# RVers

# Easy Business Ideas



# Job opportunities



Being on the road opens doors

to interesting job opportunities

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Hi everyone ~ I have been researching the topic of "working on the road" for many years. It's almost a passion to me and I know it's very important to many RVers who need to create an income allowing them to travel full-time in their RVs. It's a dream for many of us.



Much of the information in this report has been gathered and shared on my blog RoamingRV <a href="http://roamingrv.com">http://roamingrv.com</a> but in this report I was able to expand the content with more details. I have been asked many times for

help with ideas for obtaining jobs on the road, which is really why this report was

created.

By the end of this Report you should have many ideas / information on how to "work on the road".

- 1. Knowing the importance of determining your skills and experience
- 2. The job search / applying / follow-up
- 3. Campground / RV Industry related jobs.
- 4. Make your current job mobile
- 5. Converting regular jobs into mobile opportunities
- 6. Seasonal Positions / Tourism Jobs
- 7. Self-employment
- 8. Make money online either by sales or provide a service
- 9. Internet Marketing / Affiliate Marketing
- 10. Volunteering

## **Working on the Road**

Full-time RVers quite often supplement their income by 'working on the road' and the hundreds of ways of earning an income are as varied as the RVers themselves.

Don't make the mistake of thinking the only type of work available for RVers are campground jobs. That's definitely not true. Although a good number of workampers do work in private and public campgrounds, resorts, fishing lodges and marinas, there's an unlimited list of potential work that may also be available in other sectors of the workforce. Another option is self-employment – both offline as well as online.

#### Finding employment

First, let's discuss and review employment opportunities that RVers may have. At times the thought of looking for work while travelling can be daunting but by creating a strategy to assist with the job search the chance of success will be increased.

The first thing you should look at is what your skills are and how you can adapt them to other types of employment. It may take a little imagination but it can be done.

Is there anything you have always wanted to try but couldn't before because of time restraints or other reasons? Think outside of the box. I have thought even of working as a dishwasher temporarily to make enough money to keep traveling. Do you golf? Maybe there can be a position for you at a small golf course. Put your thinking cap on and as I said before use your imagination.

#### **Determine your skills**

Make a list of your skills and work experience relating to possible jobs that may interest you. What are your hobbies and interests? Think of what a potential employer may be looking for and compare your knowledge and skills. Why not take this opportunity and try something completely different than what you have done in the past? What hobbies or interests can you apply to creating self-employed income or to find work in a totally different industry?

#### **Resumes**

Create your resume around the skills you have determined are your strengths and the type of work you are interested in. There's no need to go beyond the past 10 Copyright 2014 Roaming RV. All rights reserved.

years describing your work history except if something you did in the past is relevant, then by all means include it possibly in the cover letter.

Having references is important, either previous employers or co-workers and make sure you check with them first and they are aware that they may be called upon to say how wonderful you are.

Resume samples can be found in resume books in the library or online. My suggestion is to keep it simple and no more than two pages. A simple cover letter telling the potential employer who you are, what you are applying for and why they should hire you is a good idea.

A picture attached with your RV is also welcomed if it is applicable. Many campground owners appreciate seeing a picture of you and your RV to get a feel for whom they may be hiring. Include your dog if you have one so there aren't any surprises to either of you.

The need for the picture is probably only applicable if you are applying for campground related positions and not necessarily other types of employment.

### The Job search

There are many sources of potential work for RVers. RV forums on the Internet list campground related job opportunities for both Canada and the United States.

Other sources include local employment agencies, temp agencies, newspapers, associations, friends, family, and the Internet.

First determine the area or region you wish to be in and then research for potential employers and jobs you may be interested in at that location. Check out associations or professional groups relevant to the work you are searching for and connect with others in the same field. Use social media such as Facebook and Twitter, connect with other RVers, and work related groups.

#### **Applying/follow-up for jobs**

Be professional about applying or inquiring about job openings. Follow the instructions stated in the listing and apply for as many jobs as you can. It doesn't hurt to request confirmation that they have received your application and follow up periodically to see if the position has been filled.

Make sure you are a good fit for the job and the company is a good fit for you. It's just as important for you to be happy with the employer as it is for the employer to be satisfied with you. Prepare questions in advance to ask during the interview to ensure you are clear as to what type of work you will do, when will you be required to start, wages and other potential benefits such as a site for your RV.

