

## **Review of RVWizard Mapping Tool**

For several years my mapping program of choice was the Trailer Life Directory Campground Navigator (TDLN), an excellent PC based mapping program. When support was no longer provided beginning several years ago I began my search for a comparable replacement. Nothing matched up to the TDLN until recently, when I found RV Wizard, an internet based mapping program (<https://www.rvtripwizard.com/> ). I hope my review helps my fellow Rovers who may be looking for a good mapping program to assist in their trip planning.

### **Functionality**

- Accessible from a laptop, tablet, and phone. I have not attempted to use the tool on a phone, but accessing the website from both an HP laptop, Acer laptop and a Samsung tablet works well.
- Trip route and turn-by-turn directions can be printed; sent to a GPS; exported to a calendar; sent to FaceBook or a friend. In addition the collapsed trip detail can be printed (Figure 1).
- I exported the trip stops shown in Figure 1 to Outlook Calendar on my laptops. Exporting to the tablet's calendar required several attempts before information displayed in that particular calendar; however, the problem may have been user error. Figure 2 shows an Excel export.
- All-inclusive campgrounds. The mapping tool includes military campgrounds, BLM, Corp of Engineers, city parks, parks in Canada and Mexico and other hard to find places. I belong to Thousand Trails Network and those are also included. RVWizard is the first mapping tool I have found that is so inclusive. Also, everything you may want to know about a campground is contained within RV Wizard, including user reviews. The selected campground's web site can also be accessed within RV Wizard.
- Overpass clearances are displayed on the map. However, routing preferences related to RV height seemed to be ignored when creating a travel route.
- Trip Preferences: Daily driving radiuses are user defined. A user can enter hours per day or mileage per day and the driving radius

will be displayed (3 colored rings), shown in Figure 1. I defined the inner radius (Blue) at 180 miles; the middle radius (yellow) at 200 miles; the outer (red) at 250 miles. A quick glance discerns the approximate distance from the last stop to the next.

- Trip builds: Trip builds are straight forward and easy.
- Collapsed trip detail includes each stop, mileage to; arrival and departure; reservation; phone number, coordinates (Figure 2).
- Routing information includes, but is not limited to, Walmart, Pilot/ Flying J locations.

The full blown version of RVWizard costs \$39.95 for a one year subscription. The company specifically states on their web site that they do not use automatic renewal; a big plus in my book. I have used the tool for about six months now and am satisfied with the functionality.

**Figure 1**

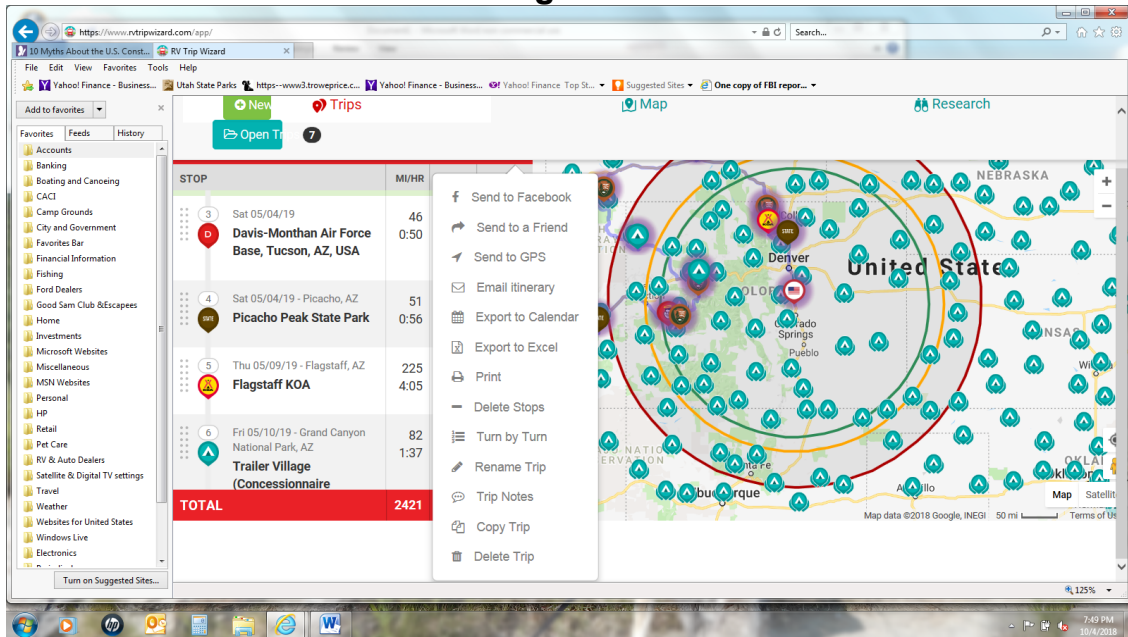


Figure 2

2019 Spring Trip 08-05-20-59.xlsx - Microsoft Excel non-commercial use

Stop Name	Miles	Arrival	Night	Depart	Cost	Res	Location	Phone	Latitude	Longitude
Volunteer Park Travel Campsite (Military FamCamp) Features: Pets Allowed, Family Friendly, Playground, Camp Store, Recreation Trail(s), Biking	0	Mon, 4/29/19	0	Mon, 4/29/19	###		SR-213, aka White Sands Missile Range Rd, White Sands Missile Range, NM, 88002	(575) 678-1713 <a href="http://www.militarycampground.s.us/new-mexico/volunteer-park-travel-campsite">http://www.militarycampground.s.us/new-mexico/volunteer-park-travel-campsite</a>	32.38764	-106.47958
<b>Kartchner Caverns State Park</b> Features: Pets Allowed, Family Friendly, Cafe / Snack Bar, Group Camping, Recreation Trail(s)	271.77	Mon, 4/29/19	5	Sat, 5/4/19	###		2980 S Hwy 90, Benson, AZ, 85602	(520) 586-4100 <a href="http://azstateparks.com/Parks/KACA/facilities.html#Camping">http://azstateparks.com/Parks/KACA/facilities.html#Camping</a>	31.83573	-110.34427
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, AZ, USA	46.56	Sat, 5/4/19	0	Sat, 5/4/19	###		Tucson, AZ 85756, USA			
Picacho Peak State Park Features: Pets Allowed, Family Friendly, Camp Store, Recreation Trail(s), Horseshoes	51.95	Sat, 5/4/19	5	Thu, 5/9/19	###		15520 Picacho Peak Rd, Picacho, AZ, 85141	(520) 466-3183 <a href="http://azstateparks.com/Parks/PPe/facilities.html#Camping">http://azstateparks.com/Parks/PPe/facilities.html#Camping</a>	32.65146	-111.41808
Flagstaff KOA Features: Pets Allowed, Family Friendly, Playground, Pet Area, Clubhouse, Camp	225.13	Thu, 5/9/19	1	Fri, 5/10/19	###		5803 North US Highway 89, Flagstaff, AZ, 86004	928-526-9926 <a href="mailto:info@flagstaffkoa.com">info@flagstaffkoa.com</a>	35.23365	-111.57613

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