

CCFMCA Spot-Lite



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Photographer Niaz Uddin calls this snap of Half Dome "Wind of Change."



Merced River First Snow—Panorama-Yosemite National Park

From CCFMCA National Director



Sonny Gillespie

Hello to all CCFMCA and happy holidays, I remain contact with our FMCA offices, members, and share the following FMCA news.

FMCA recently sustained a financial loss due to misaligned business management. The organization sustained an approximate one million dollar loss from FMCA's investments! The failure to act judicially caused FMCA to lose its not-for-profit status, causing the organization's taxes to increase. Since this event, corrective steps have been taken, thereby remedying the oversight.

Rallies:

33rd Annual FMCA Western Area Rally January 2023: January 11-15, Indio, California. Contact information: Bob Golk, (661) 599-3548, bgolk@fmca.com.

For the upcoming 33rd Annual FMCA Western Area Rally we are still in need of the following Rally Captains:

- ◆ Assistant Commercial Exhibitors Captain: Contact Senior Vice President Dave Franke - (909) 973-1051
- ◆ WHMA Booth & Prizes Captain: Contact Southern Vice President Jesse Bassford - (909) 438-6893
- ◆ Assistant Greeters Captain: Contact Central Area Vice President Rick Ammerman - (951) 538-6435
- ◆ Day Pass / Locator Cards Captain: Contact Northern Area Vice President James McDaniel - (925) 818-7718
- ◆ Contact President Bob Golk - (661) 599-3548 for the following positions
 - * Donations Captain
 - * Potluck Organizer
 - * WMHA Nominating Committee Chairperson
- FMCA'S 106th International Convention & RV EXPO, March 15-18, 2023, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricultural Center, Perry, Georgia.

Treasurer, Website, Database Coordinator



Tracy Lenocker

Since our last treasury update (6/29/2022), the following balances are provided, as well as website updates as we enter the Fall and Winter slow down after a busy year of rallies.

Treasurers Last Report as of 10/10/2022

- General Account: \$16,621.84
- Rally Account: \$16,729.70

The approved amended Bylaws and approved amended Standing Rules are on the website for your reference (see page 3).

From the Presidents Travel Log



Leonard Wahlquist

Hello Everyone! Hoping everyone's holidays are wonderful with family and friends.



It's off to see *The Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of OZ*, as the Western Motor Home Association Indio Rally theme for 2023 is **The Land of Oz**. Beth and I went to Hanford, CA, to help with planning and budget approval for the 2023 Western Rally in Indio.

Our CCFMCA Rally at Launch Point during October was a lot of fun. It seemed a long time since we saw everyone with 16 coaches present.

Dinner was Thursday night outside on the upstairs patio. Our dinner menu consisted of pasta, chicken marsala, a wonderful salad, garlic bread, and cupcakes for dessert.

On Friday, the following day, we had a pumpkin carving contest with a variety of scary faces. The winners were Jodi Lewis and Randy Rolf.

Saturday was heavy hors d'oeuvre, which was a little damp due to weather. However, our spirits weren't shaken due to damp weather and we all had a great time and food.

A big thanks to everyone who helped put it together and participated.

When we arrived home from Launch Point, I unhooked the car only to discover the base plate had torn out of the car's frame. I had to take the front of the car apart, weld reinforcing into the frame, and put it back together. It should be good for another 20,000 miles of towing.

Hope to see you in Chula Vista.

Leonard



Treasurer, Website, Database Coordinator
(Cont'd)

The website has some updates, and there will be a few more based upon attendance at rallies and acquire more photos and other activities to share.

The database is updated. A few former members no longer have a motorhome and therefore cannot be regular members of our chapter. Their membership will continue until the end of the current year. A few former members wish to be on the email list for the newsletter, so a separate list is maintained for those few. There is also a classification called Family Associate member for a person who does not own

CCFMCA communication methods:

1. Emails - Instances will occur occasionally when there is a need to communicate with chapter members instead of waiting for the next Spot-Lite Edition.
2. CCFMCA Spot-Lite - The chapter's bi-monthly Spot-Lite newsletter highlights new and previous rallies, includes maintenance information, CCFMCA Grub Hub, FMCA National News, etc. Any President or Board of Directors updates, as well on website, and information on future rallies.
3. CCFMCA Website - The third communication effort is through the chapter's website.

Membership & Hospitality News



Carol Jones

Hello to all. While attending a wedding in Michigan, I contracted COVID. However, I have recovered and now testing negative.