If you are successful in obtaining work please confirm prior to your arrival and acknowledge acceptance, preventing any nasty surprises when you get there.

## **RV Related Jobs**

#### **Campground jobs**

If you wish to work in the RV industry then you probably will search for positions or any type of work in a campground or RV resort whether it is operated privately, federally, provincially or by a state. With the ease of having access to the Internet it's easy to search the area you wish you be in and locate possible openings. Either make contact by telephone or email depending upon what you are instructed to do by the employer. It doesn't hurt to contact campgrounds or other related employers requesting potential employment opportunities that may not be advertised yet. Be pro-active.

Be prepared with a resume for yourself and, if you have a spouse who also wishes to work, sell yourself as a team. By knowing in advance what type of work you are looking for and what you need in terms of payment, you will know what questions to ask when contacting a potential employer.

Let them know if there are any special circumstances that may apply—if you Copyright 2014 Roaming RV. All rights reserved.

have a pet, are disabled or even travelling solo. If you are honest about your experience, availability and requirements, there shouldn't be any nasty surprises for anyone. If you only wish to be in the area for a month then say so—it may still work out well for you. After committing yourself to a position don't leave early unless it is mutually agreeable—they won't give you a reference nor hire you in the future and this type of action makes it difficult for the workampers who follow behind you. By knowing in advance what your requirements are then you can start looking for opportunities and jobs that will match up with employers.

#### Potential campground job opportunities include:

- ✓ Camp Host
- ✓ Campground Manager
- ✓ Maintenance person
- ✓ Reservations/retail
- ✓ Gate attendant
- ✓ Cleaning services
- ✓ Caretaker
- ✓ Security

#### **Tourism positions:**

With over 400+ types of tourism positions the industry offers opportunities for almost everyone depending on their skills, experience and education. Tourism jobs

are mostly seasonal and the wage scale may be relatively low but it depends on your needs and what you enjoy doing.

It will depend on what is the tourist draw for each area and what it's known for.

If you want to work as a ski instructor, then being near a ski hill in the winter will be important. A tour bus operator would search for opportunities where tours are being given during their high season. For example, in Alaska, bus tours are constant during their summer season and there are a lot of driver jobs available.

More on Alaska  $\sim$  this is an active tourist destination during the summer months and below is a typical listing from one of the tour companies. As you can see there are all types of work available. No guarantees on this company but I am using this as an example.

Offering quality excursions since 1978, ATA is Alaska's leading operator of active day tours/shore excursions throughout Southeast Alaska for cruise ship passengers and independent travelers. Summer job openings with Best of Alaska Day Tours & Attractions include Whale Watching Captain & Deckhands, Adventure Guides (Canoe, Driver, Gold Mining/Driver, Jeep, Hiking, Lead, River and Sea Kayak), Photographer, Customer Service Reps, Marine Operators, Cooks & Food Service Staff, Musicians, Folk Singer and Performers. http://www.indeed.com/cmp/Alaska-Travel-Adventures-2

The same can be said for Canadians who wish to work in the Banff National Park area. During the winter there are positions relating to the ski hill and resorts and during the summer they hire staff for summer related events such as hiking, boating, housekeeping, etc. <a href="http://www.banffcentre.ca/careers/">http://www.banffcentre.ca/careers/</a>. Go where the work is!

How to find jobs in a tourist destination area? Check with the local tourism office, chamber of commerce or community website and search for tourist companies who offer something your interested in. Reach out to them, asking if they have any job openings coming up, or when they will be hiring, or what types of skills they need to handle the work. Remember these are not campground jobs or RV related positions so a campsite is probably not available but there will probably be camping facilities nearby if it's a tourist destination.

#### **Potential tourism jobs:**

- ✓ Tour guide / driver
- ✓ Performer
- ✓ Sales
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Food service
- ✓ Adventure guide
- ✓ Golf instructor
- ✓ Travel Agent

- ✓ Ticket Agent
- ✓ Ianitorial
- √ Housekeeping
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Customer Service
- ✓ Ski instructor
- √ Kayak instructor
- ✓ Boat Operator

## **General Employment**

#### Current Employment - take it on the road

Could you do your current job from home? It may seem impossible but sometimes with a little bit of thought and planning it can be done. Before you run into your employer's office and make the suggestion, it might be a good idea to sit down and come up with a plan, make sure it will work and then start with baby steps. Once your overall plan has been developed, suggest to your employer that you do it one day a week and when that proves successful you will be in a better position to ask to have it expanded to 2 or 3 days and eventually to full time. It's now time to hit the road.

