

# The Family's Guide to BUNKHOUSES

A Bunkhouse RV Comparison Guide





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# A VACATION THAT GIVES YOU FREEDOM TO EXPLORE

In this ebook, you'll discover useful information and comparisons of our most popular bunkhouse recreational vehicles. As a family that has enjoyed the RV and camping lifestyle for many years, we want to share what we've learned. Bunkhouse RVs are a great choice for many campers with children or traveling with groups of friends because they provide that little bit of extra space to stretch out and relax when it's time to get some Zs or when mother nature isn't cooperating with your outdoor plans. Bunkhouse RVs can be your home-base while still giving you the freedom to explore the world around you on your vacation.

## FEATURES, MAKES, AND MODELS

If you're just beginning your RV adventure or trying to decide between a travel trailer and a motorized coach, you'll find helpful information in these pages on the different styles of bunkhouse RVs and popular features. We'll define what a bunkhouse RV is, available amenities and safety considerations for different vehicles in this class. We'll also highlight three of our popular bunkhouse RVs so you can compare model specifications, features, towing needs, and price range. We'll look at:

- Cherokee 274DBH
- Catalina 343QBDS
- Sierra 376BHOK

## STORE GEAR BY DAY, TIRED CAMPERS BY NIGHT

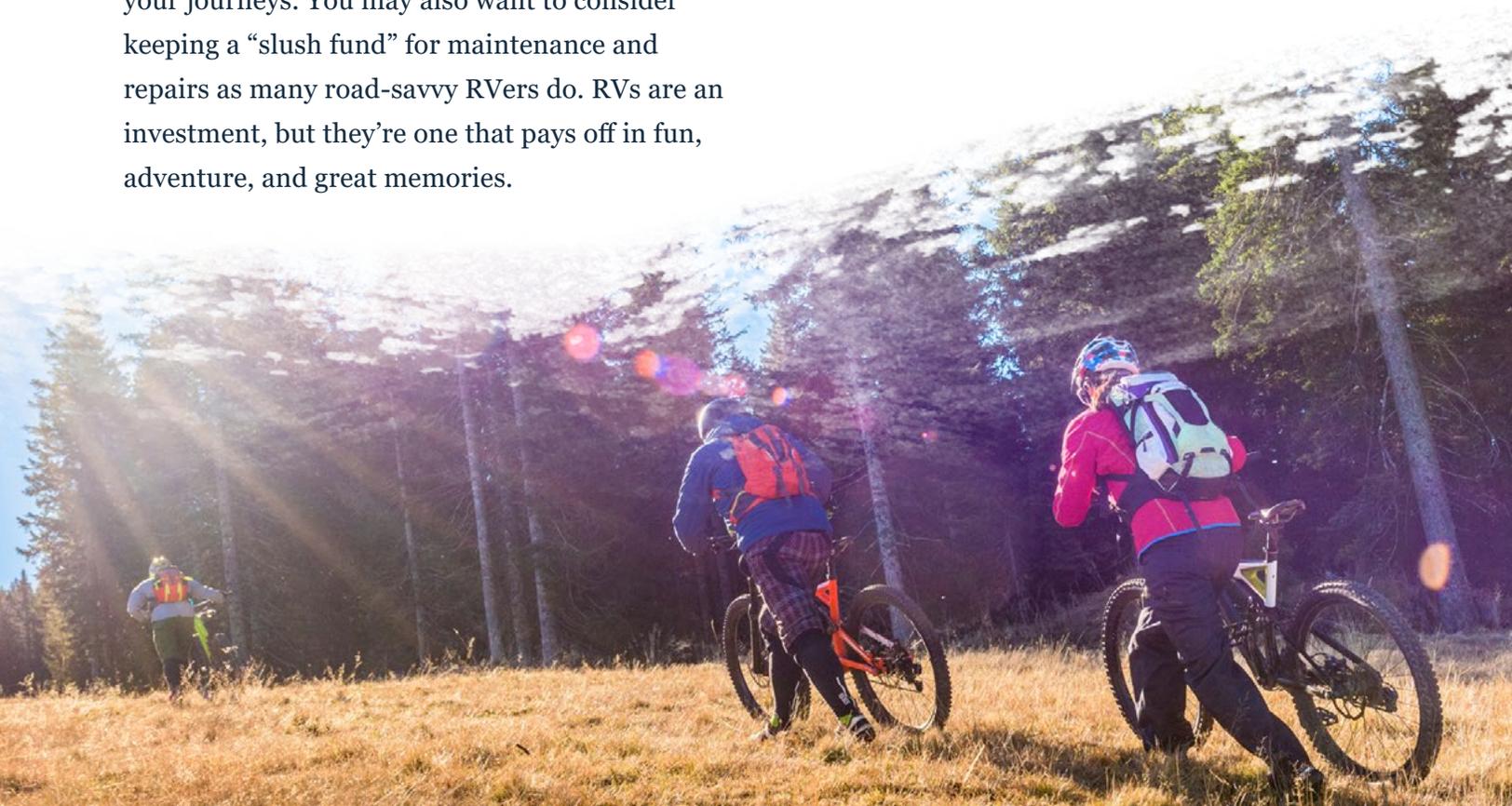
Bunkhouse RVs are ideal for family camping adventures because they feature bunk-bed style sleeping and maximize usable floor space. Bunkhouse configurations also mean that you have, in essence, shelf-like storage during the day for gear and supplies, and plenty of sleeping space for tired campers at night. But before you decide on a specific model of bunkhouse RV, it's good to consider your needs now and down the road. Will your camping family be growing – perhaps with kids, grandkids, or friends? Will it be shrinking as children going off to college? Or will it stay the same over the length of time you plan to own the RV? These are important factors that will have an impact on your RV choice and your budget.

