

Chapter 1:

Which Blackstone Should I Get for Camping?



There are several reasons why Blackstone griddles have become popular among RV owners over the past 10 years.

1. They're easy and fun to use.
2. You can cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner on them.
3. They come in a variety of models and sizes.

When you fire up a Blackstone at the campground, you immediately feel like a cook at the world's greatest outdoor diner, or a chef at a movable feast.

The sounds and smells of cooking bacon, searing steaks, or whipping up a delicious stir fry can be intoxicating. Everyone knows that food tastes better when it's cooked outside, especially those who are lucky enough to get an invite to your campsite at meal time.

As RV owners, we know the value of packing multi-purpose gear. Space is limited in an RV, even if you're traveling in a 35-foot fifth wheel. Camping with a Blackstone is sensible because you can use it to cook breakfast, lunch, and dinner. And you can leave your smoker, grill, and cast iron at home.

Blackstone also dominates the griddle landscape because it offers portable camping griddles in a variety of shapes and sizes. Campers can choose a Blackstone griddle that fits their family's size and their RV's storage space. A one-size-fits-all approach rarely works for RV owners. Thankfully, purchasing a Blackstone can be a personalized experience if you know what's available.

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With this information in hand, you can find the perfect Blackstone for your next great camping adventure.



17-inch Tabletop Griddle (without hood):

This model is good for those with small RVs and limited storage space, and it comes highly recommended for solo travelers and couples.

Pros: This is the smallest and least expensive Blackstone. It's also easy to stack and store.

Cons: This model only has one burner, so dual-zone cooking isn't an option. There's no hood for basting and melting cheese, but you can purchase a small basting dome separately (see Chapter 2).



17-inch Tabletop Griddle (with hood):

This model is good for those with small RVs and limited storage space—but it's not as easy to stack and store as the model without a hood. We recommend this one for couples and solo travelers.

Pros: This model is still relatively compact and it comes with a hood that's useful for basting and protecting the griddle top from the elements.

Cons: The 17-inch model with a hood is more expensive than the model without a hood. It's also harder to find, and one burner means no dual-zone cooking.

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Adventure Ready 17-inch Tabletop Griddle with Range Top:

This is a much larger and heavier unit—but it's still good for solo travelers and couples. You'll need more storage space in your RV or truck to haul this one to camp.

Pros: Having a Blackstone with a side burner means you can get rid of your camp stove. This unit opens up more options for cooking different types of food. You can boil sauerkraut for hot dogs or heat up soup on a chilly night. The hood on the griddle is also great for basting and melting cheese.

Cons: This model is bigger and more expensive. It's also more cumbersome to lift and move. If you love your two-burner camp stove, then you may want to skip this model. Blackstone doesn't make a cover for this particular model—and finding an off-brand model may be difficult.



22-inch Tabletop Griddle (without hood):

This model is highly recommended for those cooking for three or more people, and for those who have ample storage space in their vehicle.

Pros: This reasonably priced model has two burners for dual zone cooking. It also has lots of cooking space for families and is easy to stack, store, and carry.

Cons: This model doesn't come with a hood for basting or melting cheese—but you can easily add a basting dome to your camping kit.



22-inch Tabletop Griddle (with hood):

We recommend this model for those cooking for three or more people, and for those with ample storage space in their RVs or tow vehicles.

Pros: This model has lots of cooking room, a hood for basting and protection, and two burners for dual zone cooking.

Cons: The 22-inch model with a hood is much larger than the model without a hood and it's more cumbersome to carry and store.

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22-inch On The Go Griddle with Side Burner:

This significantly larger model is a good fit for those cooking for three or more people, and for those that have ample storage room in their RVs or tow vehicles.

Pros: All of Blackstone's 22-inch models offer plenty of cooking space. This one also has a hood for basting and protection. Because this unit has a side burner, you can leave your two-burner camp stove at home.

Cons: This unit is big and heavy, and it might be best for someone with a fifth wheel or Class A with sufficient storage. This model is also harder to find and it's significantly more expensive than the other 22-inch models.



28-inch Griddle (without hood):

This isn't a tabletop griddle, but it's still recommended for camping because it comes with foldable legs. We love this model for larger families or for those who love to cook for friends. The 28-inch without a hood is also a great choice for seasonal campers with permanent sites because it doesn't need to be folded up and transported after every weekend of use.

Pros: This model has a huge amount of cooking space, and it can truly feed the hungriest army. We also find that it's reasonably priced.

Cons: The 28-inch model without a hood must be folded up for storage after each camping trip and it's not super compact. It also doesn't come with a cover or hood for protection. So you'll need a basting cover to melt cheese or steam vegetables, and purchasing a hard cover for extra protection isn't cheap.

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