Our dear friend *Bill Wheeler* passed away August 28, 2022. Our condolences go out to his loving wife Jeanne and their family.



The Gillespie family has been having some medical issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep me informed of any of our members that need get well wishes or cheering!

Don't forget your dues should be paid by January. The cost will be going up to \$25.00 effective January 1, 2023, so get your payment in early. The form for dues can be found on our website ccfmca.org. Renewal form on [page 17](#).

NEW MEMBERS: We have two new members: Gary and Vicki Thomas Hesperia, CA

We look forward to meeting them at one of the upcoming rallies.

BEST WISHES TO ALL OF OUR CCFMCA MEMBERS!
May your upcoming Holidays be blessed

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THE SPOT-LITE EDITOR



John Seguin

Summer waned and, Fall and Winter season has arrived. Temperatures still remain temperate with the thermometer showing a downward tend. This cooling will provide an enjoyable travel time for the remainder of the CCFMCA calendar now through November. So keep in touch through the following ways.



**33rd Annual Western Area Rally
IN THE LAND OF OZ**

January 11-15, 2023

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival • Indio, California

Click *In The Land of OZ* logo to go to the WMA Registration page.

- **Highlights:** 4 Nights of Camping • 3 Nights of Entertainment • 2 Ice Cream Socials • Parade • Ladies' Luncheon
- 1st Time Attendee Orientation* • Bingo • Pet Extravaganza • Commercial Exhibits • New/Used Display RVs • Chapter Fair Seminars & Crafts • Door Prizes • The Frustrated Maestros • **Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning**
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- **Private Golf Cart Rental Available:** Call Elec Cart Sales for reservations, Mary Rasada 562-244-1001
- **Directions:** I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south 3 miles to 48th. Left 1/2 mile to Arabia Street. Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.



*Orientation will be Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Dave Franke, F443367, Senior Vice President WMA <https://wafmca.com/2023-western-area-indio-rally-update/>



Bryce Canyon National Park Winter Snow

2022 Wagon Master-Rally and Event Comments - Dede Hermon, Wagon Master



What a fabulous year our CCFMCA family has had! With Beth's organization as our Trail Boss, we've had some creative rally activities and out-of-this-world food at both the Launch Pointe and Sun Outdoors-San Diego rally outings. Surpassing what

she planned and prepared during this year will be difficult to surpass. Now, we'll have to see how she can top 2022!

Also, the Western Motor Home Association Indio rally has been moving forward with our president working with the regional group.

Our 2023 Calendar has been posted, and everything is on target. We have already begun talking to resorts for 2024, so if you have any suggestions, now is the time to let me know. I hope to have 2024 booked by next summer.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year!

My email is DedeK6DDZ@gmail.com, and I am always happy to respond to requests for information (909 878-3456).

From the Sheriff



Kathie Seguin

Hello Everybody - The holidays are here with Thanksgiving turkey, dressing and all the fix-ins, as well as a Christmas Goose right around the corner, considering the cot of turkeys. So hoping your holidays will be joyous and comforting with families. As the 2022 season winds down,

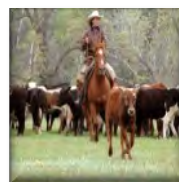
the 2023 rally season will be in February, so wear your badges at events. So, do you remember names of those folks you have not seen in awhile? Our badges help us recall our fellow members - they're important. So wear your *Badge* to avoid the "Wanted Poster" fines (\$\$\$) to the "Sheriff". Even though I have not been to the rallies lately, I feel folks are doing what they should in the Sheriff's absence. So, wear your badge, smile and say "Hello" when meeting members.

Badge Sheriff



COVID Portal Link:

Your actions save lives. Keep California healthy. Click this website to access the Covid Portal <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.



Trial Boss / Co-Trial Boss Note !

All Trial Boss and Co Trial Boss RV rally documents are located on the CCFMCA website under a [Trail Boss Documents](#) header tab. But for any additional Trial Boss information contact the Wagon Master - Dede Hermon at dede-k6ddz@gmail.com or phone 909-878-3456.



2022 CCFMCA Rally Calendar

Roundup Note

For **Trail Bosses and Co-Trail Bosses** signing up to run the RVs events, contact the Wagon Master for any additional information: Dede Hermon at dedek6ddz@gmail.com or phone 909-878-3456. All the **Trail Boss and Co-Trail Boss** documents are on the CCFMCA website under a [Trail Boss Documents](#) header tab.

