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4 GREAT CAR CAMPING SPOTS IN WASHINGTON

Summer is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the nice weather that has finally arrived. One fun way to do this is car camping! Here are a few of our favorite local spots.

WHITE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Keep an eye out for mountain goats near this campground (accessed from the White River entrance) on Mt. Rainier. For wildflowers, hike 3 miles to Glacier Basin or 4.2 miles up, up, up to Summerland via the Wonderland Trail. No reservations. [360-569-6575](tel:360-569-6575) Sunrise Rd, 5 miles from SR 410, Mount Rainier National Park.



JOHNNY CREEK

Icicle Road outside Leavenworth has more than half a dozen campgrounds, but this one boasts creekfront spots; try Ida Creek Campground for a second chance at a waterfront site if it's full. Icicle Rd, 12.5 miles from Hwy 12, [509-548-2550](tel:509-548-2550) fs.usda.gov



COLONIAL CREEK

The North Cascades are remote, but this campground is only a few miles from topaz-hued Ross Lake and the engineering-geek tours of the Seattle City Light dam. Sites in the south loop are on the shores of Diablo Lake. North Cascades Hwy, 25 miles from Marblemount, [360-854-7200](tel:360-854-7200) nps.gov/noca



HUNTERS

27 car campgrounds dot the shores of Eastern Washington's multi-armed Lake Roosevelt, but Hunters has an ideal location just inside ponderosa pine country and just north of the dusty desert, Fort Spokane, and Grand Coulee Dam. 5168 Hunters Campground Rd, Hunters, [509-754-7893](tel:509-754-7893) nps.gov/laro.



CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE MOTORCYCLE EMERGENCY KIT

Motorcyclists are typically an adventurous and independent breed of folk, loving the freedom of riding on the open road. But being carefree doesn't mean being careless; preparedness is a virtue.

You never know when you might blow a tire, come across a deer, or misgauge a turn and wind up flipping your bike. If ever something goes amiss, it's good to be prepared for come what may.

A motorcycle emergency kit is a necessity for every rider and can help give you a little more peace of mind. Have it with you on every ride. You can purchase a pre-made kit from a retailer, or you can create your comprehensive package designed to meet your needs. Below are some of the items to consider adding to your package

TOOLS

Most modern motorcycles include a very limited toolkit, usually secured under the seat. It's usually generic and insufficient to meet your needs if ever you're stranded on the road. *Ride Apart* provides an excellent list of tools that they recommend for your motorcycle emergency kit.

"Providing your vehicle is relatively new and more importantly well-maintained, and if it's not an old clunker that's on its last leg, these tools will take care of most situations," *Ride Apart* writer Tim Watson

noted.

- Flathead screwdriver (or multi-head screwdriver)
- Fold-up Allen wrench
- Multi-purpose pocket knife, e.g., Swiss Army knife
- Pliers
- Adjustable wrench
- Flashlight
- Battery cables
- Spare fuses
- Tire repair kit
- Zip ties
- Duct tape
- Electrical tape



MEDICAL ITEMS

You can opt for a pre-packaged first-aid kit, or you can put together one of your own.

- Bandages in various sizes
- Gauze and tape
- Alcohol wipes
- Packets of antibiotic ointment
- Tweezers and small scissors
- Painkillers (acetaminophen) and anti-inflammatory (ibuprofen)

SURVIVAL AND GENERAL ITEMS

Lastly, for longer rides or rides to remote locations, you'll want to make sure you have essential survival items. You might wish to include the following in your kit.

- Water or a hydration pack
- Iodine (to purify water)
- Reflective survival blanket, balaclava, and gloves (cold weather)
- Protein bars
- Phone numbers for AAA and your insurer

You might also want to think about buying a motorcycle GPS or emergency GPS system, just in case you're ever without cellphone reception after a motorcycle accident.

Being prepared can save you the frustration of being stranded on the side of the road somewhere where there's no cell coverage. Plus you may be able to help another rider who is less prepared, but could use a helping hand.

SAFE RIDING!!

June 15 - 18 Marysville Strawberry Festival

Family event with a carnival, vendors, strawberry shortcake, entertainment, a tricycle race (Thurs. 6 p.m.), a grand parade (Sat. 5 p.m.), and a car show (Sun.). Free.

Visit <https://www.marysvillestrawberryfest.com/> for details.

June 16 - 18 Bluegrass Festival

Concerts, vendors, workshops, and camping at Chelan County Expo Center. 5700 Wescott Drive in Cashmere.

Visit www.cashmerecoffeehouse.com/wrbfest.htm for details.

June 17 Fremont Solstice Parade & Fair

Seattle's Fremont neighborhood has one of the most fantastic and must see parades every year. The parade is famous for crazy costumes and occasionally naked bike riders! There's lots of food, drinks, and vendors as well.

