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What's a fulltime RVer anyway?

By Malia Lane

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Sometimes there's dissention on the forums regarding what constitutes a fulltime RVer. Do you qualify if your only home is an RV, but it stays parked in one place? Is a "snowbird" that moves only between two areas a real fulltimer? Do I have to travel every week -- is every month okay before I lose the rightful title?



Malia enjoying the Rogue River

I am often asked about how long I stay in one place. When I first took off, I was working temp paralegal jobs to support my travel habit. I stopped in areas I wanted to explore, but since I could only sightsee on weekends, I needed to stay put much longer than I would have preferred. Sometimes I swear I could hear my house calling, "Hellooooo, I've got wheels here, you know?"

What I've discovered since then is that I won't lose my RV license if I park longer than a week. And I don't really want to be on the go all the time. Some days I just want to hang out and do sweet nothings. If I go out every day nonstop, I'm not giving myself time to savor and process the experiences.

My current plan is to thoroughly explore the Crater Lake area in order to share it through my website Malia's Miles. It will take an extended stay to do that in as much detail as I want to. But no, it doesn't bother me not to be traveling every day. Another silver lining to that cloud is that reduced travel means reduced gas costs. And monthly campground rates are a WHOLE lot cheaper than daily rates.

I love my fulltiming lifestyle and the way I do it. But that doesn't mean diddly squat if it doesn't work for you. Like Hank, one of my campground buddies, taught me, "Mine is not the only way, mine is not a better way, mine is simply another way."

Now get out there and enjoy your own way!

Malia Lane has been a solo fulltime RVer for four years and has published her journal, "Inspiration's Journey" at MaliasRV.com. She recently began a new site

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