January 2022	<i>No Rally</i>		
February 17 - 20, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -116.077138	Banning Stagecoach KOA Banning, CA 92220	Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 2,337.53ft
<i>Canceled</i>			
March 17 - 20, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -117.051138	Newport Dunes RV Resort Newport Beach, CA 92660	Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 1,000.56ft
April 21 - 23, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -117.051138	Golden Village Palms RV Resort Torrance, CA 92543-5501	Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 4,522.31ft
May 19 - 22, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -117.794138	Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort San Dimas, CA 92773	Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 1,099.08ft
June, July, August 2022	<i>No Rallies</i>		
September 27 - 30, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -116.077138	Banning Stagecoach KOA Banning, CA 92220	Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 2,337.53ft
<i>Canceled</i>			
October 13 - 16, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -117.051138	Launch Point Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 1,269.69ft
November 17 - 20, 2022 GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -117.102259	Sun Outdoors San Diego 825 E Street Chula Vista CA 91910	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: (619) 489-3950 Elev: 68.90ft
December 2022	<i>No Rally</i>		

Revised: 7/05/2022



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Rally Event Note

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January 11-15, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.714760 Lon: -116.224740	Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival 82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201-5633	Western Motor Home Association	Hookups per Registration Form Elevation: -3ft
February 23-26, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.618440 Lon: -117.891430	Newport Dunes RV Resort 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y 949-729-3863 Elevation: 7ft
March 23-26, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.453160 Lon: -117.106510	Pechanga RV Resort 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA 92592-5810	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y 877-997-8386 Elevation: 1083ft
April 20-23, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.746860 Lon: -117.010840	Golden Village Palms RV Resort 3600 West Florida Ave, Hemet, CA 92545-3501	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y 951-925-2518 Elevation: 1,522ft
May 11-14, 2023 GPS: Lat: 34.085491 Lon: -117.794678	Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort 1440 Camper View Rd, San Dimas, CA 91773	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y 909-599-8355 Elevation: 1099ft
June, July, August 2023 - No Rallies			
September 21-24, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.7538986 Lon: -116.2701768	Shadow Hills RV Resort 40655 Jefferson Street, Indio, CA 92203	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y 760-360-4040 Elevation: 66ft
October 12-15, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.9279718 Lon: -116.4382013	Caliente Springs Resort 70200 Dillon Road, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y 760-329-8400 Elevation: 1,030ft
November 9-12, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.2672912 Lon: -116.3623727	The Springs at Borrego RV Resort and Golf Course 2255 Di Giorgio Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004	Trail Boss: Beth Smith Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Y (619) 489-3950 Elevation: 577ft
December 2023 - No Rallies			

CCFMCA Rally LAUNCH POINTE LAKE ELSINORE, CA



Yes,
We had a witch-
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Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:	Telephone:	Cell Phone:	
RV Make:	RV License:	RV Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		<input type="radio"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call	
2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		Disabled Parking? (see below) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Registration Category	Pre-Reg ²	On-Site	Qty.	Total
RV with 2 Adults – Dry Camping	\$ 265.00	\$ 275.00		\$
RV with 1 Adult – Dry Camping	\$ 245.00	\$ 255.00		\$
Additional Fee for 30-Amp Electric	\$ 175.00	\$ 185.00		\$
RV with 2 Adults – 24-Hour Generator	\$ 265.00	\$ 275.00		\$
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00		\$
Passport for 1 Adult ¹	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00		\$
Children Under 13	FREE	FREE		FREE
Ladies' Luncheon	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		\$
Day Passes Avail. Thurs., Fri., & Sat. \$10/day/person	On-Site	On-Site	–	On-Site
TOTAL				\$

¹ No RV parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and Coffee Hour.
² Registrations after December 22, 2022, will be held at Will Call.

- Parking Information**
- **Electric Parking** – 30 amps
 - **Generator Hours** – 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
 - **Disabled Parking** – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. State-issued placard must be visible.
 - **Early-Arrival Fee** – \$30 per night payable on-site, cash or check only

Payment Information

CREDIT CARD
Place your credit card registrations by:
Phone: (800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622

CHECK
Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.
Mail to: FMCA / Attention: Western Area Rally
8291 Clough Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244

COVID-19 Waiver

An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

Would you like to Volunteer?