Now, consider this. If you were sitting on the Gulf of Mexico or in your home office in Idaho, would it really make any difference to the work you are doing? Would you be just as productive? If you answered yes, then continue with your plan, make adjustments as needed, and continue working for your current employer. There are benefits to being able to do this and that doesn't only include a steady paycheck.

Some jobs you do at home can probably be converted into a job or position that can be done on the road. It might depend on how long you wish to say in each area. Think of ways you can do any of these positions listed below temporarily or on your own schedule. The list below is just a few of the jobs out in the working field.

#### **Potential jobs**

- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Healthcare nursing, physiotherapist, physician
- ✓ Driving truck, bus, delivery, taxi
- ✓ Bartending / waiter / waitress
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Teaching
- ✓ Maintenance

- ✓ Factory worker
- ✓ Retail sales
- ✓ Mechanical auto
- ✓ Electrician
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Highway Maintenance
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Fitness Instructor
- ✓ Safety Officer

#### **Temporary Employment Agencies**

Temporary employment agencies can usually be found in most towns or cities and although the wages may be low they are used to working with people on a short-term basis and your circumstances will not be foreign to them. You can usually set your own hours or the number of days you wish to work and choose which job you are interested in. Searching for a Temp Agency should be relatively easy. Look online for Temporary Employment Agencies in the area you

require work in and then narrow it down to the type of work you would like to do or are skilled at.

Different agencies specialize in different areas of work. Office workers probably would not apply through an agency that supplies day laborers. Apply with an agency who provides workers in the type of job you need. If you work with an agency and they have offices across the country, ask for a referral or a recommendation. It will pave the way for future employment and might open a few doors for you.

#### **Seasonal positions:**

January and February are quite often when an employer will start advertising the seasonal summer jobs and is a perfect time to be sending in your applications.

Winter positions should probably be sought after in the spring or summer. Or if you wish to return to an area you are currently working at, why not set up a job for next year before you leave?

Start early in making inquiries. The earlier the better and if they tell you not to contact them until... then as soon as that date arrives reach out to them. Be proactive and consistent.

#### Seasonal work samples

- ✓ Christmas tree sales
- ✓ Retail
- ✓ Delivery driver
- ✓ Santa Claus attendant
- ✓ Security
- ✓ First aid attendant
- ✓ Amusement parks

- ✓ Cruise ships
- ✓ Golf course attendant
- ✓ Garden/landscape centers
- ✓ Picking fruit, vegetables
- ✓ Swimming instructor
- ✓ Ski patrol /instructor

# Self-employment

Self-employment has become much more popular as people adapt their skills and knowledge to creating an income. Artists, crafters and those with a skill can adapt their products or services to self-employment. Internet businesses such as Internet marketing, sales, affiliate marketing, virtual assisting and more than I can list have become very popular.

Writers or photographers are able to adapt their skills in many ways whether it is working online or in other capacities. When we moved into the area we are currently staying at I went to the local newspaper and introduced myself and within a day I was given assignments. I hesitated at first at going to their office but am really glad I did. Not only have I made money, I have gained more experience and confidence.

Take a serious look at your hobbies and see how you can adapt them into creating income. Many people who make crafts sell them at flea markets or craft shows and plan their travel around the shows and add an online component to their business to sell their products from a website.

I would think hairdressers or barbers would be kept busy just by letting people in your RV Park know what you can do. I know this is definitely a fact if traveling in another country such as Mexico where it may be difficult to find someone you trust to cut your hair. I know when we were at a couple of RV rallies and there was a hairdresser / barber set up the line up was long!

If your business offers a service of benefit to RVers let people know when you will be in the area via social networking sites or contact the RV Park where you will be staying and see if they will let you advertise with them.

Operating a business is not for everyone. It requires dedication, hard work and a belief in yourself that you will succeed. You will need a business plan, a marketing plan and be prepared for working long hours. It's not easy but can be very rewarding.

#### Flea markets

All summer there are usually flea markets or craft sales where you can sell homemade items or other goods. Some buy in one area and sell in another. What is not well received in one area may also be exactly what someone is looking for down the road. Plus it gives you a purpose to your travels and a way of meeting a lot of really nice people.

