

Road Trip Resources from AAA

As a AAA Member, you have access to a number of helpful road trip resources.

- **FREE AAA Maps**, TourBook Guides and customized TripTik planners make it easy to plot safe and easy routes, with room to explore.
- **FREE AAA Mobile app** helps AAA locate you quickly if you need Emergency Road Service. You'll also easily find gas stations and AAA Discounts locations, including hotels, attractions, restaurants and more.
- **AAA official campground guides** by Woodall's offer full coverage of Canada, the continental U.S. and Alaska. Member price is just \$3.95.

Go to AAA.com/roadtrip for more tips, tools and resources.

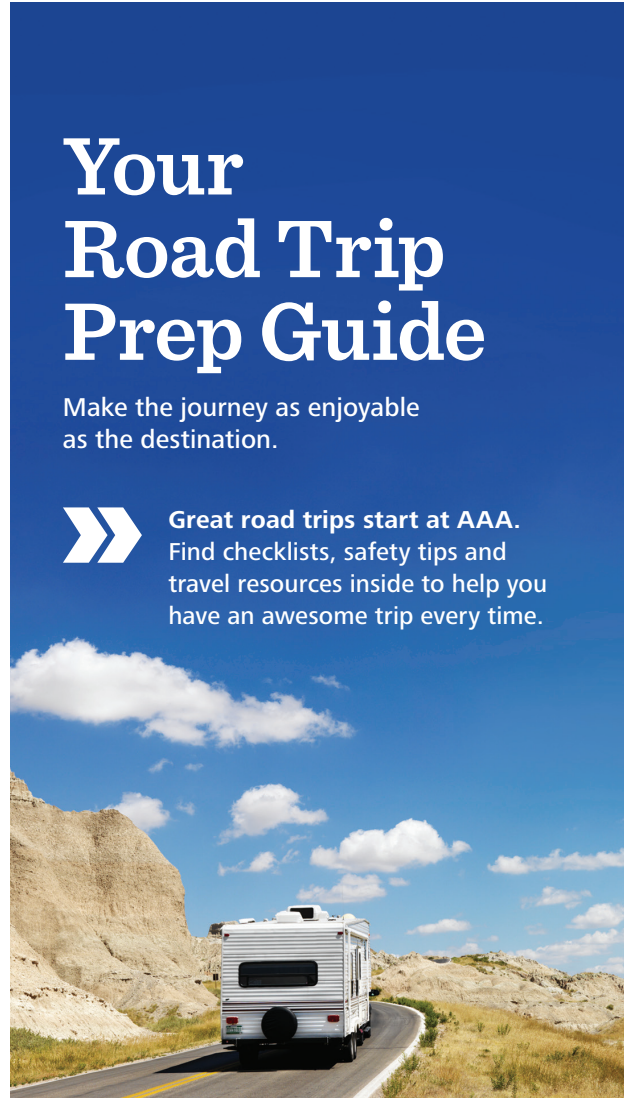


Your Road Trip Prep Guide

Make the journey as enjoyable as the destination.



Great road trips start at AAA. Find checklists, safety tips and travel resources inside to help you have an awesome trip every time.



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Before-You-Go Checklists

It's easy to get focused on all the cool places and things you'll see on your road trip. But a little basic preparation beforehand can help ensure happiness, not frustration, rules the road.



Vehicle Maintenance Checklist

These simple bits of maintenance can make a big difference in keeping your road trip on the road.

- ☐ **Tires** Check your tire wear and pressure, including the spare.
- ☐ **Battery** Clean connections and tighten cables. You can even have it tested by AAA Battery Service right in your own driveway.
- ☐ **Coolant and Oil** Check the levels and condition.
- ☐ **Windshield Wipers** Clean the blades and if they smear or stutter due to wear, replace them. Also, refill your windshield washer fluid.
- ☐ **Tune Up** Consider a full-service tune-up at least a week before your trip. You'll burn less gas, improve emissions and reduce the chance of major trouble on the road.

Packing Checklist

Here are a few fundamental items to keep you safe, comfortable and entertained.

- ☐ **Emergency Supplies** Make sure you have a flashlight, batteries, first-aid kit, jumper cables and basic tools.
- ☐ **Cell Phone and Charger** While we'd never imply that you'd forget to pack your phone, consider loading it up with important phone numbers you'll need for your trip—reservation hotlines, campground offices and don't forget AAA!
- ☐ **Extra Blanket or Sweatshirt** These can help you avoid arguments if the AC is too cool for some temperature-sensitive riders.
- ☐ **Music or Audio Books** Whether it's CDs, playlists on your smartphone or the latest music-streaming app, the right sonic mix can help make those long stretches of road not feel so long.
- ☐ **Games** Classic car games like 20 Questions, Roadside Bingo and the License Plate game are fun ways to keep passengers entertained, mentally stimulated and engaged with the scenery.
- ☐ **Extra Set of Car Keys** Because nothing stops a road trip faster than not being able to get in your car.

Road Trip Safety Tips

Stay safe behind the wheel and on the road with these helpful tips.



Stay Alert Avoid driving if you're tired. Limit driving time to hours when you're normally awake. Take frequent breaks to stretch your legs.

Belt It Always wear seat belts and make sure children are buckled properly and in appropriate car seats.

Put Down the Phone Focus on driving. Phone calls and text messages can wait.

Use the Cruise On the highway, use cruise control when possible to maintain a safe speed and maximize fuel economy.

Just Breathe If stuck in traffic or challenged by an aggressive driver, take a deep breath, try to get out of the way and don't take it personally.

Don't Stray Stay on main roads and highways.

Light It Up Turn your headlights on as dusk approaches, or if you are using your windshield wipers due to inclement weather.

Break Safe When stopping for breaks, always lock vehicle doors, even if you'll be gone only for a few minutes, and keep anything of value in the trunk or covered storage area.

Call a Pro Do not stop to help a disabled vehicle. It can be dangerous to be out on the road near traffic. Instead, call for help from your cell phone.

Remain in the Light If stopping during nighttime travel, choose a well-lighted, populated facility. Park where your vehicle can be seen.



For more tips on driving safely, go to [AAA.com/drivingtips](https://www.aaa.com/drivingtips)



Safe Breakdown Behavior

If your car breaks down, follow these safety steps:

- 1** Move your vehicle off the road safely away from traffic.
- 2** Stay inside your vehicle and make sure all passengers stay inside, too. Keep doors locked and roll down the window only enough to ask any passersby to call police.
- 3** If you can't move your vehicle off the road, ask all passengers to exit the vehicle when it is safe to do so, and stand away from traffic.
- 4** If you must walk to a phone, keep your group together.
- 5** Warn other drivers by raising the vehicle's hood, tying a white cloth to a door handle or using reflective triangles or flares. Warning devices should be placed far enough away from the vehicle to give oncoming traffic time to react.

A Few Final Prep Tips

- Watch weather reports or call 511 prior to a long-distance drive to check road conditions. Consider delaying trips if especially bad weather is expected.
- Familiarize yourself with local traffic laws if driving out of state or out of the country.
- Give a copy of your itinerary to a close friend or family member.
- Secure your home. Make your house look lived-in while you're away.