Yes. If interested, please contact Alice Bernard at (530) 519-7346 or bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com

Rally Contacts

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Cancellation Policy

Refunds for this rally will be made only upon written request (areallies@fmca.com). Cancellations made by December 11, 2022, will receive a full refund minus a \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after December 11, 2022, but before January 11, 2023, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 handling fee. Absolutely no refunds January 11, 2023, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office before any refund is issued.

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CCFMCA Backyard RV Mech

Sumo Shocks For RV: Cost, Reviews, Installation Guide by [James V](#)

Technology tries again. It seems that wherever you go, technology is always trying to improve on something. This case will be the ride of your RV that gets the attention. These [Sumo Springs](#) are supposed to be the next best thing to providing better control, smoother ride, and more.

These new helper springs are sold as a pair and one retail outlet sells them for \$252.99. They are supposed to be maintenance-free and the majority of reviewers we saw, liked how they worked. Some problems may come in the installation process even though it is supposed to be very simple to install on your RV.

To learn more about these helper springs, just continue to read our article. It has the information you want to know about. These devices are supposed to provide a better, smoother ride with less damage to your trailer's suspension system.

Sumo Suspension For RV



These are wedge-shaped devices that are not a replacement for your regular springs or shocks. They are inserted between the coils of your built-in springs and help them handle heavier loads.

handle heavier loads.

Their construction material is "micro-cellular urethane, a sort of superdense foam that captures air in millions and millions of "cells" and these devices are not supposed to need air lines, have air leaks, and work every time, all the time. Also, this style of suspension comes in different colors. These colors represent different levels of suspension. The yellow version is for replacing factory bump stops and is said to be the hardest Sumo Spring you can buy. They are made for medium to heavy loads.

The blue color is the lowest density level you can buy and it comes with the ability to hold the most air. Finally, the black color level is the in-between level and it also works with medium to heavy loads. Yellow and blue colors are one-piece options while the black color is a two-piece device.

Sumo Springs RV Reviews

The majority of the reviews we read were positive. The owners of these helper springs could not say enough good about them. The many comments were how these helper springs smoothed out their ride and made controlling their RVs a lot better.

The one negative comment we found was where one owner most likely did not install the helper springs correctly and did not provide the standard 1-inch gap needed for them to work right.

The Sumo Springs need weight and won't engage until weight is placed on your tow vehicle. You do need to remove the factory spacers as well to get the full benefit of these helper springs.

Other than that, most of the customers we saw who posted their experience, were very positive and would not take them out for anything. When installed properly, they do provide a better rider and a better towing experience.



As one owner said, he went for a more dense level of sumo springs and should have gone to the blue instead. To get good results, you need to pick the level that will fit your RV situation.

Sumo Springs RV Cost

As reported earlier, one retailer sold them as a pair and for \$252 approx. However, that price is not going to be static and you will find retailers who will price them according to the make and model of your tow vehicle.

For example, Sumo Springs for a Chevy Tahoe were priced between \$250 and \$280 approx. while the Ford ranger price was between \$180 and \$260 approx. Another retailer had the Chevy Tahoe version \$100 cheaper at \$150 approx.

We have also seen these helper springs being placed on sale for up to \$700. Your cost will depend on your tow vehicle, trailer type, and other factors. Different retailers will price them accordingly.

Amazon has these helper springs on sale as well and they are competitive in pricing. The blues are listed at \$196, the blacks at \$207 to \$224, and the yellows are priced at \$299 to \$325 approx.

You may find better and more economical deals if you search Amazon and find different sellers.

Sumo Springs For Sprinter RV

This model of RV does have two of the Sumo Springs that will work for it. The black and the yellow versions are the recommended models. Each version of the Sumo Spring has a different capacity level.

At 50% compression, the black Sumo Springs have

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Sumo Shocks For RV: Cost, Reviews, Installation Guide (cont'd)

a 900-pound weight limit while at the same compression level the yellow can hold up to 1400 pounds. Then these springs were originally made for the 3500. However, they are now available for the VS30 and 45400 models as well.

Like other Sumo Spring options, these require no maintenance and slip into place quite easily. With their airbag-type design, you are riding on an air cushion that does not leak air.

Of course, you need to follow the same rules of loading an RV. You cannot go past the manufacturer's suggested gross vehicle ratings even with these springs in place. Putting them on your vehicle should not be a problem as clear instructions are provided with each spring sold.

Sumo Springs For Class A RV



There are some Sumo Springs for Class A RVs. They work more for smoothing out the ride and helping some sway but not for much else. The real results come with proper installation.

