

AN INTERVIEW WITH SHAKESPEARE ABOUT CAMPING

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Why do some people prefer RV's over motels?

There's little can be said on it. 'tis against the rule of nature.

All's Well That Ends Well

Why did you switch from tenting to RV'ing?

I see a man's life is a tedious one;

I have tired myself.

Cymbeline

Was it hard to switch from tenting to RV'ing?

By Heav'n, methinks it were an easy leap.

All's Well that Ends well

When they asked you wife how she enjoyed camping, what did she say?

I have no superfluous leisure.

Measure for Measure

What did you say to get your wife to go RV'ing?

I'll show you the best springs I'll pluck thee berries;

I'll fish for thee, and get thee wood enough.

The Tempest

How did the RV salesman describe your first attempt to drive your rig?

He should have worn the horns on his head.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Was that class A RV expensive?

I am a fool, and full of poverty.

Love's Labour's Lost

Do you drive fast?

I'll put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Is there anything really interesting about RV'ing?

All strange and terrible events are welcome;

All comforts we despise.

Antony and Cleopatra

How early do you get on the road?

But, my lads, to-morrow morning, by four o'clock....

King Henry IV Part I

How would you describe the driver's seat in your RV?

...like the barber's chair that fits all buttocks:
the pin buttock, the quatch buttock, the brawn buttock,
any buttock.

All's Well That Ends Well

Does the heat pump work well?

Oh heat, dry up my bones.

Hamlet

How did you feel when you drove off with your antenna still up?

And I, an ass, am onion-eyed for shame.

Antony and Cleopatra

You switched from a class A to a class B. How does it feel?

.....though she be but little, she is fierce,

A midsummer Night's Dream

Now that you're self-contained, how often do you plan to use the wash house?

Why then to-morrow night; or Tuesday morn;
On Thursday noon, or night; on Wednesday morn;
I prithee name the time, but let it not exceed three days.

Othello

How do you feel about pit toilets?

If he fall in, good night! Or sink or swim.

King Henry IV Part I

RV cooking is a bit different. What's your favorite dish?

Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the cauldron boikl and bake;
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog.

Macbeth

Campground coffee is really good, isn't it?

Too much of water hast thou, poor Ophelia

Hamlet

What's your secret to making good coffee?

Rumble thy bellyful! Spit, fire! Spout, rain!

Julius Caesar

Tell us about your favorite camping spot?

I know a place where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxslips and the nodding woodbine grows.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

What recommendation got you to try that place?

The king doth keep his revels here....

A Midsummer Night's Dream

How do you get to that great RV park?

Turn on your right hand at the next turning,
but, at the next turning of all, on your left; marry
at the very next turning, turn of no hand, but turn
down indirectly....

All's Well That Ends Well

Could you follow the directions in that new campground directory?

Are they not lamely writ?

Two Gentlemen From Verona

What is the fee for full hookups at that RV park?

Two thousand ducats and twenty thousand souls.

Hamlet

How many rigs can that RV park accommodate?

Five or six thousand, but very weak and unserviceable.

The Merchant of Venice

How does the management feel about their park?

Who chooseth me shall have as much as he deserves.

The Merchant of Venice

Is it far from your site to the wash house?

Over hill, over dale,
Through brush, through brier,
Over park, over pale,
Through flood, through fire.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Was your wife in a hurry to get to the wash house?

I saw her once hop forty paces in the public street,
and having lost her breath, she spoke and panted.

Antony and Cleopatra

Tell us about the worst campground you've stayed at.

There's hell, there's darkness, there's the sulfurous pit,
Burning, scalding, stanch, corruption, consumption.

King Lear

Were the neighbors at that campground noisy?

A plague upon this howling. They were louder than the weather....

The Tempest

How did the manager respond to your complaint?

He fell down in the market place and foamed at the mouth and was
Speechless.

Julius Caesar

What did you recommend regarding the noisy campers?

Let them be whipped through every market town.

King Henry VI Part II

What's your opinion of RV'ers who camp overnight at Interstate rest areas?

Either thou art most ignorant by age
Or thou wert born a fool.

The Winter's Tale

What did that RV'er say when he drove off and left his holding tank uncapped?

I may be negligent, foolish and fearful;
In every one of these no man is free.

The Winter's Tale

How do you feel after driving five hundred miles in one day?

I am a-weary; give me leave awhile.
Fie, how my bones ache; what a jaunce have I had.

Romeo and Juliet

Do you have any opinion regarding people who haven't tried RV travel?

What fools these mortals be!

A Midsummer Nights Dream