

Things to Consider When Parking

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1. Make check-in sheets for each stop with WBCCI #, Last Name, First Name, and Unit Length. list the rigs by WBCCI numerical order.
2. Handy tools: Flags for parkers, direction signs, two 60' yellow nylon ropes for guiding caravanners into parking sites. CB's or other type of communication can be confusing if not used properly. We normally have the ladies check in the arriving units and they have a CB at their location. We can speak with them when we have a need. Use clipboards to hold the sheets.
3. Leaders must be involved in parking units. We have had leaders who assigned inexperienced caravanners to be in charge of parking. This is not fair to the parkers or to the caravanners. I stay with the parkers until I'm sure they know what they are doing. Then I do other duties.
4. Let the parking committee know the leader is in charge of the parking and they are part of the parking crew.
5. What to look for when arriving at parking locations: Have parkers walk around and check each site for level, length, determine usability, and see if there are tree limbs that can do damage to the units. If you use more than one location at arrival site, assign a parker to each location. Do not assign sites without verifying usability.
6. When assigning parkers and their wives, make sure they have flags so the arriving caravanners can see the parkers. Wives must be positioned so the arriving caravanners can see them and be cleared to proceed far enough ahead so that they will not affect traffic on highway.
7. Many campgrounds will assign sites if you send them a list of the units and their lengths. Many prefer the leader to make the assignments. Some parks will have a loop system. If they do, assign sites, if possible, to the furthest site from the beginning of the loop. This will prevent delays.
8. I have all parkers assigned to meet with me as soon as they are parked. This gives me a chance to go over the parking plan with the parkers. Gracie gets with the women and tells them where they are to meet the arriving caravanners and what time they go on duty.
9. Keep in mind motor homes can park in an area where 34 foot trailers cannot.
10. It is necessary to find a location for the motor homes to disconnect their towed vehicle before coming into the parking site. This will preclude parking delays for others.
11. Special Needs: If the leader needs to park units in certain areas for the benefit of the caravan - park B-Vans or handicap near showers, etc.