ROAD TRIP!
YOUR GUIDE TO FUN (AND SAFE) SUMMER ADVENTURES
THE BEST BACKSEAT GAMES
LOCAL FAVES IN EVERY STATE
YOUR TRAVEL CHECKLIST AND MORE

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**Let’s Take a Road Trip!**

We know how important it is for you to show the world to your kids, whether you’re checking out that fun indoor water park a couple hours away or packing up the car for a cross-country road trip adventure. That’s why we’re teaming up with AAA to bring you this travel guide with fresh inspiration and advice for hitting the road with your family—because we want your summer road trip to be safe—and fun!

**Ready to go?** Your next adventure starts now.

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**About AAA**

As North America’s largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 57 million members with travel, insurance, financial, and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. Motorists can map a route, identify gas prices, find discounts, book a hotel, and access AAA roadside assistance with the AAA Mobile app for iPhone and Android. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile. AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at AAA.com.

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Reaching an audience of more than 4 million, FamilyFun magazine gives parents the ideas and inspiration to create unforgettable family moments. Part of Meredith Corporation’s Parents Network of brands, FamilyFun is a trusted authority on family cooking, vacations, celebrations, play, creative projects, and learning—the full spectrum of fun that enriches the precious time families share. Written for parents with children ages 3 to 12, FamilyFun is unique in the marketplace, delivering real ideas for—and from—real families.

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**prep for your trip**

from AAA

The key to a successful road trip is proper planning. Make sure your car is up-to-date on all scheduled maintenance and take care of any necessary repairs before hitting the road.

1. **Conduct regular maintenance:** To keep your vehicle in top operating condition, get an oil change, check all fluids, test the car battery, keep your tires at normal pressure, change your air filter, and replace wiper blades.

2. **Check all tires:** At least once a month and before each road trip, check your tire pressure to ensure proper inflation. Tires should be rotated based on the manufacturer’s recommended schedule for the vehicle.

3. **Test your battery:** Car batteries typically last between three and five years, with reduced battery life in hotter climates. To avoid an unexpected battery failure, have your vehicle’s battery tested when it reaches three years of age. If your battery’s older than three, test it annually.

4. **Pack an emergency kit:** Stock your vehicle with an emergency kit that includes a mobile phone and car charger, a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, drinking water, extra snacks for all travelers and pets, battery booster cables, and emergency flares or reflectors.
we asked 2,000 parents to share their local go-tos so you can be in the know too. Answers included everything from drive-in movie theaters to Civil War sites, with lots of state parks and campgrounds in between. Check out our top pick per state—this is a list you'll definitely want to save!
backseat boredom-busters
MAKE CAR TRIPS MORE FUN WITH THESE FAVORITES FROM OUR READERS
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1 Play Tubular Telephone
The Overingtons of Germantown, New York, thread snap-together tubes between the back seats, then send secret songs, whispered messages, and playful puffs of air through them.

2 Get Moving & Hopping
Quick challenges, such as a jumping jacks face-off or a hopping contest, help the Pittmans of Miami, Florida, get moving during rest stops. Mom Angel lists the activities on index cards stashed in the glove compartment. The day’s winner chooses a treat for the family to share.

3 Mark the Miles
Before starting out on their first major expedition, the Larsons hung little numbered tickets above each boy’s car seat, one for every hour of the trip. “They were redeemed for wrapped treats they could play with or eat along the journey,” says mom, Therese.

4 Follow the Trail
Before departing, Margaret Hammond of Colorado Springs, Colorado, writes the names of cities along their route on strips of masking tape and sticks them to the car ceiling. This simple trick not only eliminates the “How much longer?” question—it also provides a fun geography lesson.

tips for traveling with kids from AAA

Get the kids excited: Bring along destination information and track your road trip progress together on a map.

Build in time: Make frequent pit stops and plan fun activities to make breaks fun and engaging for the whole family.

Entertain the kids: Bring soft toys, books, and games to keep children occupied while traveling.

Pack snacks: Healthy snacks for kids (and adults!) are essential when you can’t stop for a full meal while traveling.

Safety first: Ensure you have the proper car seat correctly installed, and make sure everyone is buckled up before leaving.

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