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Measurement of a Recreational Vehicle:

From the get-go, it is very clear that the RV industry has no set guidelines for actual measuring protocols in relation to travel trailers. Some measure from bumper to hitch, yet others measure the actual cabin itself. This being said, they all have different coding systems that leave the purchaser themselves measuring the RV to see if it fits their individual requirements.

When booking a spot at a campsite, you must give the bumper to hitch measurement so they can place you in an appropriate site. The rules are the same for the Department of Transportation and the ferries. They do not require the width of the unit. This is not a concern for us here at Spider Lake Springs. The two measurements for this are with the slide (if equipped) in and with the slide out. Some designs of travel trailers incorporate a sloped front end of the cabin over the hitch, thus increasing interior space.

Tent trailers are typically measured much the same as travel trailers. For us, this poses the issue of the pop outs extending past the allowable 19-foot mark. It is also apparent now that travel trailers are also being built with pop outs that increase their length. Tent trailers are measured from the back of the unit to the furthest point of front overhang.

Going forward, the people with units already on site should be grandfathered in. All future units being brought into the Resort must adhere to the following measurements, which should be incorporated into the definition of a Recreational Vehicle cited in the Rules and Regulations.

1. All travel trailers shall be measured from the back of the cabin to the front of the cabin along the floor attached to the frame. If a unit has a pop-out which increases the length of said unit, then the measurement shall include the extension.
2. All tent trailers shall be measured from the furthest point of extension of pop-outs.
3. All campers shall be measured from the back of the unit to the furthest point of overhang in front.
4. All 5th wheels shall be measured from the back of the cabin to the furthest point of the front overhang.
5. All Park model RV's shall be measured from the back of the cabin to the front of the cabin along the frame.