There are some differing opinions on this issue and some people like the added help while other owners do not see much value in using Sumo Springs on their Class A RV. Other owners who made the addition will not change back to a non-Sumo Spring driving situation.

How they will help your Class A depends a lot on the driving conditions, road conditions, and your driving style. The cost you pay will be determined by the retail outlet you chose to buy those helper springs at. They are being sold at different prices and even Amazon does not really provide you with a price advantage.

The best advice that can be given is for you to talk to some experienced mechanics, some owners who have Sumo Springs on their RVs, and then make your own decision.

How To Install Sumo Springs On RV

Step one is to jack up your RV and then position heavy-duty jack stands underneath to help hold the weight. Then check the tires front and back to make sure that they do not roll on you.



Step two is to get the Sumo Spring kit and drill the extra 3/8 of an inch holes that are needed to secure the springs to the chassis. Step three has you assembling the brackets with the bolts and nuts, (all three items are included in the kit).

Then the brackets are attached to the Sumo Springs and the stock steel spring stack. The difficult part of installing these springs is that you do not have a lot of working room. You will have a tight fit making it hard to turn your ratchet to tighten the brackets.

Then the drilling of the holes for the brackets will be a bit difficult as well. The lack of room is what makes installation complicated. If you have someone do it for you, expect to pay about \$1000 for their time and labor.

Sumo Springs vs Air Bags For RV



This will depend on your ride preference. Some people say that the Sumo Springs provide a harsher ride than airbags will. But other owners using Sumo Springs found the opposite to be true. They enjoyed the ride they got using the Sumo

Springs.

What the airbags do is help level the RV out making the ride a lot more enjoyable for the driver and the passengers. These owners won't give up their airbags just like Sumo Spring owners won't give up their springs.

It is a matter of preference and you may enjoy the airbags over the Sumo Springs or you may prefer

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the reverse. The biggest problem with airbags is that they cannot be stretched too far and if you do, you may have to replace them.

The Sumo Springs do not have that difficulty which might give them a nice advantage over the airbags. Ride-wise, this may be 6 of one and a half dozen of the other.

Some Final Words



Getting a little more comfort out of your RV ride is important. The Sumo Springs should be up to that task and help you have better control over your vehicles. Their installation is said to be easy as long as you follow the included instructions in the kit or your RV dealer install them.

According to the reviews, there are more owners who like this system over those that do not. The key will be in picking the right color level for your RV. You do not want to go too light or too dense when making your selection.



WINTERIZING YOUR RV CHECKLIST

Step 1: Draining Your RV

- Remove and bypass any inline water filters.
- Drain fresh water, black and gray holding tanks.
- Flush black and gray holding tanks with built-in flushing system or use a cleaning wand. Lubricate termination valves with WD 40.
- Drain water heater by removing the drain plug and opening the pressure relief valve. NEVER drain water heater when it's hot or pressurized.
- Open all hot and cold faucets (don't forget outside shower and toilet valve!)
- Open low point drain lines

- Close all faucets and recap all drains.

Step 2: Winterizing with Antifreeze

- Bypass the water heater.
- Install a water pump converter kit or disconnect the inlet side of the water pump.
- Connect tubing from the water pump inlet into a 1-gallon container of antifreeze.
- Turn on the water pump and allow system to pressurize. Starting with the closest faucet, gradually open hot and then cold valves until antifreeze trickles out. Replace the antifreeze jug as required.
- Repeat this step on all faucets from the closest to the farthest away.
- Flush the toilet until antifreeze appears in the bowl.
- Turn off the water pump and open a faucet to depressurize.
- Pour a cupful of antifreeze down each drain and a couple of cups in the toilet bowl and flush into the holding tank.

Step 3: Preparing for Storage

- Make sure any electric heating elements are turned off.
- Double check that all faucets are closed.

Supplies:

- Water heater by-pass kit
- Holding tank cleaning wand
- Water pump converter kit
- RV antifreeze (2-3 gallons)



CCFMCA Grub Hub



Little Family Adventure

by Nicky Omohundro

How to Make a Walking Taco (In a Bag)

Looking for the perfect portable snack, appetizer, or quick meal, look no further than a walking taco! Perfect for feeding a crowd, camping, game days, or weeknight dinners, serving tacos in a bag is the ultimate on-the-go solution!

Walking tacos are a super easy and delicious way to enjoy tacos on the go with all the fixings without the need to make tortillas. You simply open a single-serve bag of chips, add the taco toppings IN THE BAG, and serve. Clean-up is a snap too!