## KEEP YOUR BUDGET REALISTIC

How do you know how much RV you can afford? Start by examining your monthly income and expenditures. That should give you an idea of what kind of monthly payment you can fit into your budget. But remember, there will be upfront fees as well. You'll be paying the down payment, taxes, and title fees upfront, and you'll also need to have insurance before you drive it off the lot. You'll also have to factor in the cost of fuel for your journeys. You may also want to consider keeping a "slush fund" for maintenance and repairs as many road-savvy RVers do. RVs are an investment, but they're one that pays off in fun, adventure, and great memories.

## ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Before you even visit a dealership, research the basics of owning a bunkhouse RV. Not only will you narrow down the features that are most important to you and your family, but you'll also be prepared to ask the right questions when talking to a professional.



# WHAT IS A BUNKHOUSE RV?

The main feature of a bunkhouse RV is bunk beds, making it the ideal travel trailer for families. Typically, a bunkhouse RV has three very distinct living zones, with one zone expressly designed for the kids. Often, the front of the trailer encompasses a fairly typical bedroom suite with walk-around queen bed (for the parents), the middle houses shared living space, and the rear of the unit features side-wall-mounted bunkbeds separated by ample storage running across the rear wall.

With a bunkhouse camper, you can bring the whole family on your next vacation with room to spare. Bunkhouses are available in many models regardless of price, features, or construction material. So, you can select the bunkhouse travel trailer that's in your price range and suits your needs. Whether it's a fifth wheel or travel trailer, you can be sure there's room for the whole gang.

But bunkhouse RVs are not all about bunk beds! Today's bunkhouse travel trailers, fifth-wheels, and motorhomes include a variety of amenities that make your RV experience feel like you have a home away from home.

## Outdoor Kitchen

Bring all the pleasure of grilling at home or preparing a delicious meal on your deck with you when you choose a bunkhouse RV with a unique outdoor kitchen and entertaining space. Outdoor kitchens extremely popular and often include a variation of refrigerator, counter space, sink, and attached grill or cooktop.

## Residential Furniture [Read: Gaming Chairs]

Deep comfy chairs are perfect for those times weather keeps you indoors. Quality, residential-grade construction means they can even withstand the plop of your growing teenagers!

## Dual Entry Doors

This feature may not seem like a luxury, but consider the mess you may save yourself when the kids are restricted to the door nearest the bunkhouse. Or, when you ask guests to enter the door nearest the bathroom and limit the amount of traffic walking the entire length of your RV.

## Additional half bath

The jury is still out on whether or not an additional bathroom space is a pro or a con when traveling in your bunkhouse RV. Some feel the extra space is convenient with kids and guests. Others don't like the additional work of another set of tanks. Will a little additional maintenance and cleaning be worth it to your family? Only you can decide what's best for your adventure.

## WHERE TO START

Now that you know the basics, where should you start your RV research? Do some exploring on the Internet, talk to other RV owners, and take advantage of the knowledgeable sales people at your dealership of choice. Also, ask yourself these questions to narrow down your bunkhouse RV options:

- Do you have a “the more the merrier” attitude toward camping?
- What is your total budget, thinking about not only your RV but fuel and supplies too?
- Can you tow with your current vehicle or do you need to make an additional purchase?
- How much room do you need for you and your family?
- Do you prefer a simple experience or all the comforts of home?

Keep reading for a quick comparison of RV Wholesale Superstore’s most popular models in the bunkhouse RV category.

## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

As you learn about different styles of bunkhouse RVs, remember there is a difference in safety regulations and testing between motorized bunkhouse RVs and travel trailer bunkhouse RVs versus a traditional passenger vehicle.

### Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards & Regulations Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571

#### Standard No. 208 – Occupant Crash Protection Highlights

- Type 1 (lap-belt only) or Type 2 (lap-shoulder belt)
- Performance requirements for anthropomorphic test dummies
- Passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 lbs. or less, and buses (driver’s seat only).

This regulation may EXCLUDE Class A and Class C RVs if they weigh more than 10,000 lbs.

Seat belts in passenger cars are subjected to a large number of federal regulations and testing. The seat belts in the living space of recreational vehicles are not subject to the same testing and are often not secured to the frame of the vehicle, as is required for passenger vehicles.