#### A few suggested self-employment opportunities:

- ✓ RV Delivery Service
- ✓ Lease a campground/purchase
- ✓ RV repair/technician
- ✓ Construction / electrician
- ✓ Writer / photographer
- ✓ Tour Guide
- ✓ RV Cleaning Service
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ RV Roof Cleaning
- ✓ Teaching set up classes on your interests / tutoring/crafts/first-aid/photography/dance
- ✓ Antique Dealer
- ✓ CPR Instructor
- ✓ Dog trainer

- ✓ Jeweler
- ✓ Fitness Instructor
- ✓ Dance Instructor
- ✓ Auto Mechanic
- ✓ Book Editor
- ✓ Transcription Service
- ✓ ESL Instructor
- ✓ Musician
- ✓ Painting homes
- ✓ Home decorator
- ✓ Pet groomer
- ✓ Sewing
- ✓ Hairdresser / barber
- ✓ Electrician / plumber
- ✓ Consulting business, personal
- ✓ Online Business (see below)

## Make Money Online while you Travel

Paying for travel costs can be difficult since most of us don't have unlimited funds and need to work. But...if we could make money while we travel, by working remotely wouldn't it make our travel dreams become a reality?

#### Does anyone make millions of dollars online?

We hear all kinds of stories every day about people making millions of dollars working online and yes, there probably are people who are doing that well. The truth is that the actual number of success stories is really not that great. But its not all bad news because there are thousands of people all over the world who are making a decent living by working remotely over the Internet. How do they do it?

Once again, use your skills and expertise to provide either a service or to sell a product online. If you are selling something it may be something you made yourself or possibly someone else's merchandise. Whatever services you can provide or the product you have for sale, there's always someone who will purchase them. It's just a matter of connecting and that means marketing yourself or your product. The advantages of working online are huge and the possibilities are endless. It does require hard work and dedication but isn't anything that's worthwhile?

#### The challenges of working remotely.

There are definitely challenges but they aren't insurmountable. It shouldn't matter if you choose to work from one location or whether you are moving around. I like to have the flexibility of working from wherever I am no matter if I am sitting in an airport, a coffee shop, on a ferry, in a campground or in a home office. I like having everything necessary at my fingertips.

Some of the challenges will include having an Internet connection and probably a telephone service. There are many different ways of having Internet service on the road, which I won't get into here but most campgrounds provide Wi-Fi and there are many service providers to research for both Internet and telephone.

### Equipment needed to work online



If working just from home then it is just a matter of setting up an office and ensuring you have all the tools necessary to work and communicate either with your employer or your

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clients. If you are more transient then it will come down to what tools you need to get the job done. A lap top computer, Internet provider, and good communication tools should get you started. The tools you require to work remotely will depend on the type of work you will be doing.

If working for yourself, selling products, and/or providing a service you will need a website. Do your research because Word Press is probably the most popular method of creating a Website and there is lots of information on it online.

Creating Word Press websites is part of my business at Lorac Virtual Solutions <a href="http://loracvs.com">http://loracvs.com</a> so have a look, read the blogs and if I can answer any of your questions please don't hesitate to ask. I can be reached through the website or at <a href="mailto:info@loracvs.com">info@loracvs.com</a>. (I have to take the opportunity of giving myself a plug!)

# What services can you provide online?

Most services that we physical provide our customers or clients can be done online. Obviously if you are a housekeeper or janitor you can't physically be there, but and this is a big but, you could create a service where you supply housekeepers or janitors to take care of a job. You have people working for you to do the work.

#### **Potential Online Services**

- ✓ Virtual Assistant (see below)
- ✓ Consultant (see below)
- ✓ Web Design
- ✓ Translation Service
- ✓ Resume Writing
- ✓ Contract work (see below)
- ✓ Book Editor
- ✓ Copywriting
- ✓ Teaching through membership sites, videos, webinars
- ✓ Researcher
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Travel Agent
- ✓ Writing blogs, articles, web content, eBooks

#### Virtual Assistant

Virtual Assistants are not Secretaries ~ It's not a secretarial service. A virtual Assistant (VA) is a self-employed business owner providing a needed service to other business owners. If you are starting a home business as a Virtual Assistant then these services should be on your list.

If a person is serious about being a VA and being self-employed it can be overwhelming ~ more than it needs to be. Do your research, <u>take courses</u>, attend workshops, network with other VAs, join forums and take lots of notes. All of that information will come in handy and become a template to follow when you are ready to take the next step of actually starting your own Business.

