

## Lifestyle

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When most people imagine full-time travel, they picture the highlights. They picture mountain sunrises, turquoise water, epic hikes, famous landmarks, and perfectly framed family photos. They imagine adventure after adventure stitched together into one endless vacation. And while those moments absolutely exist, they aren't what this lifestyle is really built on.

The truth is that our life on the road is still our same crazy life we had at home.

There are dishes to wash, laundry to fold, groceries to buy, and messes to clean. There are days when someone wakes up grumpy, someone gets carsick, someone loses a shoe, and someone cries because their sibling looked at them the wrong way. There are rainy days, long driving days, missed turns, flat tires, internet issues, and moments when everyone needs a little more patience than they have to give.

But somehow, woven between all of those ordinary moments, is a life that feels extraordinary.

One day we might be hiking through a national park, watching our children scramble across rocks and discover creatures they've never seen before. The next day we're sitting at a campground doing absolutely nothing remarkable. The kids are riding bikes. The dogs are napping. Someone is reading a book. Someone is drawing. Someone is asking a hundred questions about how trees grow, why birds migrate, or where rivers begin. Those quiet days rarely make it onto social media, but they are often the days we treasure most.

Somewhere along the way, we stopped believing that life only happens during the big moments or that it needs to happen in one specific place.

We realized that happiness isn't hiding inside a bucket list destination. It's not waiting at the next campground, the next state, or the next adventure. Happiness lives inside ordinary Tuesday afternoons. It lives inside campfire conversations, slow mornings, shared meals, family walks, and unexpected detours. It lives in the spaces between the plans.

Before we started traveling, life often felt like a race. There was always another deadline, another appointment, another obligation, another place we needed to be. We spent so much time preparing for life that sometimes it felt like we forgot to actually live it.

The road changed that.

It taught us that not every hour needs to be productive, not every moment needs to be optimized, and not every day needs to be packed full of activities. Sometimes the most meaningful thing you can do is sit outside and watch your kids play. It sounds simple, almost too simple, but simplicity has become one of the greatest gifts this lifestyle has given us.

We've learned that children don't need elaborate entertainment nearly as much as they need time. Time to explore. Time to imagine. Time to be bored. Time to ask questions. Time to discover who they are without every minute of their lives being planned, scheduled, and directed by someone else. In a world that constantly pushes for more activities, more commitments, and more structure, we've found incredible value in slowing down and creating space for curiosity to take the lead.

That's where unschooling and worldschooling naturally became part of our journey. People often ask how our children learn without traditional classrooms, and the answer is surprisingly simple. They learn the same way humans have learned since the beginning of time: through curiosity, observation, conversation, experimentation, and experience. Learning doesn't begin when a workbook opens and end when it closes. Learning is happening all around us every single day.

It happens while standing beneath giant redwood trees and trying to understand how something can survive for thousands of years. It happens while calculating mileage between destinations, navigating maps, reading signs, budgeting for groceries, identifying wildlife, exploring museums, talking with people from different backgrounds, and asking endless questions about the world around them. Some lessons come from books. Others come from campfires, conversations, mistakes, and adventures. We've watched our children develop a relationship with learning that isn't built on grades, rewards, deadlines, or pressure. Instead, it's built on wonder. And wonder is a remarkably powerful teacher.

Of course, this lifestyle isn't perfect. There are challenges that most people never see. There are seasons when we crave the joy of not having to pack and unpack. There are days when we miss family, friends, and the comforts of a place that feels familiar. There are moments when we wonder where we'll stay next, how plans will work out, or what the next chapter of our lives will look like.

Sometimes the road feels incredibly big. Sometimes the RV feels incredibly small. Sometimes we get tired, overwhelmed, frustrated, and uncertain. Sometimes we question ourselves and wonder what life will look like down the road. But every meaningful life comes with challenges. The question isn't whether a lifestyle is difficult. The question is whether the challenges are worth what you're gaining in return.

For us, the answer continues to be yes.

What we've gained feels almost impossible to measure. We've gained time together in a world where time often feels scarce. We've gained shared experiences that have woven our family closer together. We've created memories that don't fit neatly inside photo albums and conversations that only happen when families spend meaningful amounts of time together. We've had front-row seats to watching our children grow, not just physically, but emotionally, intellectually, and personally. We've witnessed sunsets we never expected to see, formed friendships with people we never would have met otherwise, and collected stories that will be told around family tables long after this chapter of our lives comes to an end.

Most importantly, we've gained the opportunity to build our lives intentionally instead of accidentally. That's what this journey has always been about. It's not really about travel, campgrounds, national parks, or even adventure. Those things simply provide the backdrop. At its core, this journey is about choosing our days carefully because our days eventually become our lives.

The world has a way of convincing people that life begins later. After the promotion. After the house is paid off. After retirement. After the kids are older. After things calm down. But we've learned something different. Life is happening right now. It's happening in the ordinary moments, the messy moments, the beautiful moments, and the moments that never make it onto social media.

If there's one lesson this lifestyle has taught us, it's that the most meaningful parts of life are rarely the grand adventures people remember posting about. More often, they're the quiet moments that remind you that you were fully present while they happened. They're the late nights, the slow mornings, the laughter between siblings, the unexpected conversations, and the realization that happiness was never waiting at the next destination.

This lifestyle won't be everyone's dream, and that's okay. The goal isn't to live exactly like we do. The goal is to create a life that feels aligned with your values, your priorities, and the things that matter most to your family. For us, that life happens to have wheels. And every morning when we wake up somewhere new, we're reminded that the greatest adventure isn't seeing the world. It's learning how to truly live while we're in it.

With all the love I hope your lifestyle is everything you want it to be.

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