WHERE TO PARK YOUR BUS

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This past summer we were parked at Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde, AZ. They have Full Hook Ups and some great features; fitness room, laundry room, pool, spa, dog park, trails all around, vineyards, Sedona near-by, swimming holes, etc. It was during their "off season", but they had a "No rigs over 10 years old" policy. I emailed a couple of months before we needed to arrive and they were happy to accept us. We paid $600 per month +$35 flat rate for electricity. You could also apply to Workamp there.

After spending a year and a half converting our '99 International Genesis, Chitty Bang (read our article in the May 2018 issue of BCM), into a Tiny House/ Skoolie for our family of four, I started to wonder how hard it would be to park at a typical RV park or campground? What about a resort? Would they love our bus as much as we do?

She does not look like an RV with the few school bus windows that are still showing on either side. The RV door does not disguise her total originality of previously being a big yellow bus that carted kids and eggheads around Arizona's ISD.

Of course, we did not want to "run with the pack" and be in crowded places. We wanted to boondock and use this amazing solar setup that we installed. We wanted to park on friend's and family's property while we visited and explore their state and sights.

So, who cares if we don't fit in at an RV Park with all those unoriginal motorhomes? The different "suburbs" of the traveling world, as we came to describe them.

Well, believe it or not, despite our passion for off-grid living, we did find ourselves staying at a few RV parks, campgrounds, and even a resort while traveling around the last two years.

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