- 1. **Word processing.** The majority of Virtual Assistants offer this service to their clients. It is the one service that is used by the most businesses. This work usually includes correspondence, reports, manuals and memos. Most VA's already have a good word processing program such as MSOffice on their computer to be able to provide this service.
- 2. **Writing.** This service can encompass many aspects of the written word, including technical or business writing. Resume writing, newsletters, press releases, business plans, manuals, articles, blogs and web page content are just a few of the things that can be accomplished by a creative writer. Not only is this a service utilized by many different types of businesses it can also be beneficial to the Virtual Assistant themselves by increasing their own exposure to their target market.
- 3. **Desktop Publishing.** By being creative a VA can design business cards, newsletters, brochures, product labels, training manuals and flyers.
- 4. **Bookkeeping.** This is a specialized service and appears to be in high demand but requires a certain level of competency and should only be done by experienced bookkeepers. However, I have noticed that anyone who is skilled in bookkeeping usually has a full list of clients.

- 5. **Transcription.** By using different types of transcription machines this service is used by both the medical and legal fields. Writers can be an excellent source of business since many speak into a tape recorder with their material and then need it to be transcribed prior to submission to editors. Seminar Speakers may need to have their classroom tapes made into eBooks and written training material.
- 6. Event / Meeting Planning. If you are a natural organizer then consider providing this service. It can include organizing a meeting comprising of finding a location, arranging for food, beverages and technical equipment. This may also include making transportation and accommodation arrangements and co-ordination of absolutely everything pertaining to the event to ensure its success. This service may include parties and weddings.
- 7. **Social Media Marketing.** This is a fairly new service provided by Virtual Assistants and seems to be in high demand since marketing via social media sites like twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn are becoming common marketing tools to most businesses. Not everyone has the capability or time to handle it. A Social Media Specialist can provide different packages to their clients both online and locally.

**Note:** For my own business I took many courses and training to better operate my own business and not necessarily for my clients. Before I outsourced or hired someone to do something for me I wanted to make sure I understood it well.

For example, I have taken courses through VAClassroom on all kinds of things such as Social Media Marketing Specialist training, Online Book Marketing, WordPress and other mini-workshops. I don't provide all of those services to my clients but I know what I need to do to better operate my own business. Plus, learning anything is never a waste.

#### **Consulting**

One definition of a consultant is "an expert in a particular field who works as an advisor either to a company or to another individual." Pretty straight forward. Operating a consulting business can be extremely rewarding for those who enjoy assisting others in obtaining their goals, whether it's advising them on hiring employees, updating computers, non-profit fund raising, or how to market a business.

If you have been working or involved in any type of activity for a while you are probably good at what you do. Offer your services as a consultant and by doing so are offering your knowledge, skills and experience to businesses or people who can use them.

A consultant may make recommendations, solve problems or provide specialized work. It will depend upon what your experience and employment background is. Don't just concentrate on your work history though, because your hobbies or other skills could be in high demand. As a consultant you are an independent contractor, not an employee so can determine what work you will or will not do, and what you will charge.

There are many online sources for information on setting up a consulting business – just do a search on Google. "How to start a consulting business." There will be plenty of sources to choose from.

## **Coaching / Teaching / Tutoring**

Do you enjoy teaching others how to do something? Use your skills and experience and show others how to do the type of work you did or something else you are good at. I love helping small businesses get started and since my background includes operations management, entrepreneurial ventures, self-Copyright 2014 Roaming RV. All rights reserved.

employment and a variety of other things I have the skills and knowledge to coach others with their business plans.

Make a list of things you are good at, what skills you have, your experience, knowledge and give yourself the credit you deserve. Everyone is good at something and there is always someone who needs help doing the same thing. If you enjoy teaching, then this may be the way to go.

You can offer to teach classes through the local continuing education organizations, business groups or consider teaching online through videos or webinars.

Depending on what you will be teaching, you could offer to put on classes at the RV Parks in exchange for a campsite. Use your imagination!

#### **Outsource Providers**

There are networks online whereby you exchange your skills for money.

Projects of all types of work are posted and you as a contractor bid of them and if successful are awarded the contract and must provide the work. There are literally thousands of work opportunities posted at any one time but there is also a lot of competition and a person must be careful as to how they do this.

There are always learning tools available to show you how to create your profile, bid on jobs and what is recommended. Take the time to watch the videos and read their instructions. It's possible to make a living at this type of work but you must do it right.

