

# Escapees RV Club Sets Initiative to Protect Public Lands

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With the help and support of advocates, Escapees RV Club created a list of best practices to ensure public lands will remain beautiful. According to a press release, the list is codified in the [RVers Boondocking Policy](#) and supported by multiple companies and organizations in the camping industry.

More than 20 years ago, there was an increase in abuse of overnight parking options which led to proposed legislation that would prohibit staying in places such as Walmart. In the interest of [protecting these options for RVers](#), Escapees took action and created the [Good Neighbor Policy](#), sharing it with RVers nationwide with the help of many respected RV organizations.

According to the release, as thousands of new RV enthusiasts hit the road a similar pattern has developed with the increased use of public lands. This led to the creation of the RVers Boondocking Policy, something similar to the Good Neighbor Policy, that focuses on respecting and caring for public lands.

“Overuse can hurt local ecosystems that take years to recover, and abuse can create tighter regulations, raise maintenance fees, and have an overall negative impact on public lands and our ability to use them in the spirit in which they were intended,” stated Mark Nemeth, who participated in the formation of this policy.

Key points of the Boondocking Policy include respecting established rules, preserving the terrain, respecting neighbors (both fellow campers and native wildlife), and leaving the area better than you found it. Detailed explanations of these points, recommended resources, and actionable steps can be found on the [Escapees RV Club website](#).