

9 Jobs You Can Do to Finance Your Life on the Road

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Introduction

Hello and thanks for signing up for RV Living Now. If you are reading this it's because you've started researching all the ways you can start living on the road and traveling before you retire. Or maybe you are getting ready to retire and hit the road soon and want to supplement your retirement with odd jobs on the road.

Either way, you're in the right place. We'll show you how you can finance your road living with some simple jobs to help along the way.

I'm Christina Harris and a few years ago, we were in your shoes, researching all the ways to buy a RV and start living a different lifestyle. We did the typical stuff first, bought a house, settled into career positions, moved a couple of times and bought and sold two more houses. During those years, I felt like I was doing everything people say you're supposed to do to be a happy adult.

But I looked around; wondering if this was all there was to life. Working 50-60 hour weeks just to keep up with bills and spending weekends keeping up with the house didn't seem to be the same American Dream everyone kept talking about.

Back to 2011, examining our options for going fulltime, we started researching the different types of RVs. After being serial homeowners, we wondered if living in one spot was really the end all be all. At the same time my company was in the middle of a merger and my department—IT Department was being eliminated.

At first, it was disheartening to know the goals we'd worked towards for years left us feeling miserable. Once we made the decision to live differently—fulltime in a RV, we had a project to work towards and started researching ways to make it happen. All of a sudden, life became exciting again.

And we aren't alone. There is a growing trend of people living full time in a RV and traveling the United States and abroad. And this trend is being fueled by people who haven't retired. If you are researching how to fund your new way of living keep reading.

While researching how to fund your lifestyle, you first want to be realistic with how much money you really need to live. After we got rid of everything and started traveling, we realized we live on the same amount of money that it used to cost us just for our mortgage.

Here are 9 jobs to make money while RVing full time.

Job 1 Mobile Professional

Some jobs really lend themselves to being great mobile professions: nurses, doctors, hair stylists, dog groomers, RV maintenance, etc. The RV community still needs certain services so if you can offer them up while at an RV park or in a community, this can definitely help you earn a living. Many of these jobs require current experience and/or certifications.

Nursing

RV Maintenance

Job 2 Selling at Craft Fairs.

Do you make things and want to sell them wherever you go? Selling at craft fairs is great way to do what you love and get paid for it.

Indiemade details how to get started <http://www.indiemade.com/resource/your-first-craft-show-selling-craft-shows-made-easy>. You can also setup an online store to sell such as Etsy.

We sold cutting boards at a few craft fairs and even had an Etsy site while Jena was still making cutting boards. We stopped because she couldn't bring the equipment on the road. At least not yet. She might get back into it.

Job 3 Workampers

Workamping is the most physical aspect of making money while being a fulltime RV'er. It also covers several different kinds of work. Mostly it's RV Parks looking for couples to work the campgrounds. Usually one works in the office and the other helps out in the campground. It involves cleaning bathrooms, campsite firepits and other areas of the campground. Many people enjoy the physical labor and meeting new people. <http://www.workamper.com/>

Job 4 Gate Guarding

This is mostly in Texas and you cover a gate for employees, visitor, and trucks for an oilfield and provide security for these gates. You have to check everyone in that comes through the gate. If you are lucky, your gate isn't very busy and you have time to catch up on reading or blogging. This is a couple job and as a couple, you make \$125/day or \$4,000/32 days. <http://ourrvadventures.wordpress.com/gate-guard-info/>

<http://workinrvers.blogspot.com/2012/02/99-days-of-gate-guarding.html>

Job 5 Gas Line Survey

Found in various parts of the US, you typically drive to the line and walk portions of the pipe to inspect it and make sure there are no leaks or issues with the pipes. They require you to have your own vehicle and you get reimbursed for using it. There is a long thread in one of the RV forums that goes back to 2006 on the job, the hiring process, and what to expect.

<http://www.rvnetwork.com/index.php?showtopic=63222>

Job 6 Sugar Beet Harvest

Sugar beet harvest is in Montana, Minnesota, and North Dakota. It's a race to get all the beets harvested and they claim you can earn as much as \$2,000 in two weeks per person. There is an online application process and if you are selected, you need to be at your designated area by the last week in September.

<http://www.sugarbeetharvest.com/>

Job 7 Fish Cannery

Talk about some hard work, but some great pay at the end of your season. This job is in Alaska and several people who've done it say they can walk away from the summer with \$7,000-10,000. http://www.reddit.com/r/alaska/comments/17tspi/summer_jobs_in_cannery/

It's not for the faint of heart. The increase in money comes from sheer hours you put in. Since you are racing against the clock to process the fish before they spoil, you can put in as many hours as you can handle.

The work environment is smelly, long hours of standing, but once you hit over 8 hours a day or 40 hours a week, you start making time and a half. During this time you aren't doing much else either.

If visiting Alaska is high on your list, this might be a great way to fund your trip.

Job 8 Amazon CamperForce

As a CamperForce, you pick and ship all the items that are purchased on Amazon during winter for holiday shopping. You earn \$10-11.50/hr depending on location and you can work from Nevada, Kentucky, or Kansas. The season starts mid-October. Be prepared to work as it's very physical and many RV bloggers who have worked it say it's the most physical work they have ever done.

You start working 40 hours/week and when things really pick up, you go to mandatory 50+ hours/week. You do get overtime pay and a \$1/hr bonus at the end if you stay the whole time. The season ends on December 23rd for everyone so you have time to get to your family for Christmas

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/campers-help-amazon-keep-holiday-rush>.

Job 9 Selling Christmas Trees

Many tree farms look for people with a RV who can stay onsite with the tree lots and sell from mid-November through December. They prefer a couple to handle the customers and move the trees around. It's typically 7 days a week for the holiday season. The pay is usually a base amount with commissions, depending on the company. Some bloggers have shared that they know people who make over \$3,000 during this time frame.

Your best bet is to search for a Christmas tree farm and call to see if they have any openings. Some farms like Holiday Hills in San Antonio have their application online <http://holidayhillschristmastrees.com/applications/>

Conclusion

The main goal of this guide is to help you find ways to make money while living differently. I hope it helps you to start planning for your RV Living Now.

I'd love to hear about your adventures when you get started. Drop me a line and let me know how it's going at:

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