

SET-UP LIST - Caravans, Campervans, Trailers

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Have a spare key to your vehicle securely locked in a secret place outside your car or swap keys with a friend if travelling in a group

- 1) Try and find a site that is as level as possible and with shade at the time of day that best suits you. Check that the electrical connection works before setting up. If you are reliant on water, make sure there is a water tap nearby.
- 2) If you are relying on solar, try and find an open spot with little shade.
- 3) Decide which way you want to live... facing the road / facing the bushes / facing your neighbour. In some places such as the Coast, the direction of the wind will dictate how you set up your rig. Use your vehicles to protect your living area from the worst of the wind.
- 4) Make sure the vehicle is parked close enough to the electrical box (if applicable).
- 5) Check to see if you are parked directly under a tree with lots of ants/running sap. Shady trees are cooling, but they are also a roosting spot for birds and monkeys.
- 6) Unhitch your trailer/caravan/2nd car (if applicable).
- 7) Level and stabilise the vehicle using levellers, stabilisers etc.
- 8) Hook-up your electrical connection.
- 9) Check fridge and other components are running.
- 10) Open vents & windows as needed – fresh air is a great way to get rid of musty smells.
- 11) Switch on water pumps, geysers and other units as needed.
- 12) Turn on propane tanks as and when you need gas. It's best to switch your gas on and off rather than to just leave it on all the time.
- 13) Ensure radios, GPS etc are all switched off and not draining your starter battery.
- 14) Put up privacy screens, windscreen covers as needed.
- 15) Have fun – enjoy – explore – relax – adventure !

BREAKDOWN LIST - Caravans, Campervans, Trailers

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- 1) Pack away and securely stow everything you can.
- 2) Do you need to empty & clean any water reservoirs, black tank / chemical toilet?
- 3) Turn off propane cylinders.
- 4) Switch off any pumps or other devices.
- 5) Close vents and windows.
- 6) Remove glass plate from the microwave and store securely.
- 7) Lock fridge/freezer doors.
- 8) Lock and secure doors, drawers and anything else that opens, shuts or moves.
- 9) Secure any loose items/chargers/phones etc.
- 10) Retract the awning and secure it is engaged fully into the locking mechanism.
- 11) Detach from the electrical connection.
- 12) Remove any levellers/stabilisers.
- 13) Hitch up to your trailer/caravan/2nd car.
- 14) Connect the electrics from the front vehicle to the trailer/caravan/2nd car.
- 15) Have someone check that the lights etc are working on the trailer/caravan/2nd car.
- 16) Take one last walk around the entire travelling unit to ensure that everything looks in place and ready to roll. If you can, have someone watch you drive a short way – they are checking for anything you may have missed or cannot see from the drivers spot.
- 17) Travel home safe – enjoy the journey – get home, unpack and get planning for the next trip!