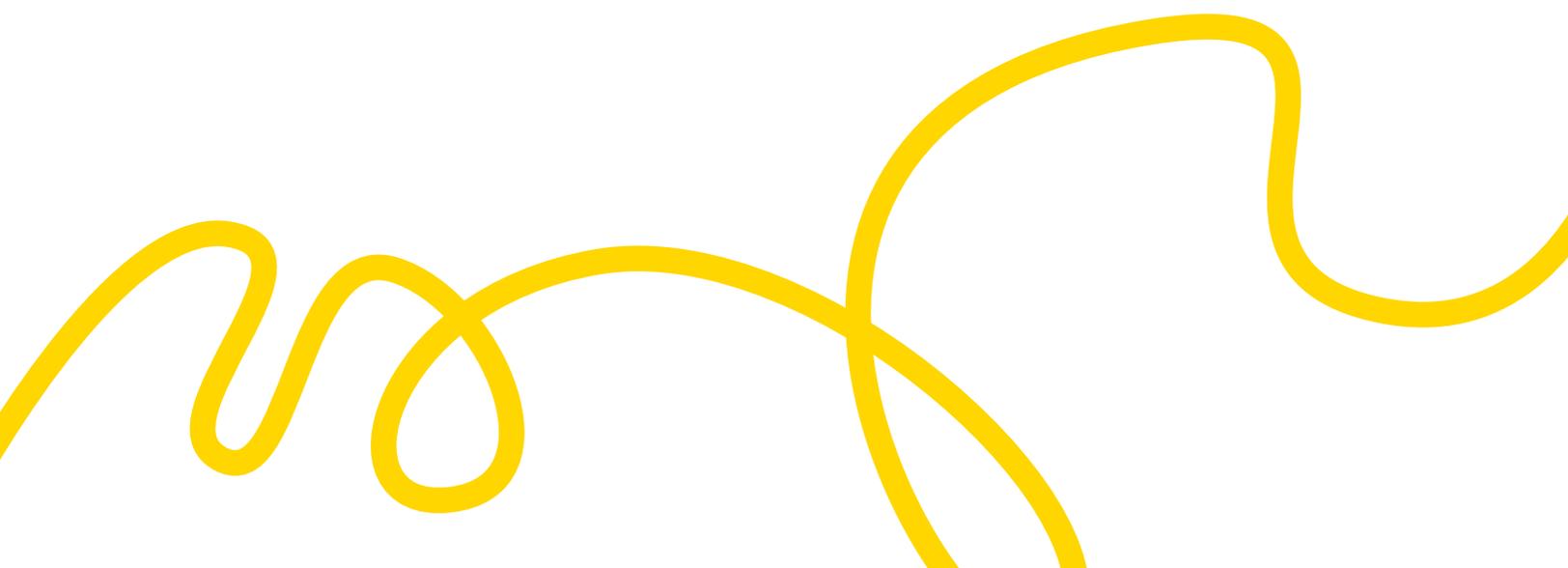
35000 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265
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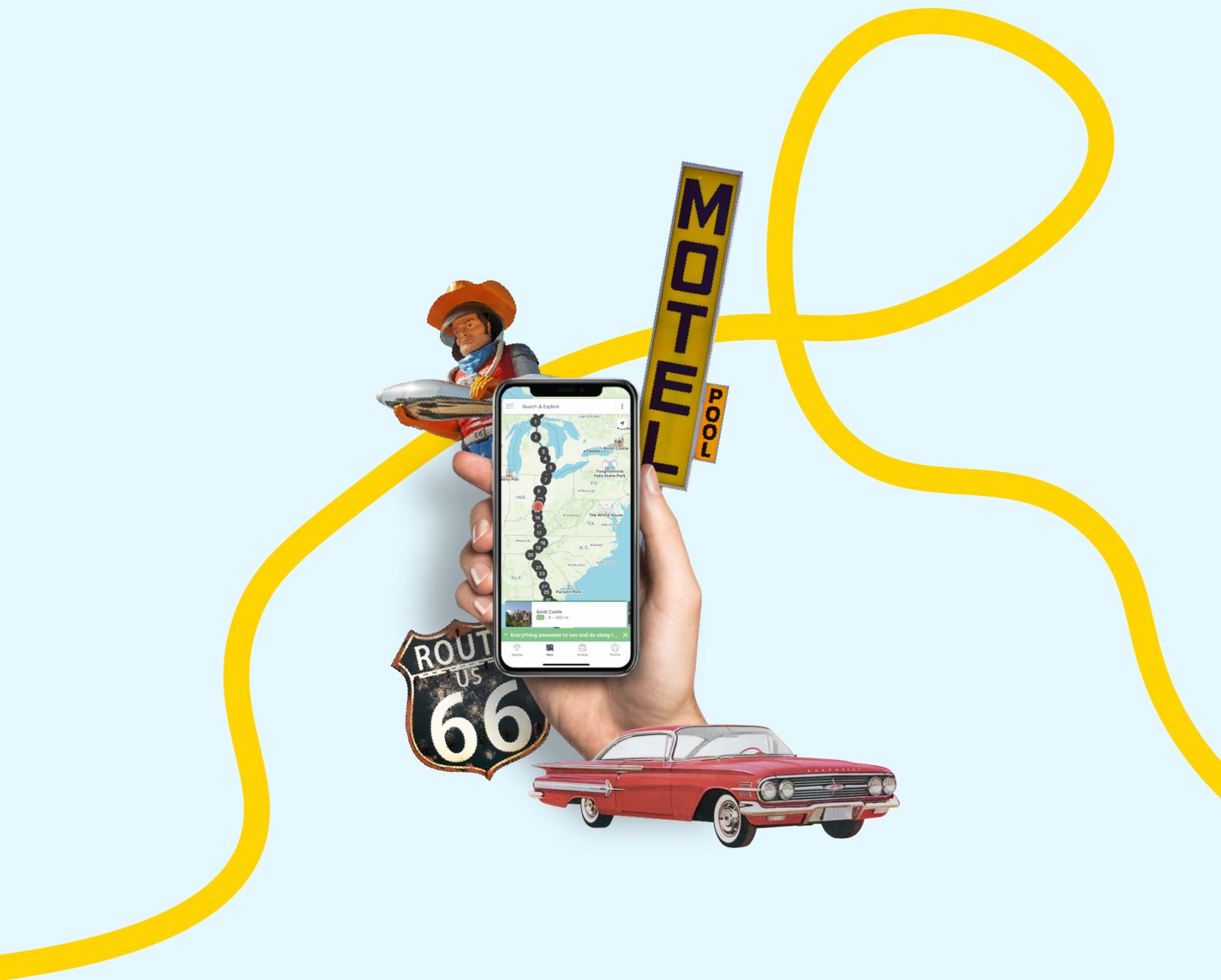
Price range: \$45–\$60

General amenities: Partial hookups, dump station, restrooms, store

Another beach camping option can be found just under 30 miles north of Santa Monica Pier. Leo Carrillo State Beach is known for its dramatic bluffs, surfing spots, caves, and tide pools. The state park's Canyon Campground is located on the opposite side of Pacific Coast Highway, a short walk via underpass to the beach.

The shady campground offers tent and RV sites, but only for rigs up to 30 feet long. Some sites have electric hookups, otherwise it's dry camping. Leo Carrillo is popular with locals and busy on weekends, so reservations should be made in advance. If you have a smaller RV, Leo Carrillo provides an idyllic Malibu experience not far from the western terminus of Route 66.





Roadtrippers

Roadtrippers.com



 **TOGO RV**

TogoRV.com