This is my go-to taco in a bag recipe when I'm looking for something quick, filling, and easy to make a meal or snack. If you want to make these on your next camping trip, I share a few helpful tips for prepping at home AND setting up a walking taco bar.

What is a walking taco you ask?

These aren't actual tacos, but instead, are a single-serving bag of corn chips like Fritos or Doritos snack bags topped with taco meat and taco fixings; shredded cheese, beans, diced tomatoes, etc.

They are called walking tacos because everything is inside the bag making them easy to eat while you walk. They are



also called by other names including Taco in a Bag, Traveling Taco, and in some Midwestern areas a Frito Pie or Frito Boat.

This convenient meal is great for busy people who need something filling to eat while they're on the go. It's hearty, healthy, and can be eaten at home, taken to work, or on your next camping trip.

What you'll need to make walking tacos

- ground beef
- taco seasoning
- corn chips (Fritos) or tortilla chips (Cool Ranch or Nacho Doritos)
- shredded cheese



Ideas Walking Taco Toppings

The recipe can be changed to suit the tastes of the individual eater; however, it is not necessary to add any additional toppings if you prefer your tacos simple. Here are a few topping ideas:

- sour cream
- guacamole
- diced tomatoes
- diced onions
- shredded lettuce
- chopped cilantro
- salsa
- sliced jalapenos
- beans (pinto or black are ones I like) for some extra protein

How to Make Walking Tacos?1

1. In a large skillet or pan, add taco seasoning and ground beef.
2. Cook ground beef over medium heat until browned, about 6-8 minutes. Break meat apart as it cooks.
3. Once cooked, drain excess grease. Use right away or store/freeze until later.
4. When ready to serve, I like to set up a walking taco bar with single serve bags of Fritos, Doritos, or other corn chips, and all the toppings. That way everyone can create their own version with taco meat, shredded cheese, jalapenos, salsa, guacamole, etc.

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How to Make a Walking Taco (In a Bag)

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- These can be eaten right out of the bag with a fork or with your fingers.

Great Camping Food

I love to serve up a taco in a bag when our family goes tent camping. I prep most things ahead at home and then reheat the meat on-site. It helps me reduce my cooking time while on-site and makes clean-up a breeze.



At home, I use this [Scanpan skillet](#) which I bought from Sur La Table. I absolutely LOVE it because nothing sticks to it. While camping, I use a [Lodge cast iron skillet](#) because it's virtually indestructible.

- Taco Meat** – Precook the beef taco meat at home, cool, and transfer to a food-safe freezer bag. Freeze the bag flat for easy storage in the cooler. When you start packing your ice cooler, place the frozen taco meat at the bottom of the cooler to stay cold.
- Beans** – Add beans to the mix for added protein. I will add the beans into my cooked taco meat or be reheated together on site. If you don't want to do that, opt for canned pinto, black, or ranch beans.
- Vegetables** – You can pre-chop your tomatoes, onions, and lettuce at home and store them in storage bags.

Recipe Card

Ingredients - TACO In A Bag

- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 tablespoons taco seasoning or 1 packet
- 16 single serve bags of corn chips (Fritos) or tortillas chips (Cool Ranch or Nacho Doritos)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Toppings

- sour cream
- Guacamole
- diced tomatoes (fresh or canned)
- diced onions
- shredded lettuce
- chopped cilantro
- chopped scallions
- Salsa
- sliced jalapenos
- 1 cup beans (pinto or black work great), drained

Instructions

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3. Once cooked, drain excess grease. Use right away or store/freeze until later.
4. When ready to serve, open single-serve chip bags and place desired toppings in bag over the chips.
5. Serve and enjoy!

Notes

Taco meat can be made ahead and frozen until needed.



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October 1, 2022, the price will be increasing due to much needed maintenance and general up-keep at the campground.

Our overall pricing will not be changing. We offer electric-only sites for \$20 a night and full-hookup sites for \$30 a night. The two night per month at half price will be based off of the type of site you book; two nights for \$10 on electric-only sites and \$15 on full-hookup sites.

If you have made a reservation before October 1, 2022, for the upcoming year, your two free nights will still be honored. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our membership department at [800-543-3622](tel:800-543-3622).

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- Under 65 Open Enrollment: Starts on November 1st, 2022, and ends on December 15th, 2022
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Applicant must be a member of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA), or must have applied for or be applying for membership in FMCA simultaneously with this application to be eligible for membership in CCFMCA. Please provide your FMCA number: F _____.

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