As you develop a reputation for being efficient and reliable the work or contracts will increase. It takes time but it's not impossible. An example of this type of network is Elance as well as cDesk. There are many more and by doing an Internet search you will find more. I have obtained contract work through Elance but I don't use it very often. It certainly helped me when I first started out.

Yes, there is competition from countries like India but if you are good at what you do, are reliable and reasonably priced (without giving it away for free) you should be able to build up a clientele list.

**Hint:** As a business owner/operator why not outsource some of those time consuming tasks to a private contractor at Elance? You will then have time to take care of marketing and promoting your services / products and increase your sales.

## What products can you sell online?

If you are an artist, crafter, designer, or create any type of product you can sell them from an online store. You will need a website with shopping cart capabilities and can accept payment – using a service such as PayPal.

Another way of selling online is by selling other peoples products. You will need to research topics, find products and create an online store. Researching online on "how to sell products online" will give you all kinds of learning tools to find the right products for your business, including marketing, receiving payment and shipping options. Having an Amazon store is an example of operating a business selling other peoples products.

If you have products of your own to sell online, another way of promoting them is by setting up your own affiliate marketing program whereby other marketers will sell for you. You have to pay them a commission but you won't have to work as hard. (See more about affiliate marketing below)

#### **Internet Marketing**

This is a very broad subject that may include development of sites adding shopping cart capabilities, email maintenance and online marketing campaigns.

Campaigns can include article marketing, blogging, SEO, trackbacks, and monitoring forums. This service can be tied in with Social Media Marketing. With so many entrepreneurs working online offering this service as a business can be high in demand if you are good at it.

Better yet use your skills as an Internet marketer to promote your own business or online store.

#### **Affiliate Marketing**

Affiliate Marketing is a business whereby you promote other peoples products or services and you earn a commission for doing so. It's possible to earn a living as an Affiliate Marketer but like everything else it does require hard work. There is money to be made but it won't happen overnight.

You aren't actually selling the products yourself – you are only promoting them. If you know of a product you would like to promote do a search on it to see if they offer an affiliate program. Don't ever pay to become an affiliate – it should always be free.

The easiest method of finding products to promote as an affiliate is by joining sites such as Commission Junction, Click Bank, Linkshare, or ShareSale. These are always free to join.

When I first started researching affiliate marketing the first thing I did was purchase Rosalind Gardner's Super Affiliate Handbook! This is considered to be the bible for affiliate marketing. I still refer back to it regularly and have to admit I even printed it out even though it's over 400 pages. For anyone who is serious about earning money online this is an excellent place to start.

For those who are really serious about learning the business of Affiliate

Marketing you will want to check out Rosalind's training program: Multi-media

Program By Super Affiliate Blogger Rosalind Gardner Provides Step-by-step

Instruction To Setup And Make Money From Blogs Through Affiliate Marketing.

Includes Text & Video Tutorials As Well As A Community Forum. Super Affiliate

Blogger Pro! Seriously, she is the real deal and I am a member.

Many affiliate marketer's set up an Amazon Store promoting items listed on Amazon. Most of the affiliate sites offer videos and training manuals on how to get started as an affiliate marketer Read more details on Affiliate Marketing <a href="http://roamingrv.com/how-to-work-and-travel-in-an-rv/">http://roamingrv.com/how-to-work-and-travel-in-an-rv/</a> and learn more about the resources I used to start doing affiliate marketing.

#### **Volunteering**

There are many opportunities for volunteering and they don't have to involve campgrounds. Every city or community has the need for help with animal shelters, youth programs, senior assist programs, non-profit organizations or special events. There's always a call for fundraising help, administration assistance, drivers, mentors or instructors.

Although campground volunteers usually do not receive paid remuneration they may be provided with a complimentary campsite for the time they are volunteering. Most campgrounds require their volunteers to stay a minimum of two weeks and may have a maximum time allowance. There may or may not be hook-ups but usually you can negotiate this. I have posted a blog on volunteering with BC Parks that may give you an idea of what may be involved. <a href="http://roamingrv.com/bc-parks/">http://roamingrv.com/bc-parks/</a>.

#### **Conclusion**

Have you noticed the same thing I have? Most of the jobs in each section are relevant for every theme and can be relevant to self-employment, seasonal, temporary and online businesses.

