

Chapter 6:

Boondocking Safety



Safety is very important while boondocking. When you're away from civilization, you'll find new potential dangers and it's not always easy to find help.

- **Listen to your gut.** If you don't feel safe at a certain location, go somewhere else.
- **Let someone know your location** and when you'll be back, especially if there's no cell phone service.
- **Talk to the locals.** If you strike up a conversation with park rangers, camp hosts, or even the Q&A section on [Campendium](#), you can learn a lot about the area and if there are any places to avoid.
- **Beware of wild animals.** Always bring bear spray and animal proof your trash.
- **Be aware of emergency contact assistance options in your area.** If you have no cell phone service, there may be an emergency phone nearby. Also, satellite devices (like a Garmin InReach) are a great way to communicate with others.
- **Get a weather radio.** If you're in an area where severe weather may strike, a weather radio will come in handy to give you alerts.
- **Bring a first aid kit** in case of cuts, burns, and minor injuries, as you will likely be far away from any hospital or doctor.

Congratulations—you've completed the course. Now you're ready for your next boondocking adventure.