Visit www.fremontartscouncil.org/parade for details

June 24 Greenwood Car Show

This is one of the biggest car shows every summer in Seattle. Tons of awesome vintage show cars on display. Plus tons of food and drink while you walk this show.

Visit www.greenwoodcarshow.com for details.

June 24 - 25 Pride Parade and Festival

Seattle's Capital Hill hosts a big weekend festival celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. There's lots of food, drinks and live music. The parade is a must see Seattle event!

Visit www.seattlepridefest.org for details and schedule.



Washington State Motorcycle Passenger Laws

Several state statutes in Washington apply to motorcycle passengers. The following are important motorcycle passenger laws in Washington State that all riders and passengers need to know.

CAN A MOTORCYCLIST WITH AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT AND NOT A FULL MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT RIDE WITH PASSENGERS?

No. Riders who have instruction permits cannot carry passengers on their motorcycles. They are also not allowed to drive at night, with or without passengers.

DO MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS HAVE TO WEAR HELMETS?

Yes. Everyone riding on a motorcycle in the state of Washington must wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) compliant helmet. This includes motorcycle operators and passengers.

ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS TO THE LAW THAT REQUIRES PASSENGERS TO WEAR HELMETS?

Yes. Riders and passengers do not have to wear helmets if:

- They are riding an antique motor-driven cycle; or
- The vehicle has a steering wheel, compliant seat belts, and a certified, conforming seating area for the driver and passenger that is completely or partially enclosed.

DO MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS HAVE TO WEAR EYE PROTECTION?

Washington State law dictates that motorcycles have a windshield unless the operator is wearing glasses, goggles, or a face shield.

IS THERE AN AGE REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS IN WASHINGTON?

Yes. You are not allowed to take a passenger under the age of five on a two or three-wheel motorcycle in Washington.



DOES A MOTORCYCLE HAVE TO INCLUDE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO CARRY PASSENGERS?

Yes. Passengers can only legally ride on motorcycles that have dedicated passenger seats and either footboards or pegs. Passengers are supposed to keep their feet on the footboards or pegs at all times. All riders must keep their feet on opposite sides of the bike. In other words, no riding "side saddle."

Also, motorcycles have weight limits for safe operation. The driver might need to adjust the air pressure in the tires or the bike's suspension to carry a passenger.

WILL NON-COMPLIANCE WITH WASHINGTON STATE'S MOTORCYCLE PASSENGER

LAWS AFFECT AN ACCIDENT CLAIM?

It depends. Failure to follow motorcycle laws or laws pertaining to passengers could affect the outcome of an accident claim. If the passenger's behavior or failure to comply with the law caused or directly contributed to the accident and injuries, then yes, the violations may affect the outcome of an accident claim.

HOW DOES A MOTORCYCLE PASSENGER'S NEGLIGENCE AFFECT COMPENSATION IN AN ACCIDENT CLAIM?

It depends on whether the passenger's negligence caused the wreck. If the passenger was negligent but the behavior did not lead to the accident or contribute to injury severity, then the passenger's negligence may not be relevant.

For example, the passenger was not wearing a helmet and suffered a broken leg when a car ran a red light and struck the motorcycle. Failure to wear a helmet did not cause the wreck and a helmet would not have prevented a broken leg. Therefore, the passenger's non-compliance with motorcycle helmet laws most likely does not affect compensation.

If, on the other hand, the passenger was engaging in horseplay, which led to an accident, the passenger's negligence may reduce the amount of compensation the passenger can recover for injuries. This is called comparative negligence.

Let's assume the passenger was 80 percent at fault and the motorcycle driver is 20 percent at

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Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

LEMON BLUEBERRY BREAD

THIS IS A CLASSIC AND WONDERFUL FLAVOR COMBINATION. AGAIN, ONE OF OUR FAVORITES!

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon zest

Glaze:

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup sugar

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat the butter, sugar, lemon juice and eggs. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; stir into egg mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Fold in the blueberries and lemon zest.

Transfer to a greased 8 x 4 in. loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 60-70 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack.

Combine glaze ingredients; drizzle over warm bread. Cool completely.





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fault. Washington's law on comparative fault will reduce her damages in proportion to the amount of her fault. So, if she had \$100,000 in damages, she would only get \$20,000 because she was 80 percent responsible.

IMPORTANT NOTE - Some motorcycle policies exclude passengers from coverage. Make sure your motorcycle insurance covers your passenger on all coverages including Underinsured Motorist (UIM).

You may have to pay a little extra to cover your passengers, but when it's your family or friends - it is worth it!

If you suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident, Max Meyers Law can help. Please call us at **425-276-7804** to set up your free consultation.



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