#### How hungry are you?

Most people who know me probably won't be surprised by my next comment. "I believe if you want to find work or generate an income you will." There is always something whether it's working at a fast food restaurant, or pumping gas, driving taxi, washing dishes, shoveling snow or finding something through a temp agency, it really doesn't matter. It comes down to the issue of whether you "need" to earn the money or if you "want" to. How hungry are you or how badly do you want to travel?

The above ideas and suggestions are a very small sample of how a person can create an income while traveling. It just takes initiative, desire and a bit of work – but it can be done. There can be other benefits to working on the road – you will stay longer in each place, meet some of the locals and learn more about the country. It can be very rewarding if you aren't afraid to take a chance and have a good attitude.

The next time you receive a position as a camp host and find yourself parked along a beautiful river be grateful you decided to start working on the road. (We were parked along the Fraser River where we Camp Hosted for two summers).



Whether you are supplementing your income by working or volunteering there are many opportunities for both. Good luck with your "working on the road" experience.

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After a yearlong trip in the 1990s throughout Canada, the USA and Mexico in a converted 1951 Western Flyer Bus I was hooked on travel, specifically RVing and am determined not to stop.

I absolutely love sharing information with fellow RVers and love to promote travel, camping and RVing whenever the opportunity arises.

\*\*\*Follow me on my blog at <a href="RoamingRV.com">RoamingRV.com</a> and receive a **FREE** copy of my Report "**Establish a Budget for Full-time RVing**", where I offer some really good advice on establishing a budget for full-time RVers as well as a spreadsheet to help you establish your own personal budget.

#### Resources

#### **RV Forums**

These forums are listed randomly—check them out yourself but it's a great place to start.

RV.net This group is associated with Camping World but it's a fairly active group.

RVForum.net These guys have been around for years.

Irv2.com

http://bcrvforum.com A forum from British Columbia with Go Rving

Rv-forums.org

RVnetwork.com Escapees Forum

RVUSA.com

#### **Facebook Groups**

(There are probably many more but once again this is a start)

**RoamingRV**: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/roamingrv?ref=hl">https://www.facebook.com/roamingrv?ref=hl</a> (this is mine – come like my page)

RV Lifestyle: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/RVlifestyleandontheroadincome/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/RVlifestyleandontheroadincome/</a>

Jobs in the RV Indistry: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/401523059992395/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/401523059992395/</a>

RVing on a Budget: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/rvingonabudget/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/rvingonabudget/</a>

#### **Training**

I have listed resources for finding courses / resources / links for training, books, resources, etc. on my blog page ~ please check it out ~ <a href="http://roamingrv.com/self-employment-online/">http://roamingrv.com/self-employment-online/</a>

#### **Tourism**

The links below are just two potential sites. Do a Google search for tourism jobs in specific provinces, states, countries or federal jurisdictions to find more.

Canadian Tourism Jobs: <a href="http://hcareers.ca/travel-tourism-jobs">http://hcareers.ca/travel-tourism-jobs</a>

Tourism/travel jobs in the USA: <a href="http://learn4good.com/jobs">http://learn4good.com/jobs</a>

Campground Jobs – Mostly Canadian - <a href="http://roamingrv.com/campground-jobs/">http://roamingrv.com/campground-jobs/</a>

Follow your Dreams: <a href="http://roamingrv.com/follow-your-dreams-rv-lifestyle/">http://roamingrv.com/follow-your-dreams-rv-lifestyle/</a>

#### **Volunteering**

There are many more opportunities but the listings below are just a sample.

Vagabonds:

http://www.happyvagabonds.com/Jobs/volunteer\_camping\_opportunities.htm

Good Sam: http://www.goodsamclub.com/community/Volunteering.aspx

RV-Adventuring: <a href="http://www.rv-adventuring.com/rv-volunteer-opportunities.html">http://www.rv-adventuring.com/rv-volunteer-opportunities.html</a>

BC Parks: <a href="http://roamingrv.com/bc-parks/">http://roamingrv.com/bc-parks/</a>

Habitat for Humanity – Canada - <a href="http://www.habitat.ca">http://www.habitatglobalvillage.ca</a>

Habitat for Humanity – International - <a href="http://www.habitat.org">http://www.habitat.org</a>

I would love to hear about your experiences on the road and welcome any suggestions or questions you may have. This report will be updated in the future as needed and any contributions by my readers will be credited to them. You can contact me at <a href="mailto:carolann@roamingrv.com">carolann@roamingrv.com</a>

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