



Trailer Life is America's oldest and most popular magazine for recreational vehicle (RV) enthusiasts. Since 1941, the magazine has supplied readers with information to enhance their enjoyment of the RV lifestyle. Now available in print and digital editions, *Trailer Life* is published monthly and is supplemented with the annual *Guide to Towing*. The brand also includes the *Trailer Life* website, www.trailerlife.com, and the *Trailer Life* YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/trailerlifediytv.

Ranging from weekend campers to full-time RVers, *Trailer Life* readers share a love of RV travel. They are owners or prospective owners of all types of RVs, from towable travel trailers and fifth-wheels to toy haulers and folding trailers, and, to a lesser extent, truck campers, motorhomes and camping vans. Their interests extend from RVs and tow vehicles to RV gear, upgrades, maintenance and do-it-yourself projects, as well as travel destinations, campgrounds, outdoor recreation and other leisure-time activities.

Much of the magazine's and website's content covers the technical aspects of RVing, including RV and tow-vehicle tests, equipment evalua-

tions, maintenance advice, how-to tips and product guides. Other articles cover RV travel and lifestyle, primarily focusing on destinations, road trips and activities.

Trailer Life's editors welcome queries from freelance writers that are directed to our specialized audience. Freelance articles must be accurate and well written, and may include technical, how-to, travel and lifestyle features (generally around 2,000 words), Hands On product installations (500 to 600 words), 10-Minute Tech tips (50 to 150 words), and Around the Bend destinations, events and news items (100 to 300 words). To gain a better understanding of the material we publish, freelance writers should familiarize themselves with recent issues and review the website.

We do not purchase simultaneous submissions or articles that have appeared elsewhere, including online content. We do not accept responsibility for unsolicited material. Only writers who have received an assignment and obtained explicit permission from the editorial staff may contact a manufacturer or business purporting to be a representative of *Trailer Life*.

Travel

Trailer Life publishes first-person travel features. Destinations and attractions must be accessible by RV and are generally located in North America, although occasional articles focus on overseas travel in rental RVs. Travel manuscripts should be accompanied by a map showing the route, a list of nearby RV parks and campgrounds, and a selection of high-resolution images (see Photo Requirements), including shots of scenery, people, activities, and RVs (travel trailers, fifth-wheels and truck campers) in campgrounds and scenic settings.

Activities

From sports and outdoor recreation to hobbies and group gatherings, *Trailer Life* readers pursue a variety of activities on their RV travels. The editors consider freelance queries on any activity that can be enjoyed by RVers. Photos of people participating in the activity are required (see Photo Requirements). When possible, activities should be photographed inside an RV or with an RV in the background.

Technical

Vehicle tests are often staff-written or assigned to contributing editors, although some are provided by experienced freelancers. The editors welcome additional technical articles on subjects related to RVs, from solar systems to tire-pressure monitors for trailers and tow vehicles. Technical articles must be clearly written, comprehensive and accompanied by photography, including step-by-step photos for product installations.

Do-It-Yourself

Many readers are interested in learning how to maintain and enhance their RV themselves. Typical do-it-yourself articles cover installing aftermarket upgrades, and some involve major RV modifications. Ample photography with photo captions must accompany the manuscript to show readers how to accomplish the project.

Products

Consumer guides range from roundups of new RVs to truck-bed covers, trailer hitches and auxiliary fuel tanks. Freelance writers should contact the manufacturers directly for up-to-date product information, pricing and photos rather than relying on information posted on the companies' websites.

Personality

Features about RVers may focus on people with unusual hobbies or unique towable RVs, individuals who use their RVs in unusual ways, and celebrities or other notable people who are RVers. Submissions should include photos of the individual with their RV.

Photo Requirements

Quality and suitability of photos often determine assignments and acceptance or rejection of manuscripts. Please submit full-size high-resolution JPEGs or raw images. Images provided by someone other than the author should be identified for photo credit. All images should be submitted with descriptive captions. Step-by-step photos for how-to articles should be numbered to correspond to numbered captions. Potential cover

photos with identifiable people must be accompanied by signed model release forms.

Queries and Submissions

Emailed queries and submissions are preferred and may be sent to info@trailerlife.com. Mailed queries are accepted at *Trailer Life*, 2750 Park View Court, Suite 240, Oxnard, California 93036. Telephone queries are not accepted. Responses to queries may take up to eight weeks.

Assigned manuscripts and photos may be submitted via an online file-sharing service, FTP site, email or other electronic means; mailed submissions are not accepted. Microsoft Word documents and rich text files are preferred for article submissions. JPEG and raw files are preferred for photos.

We reserve the right to edit all manuscripts for style or length but will discuss major changes or revisions with the author whenever possible. For assigned articles, if major changes are requested and the revised manuscript is still unacceptable, we will pay a kill fee of one-third the agreed-upon rate.

Payment is made upon acceptance of a complete editorial package, which includes the final manuscript and requested photos and captions.

Payment

Typical rates for a manuscript and photos range as follows:

Technical	\$400-\$800
Travel.....	\$400-\$700
Product Roundups	\$400-\$800
Do-It-Yourself.....	\$200-\$700
Around the Bend	\$75-\$150