Currently, RV's are NOT required to undergo rear-occupant crash testing or meet Federal seat belt standard 208 for rear seating in regards to, "Rear bench seats that have seat belts are anchored either directly to the steel frame of the vehicle or on a steel bar anchored to the RV chassis."<sup>1</sup>

As a parent, you may also want to consider the extra risk that riding in the living compartment of an RV places on passengers in the case of sudden stops or an accident. Supplies and other equipment can easily become dangerous projectiles, causing injury. Remember, the majority of states in the U.S. have the same child safety requirements for RV travel as they do for passenger car travel, so unless you have the proper restraints, it is not legal for children to ride in the living space of an RV.

We recommend a safe choice! Consider investing in a bunkhouse travel trailer that tows behind your vehicle. This way you have the proper safety restraints for your family in the passenger vehicle. Or, opt to bring an additional vehicle (your exploring car) and follow behind your motorized bunkhouse RV.

**Source:**

1. [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/injviosaf/Documents/RV\\_ChildPass\\_JDeCarli\\_VOSP\\_June18\\_2015.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/injviosaf/Documents/RV_ChildPass_JDeCarli_VOSP_June18_2015.pdf)



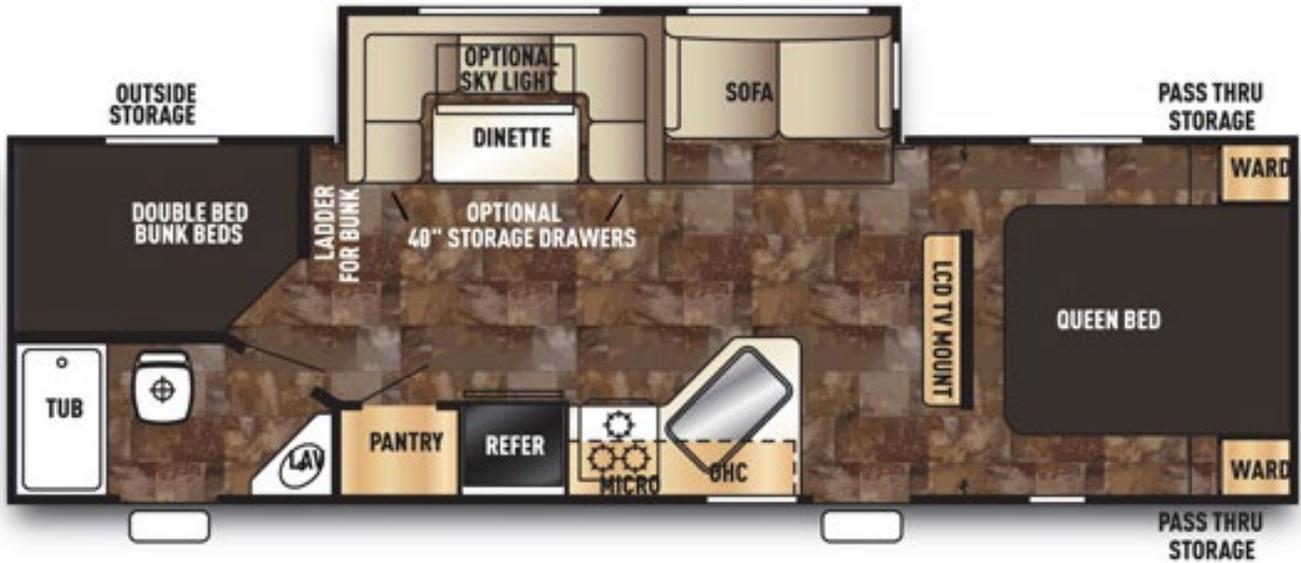
# CHEROKEE 274DBH

When open roads beckon and wanderlust stirs, Cherokee by Forest River helps you answer the call. Every Cherokee is built to give you better comfort, style and value, so you can enjoy your travels to the fullest. The 274DBH is the ultimate family camper. With a double entry and access to the bath from outdoors wet beach feet won't track the entire coach up. The two Double Bed bunks with ladder access allow the kids to bring friends without having to sleep on the floor. With the commotion of fun mom and dad can slide their master suite doors closed and recharge in privacy. The full pantry gives you more than enough storage for the groceries of a growing family.

## EXTERIOR



# INTERIOR



## FAST FACTS

CATEGORY	FACT
Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price	\$28,473.00
<b>RV Wholesale Superstore Price</b>	<b>\$17,999.00</b>
Gross Vehicle Weight (fully loaded)	7,906 lbs.
Hitch Weight	906 lbs.
Length	31 feet 8 inches
Height	11 feet 1 inch
Fresh Water Capacity	50 gallons



The Cherokee line of travel trailers offers many amenities in all floor plans, including but not limited to:

## WINDOWS

- Screens in egress windows
- Safety glass windows

## KITCHEN

- Acrylic sink
- High-rise faucet
- Drawers with side-mounted steel roller guides
- Shaker-style cabinet doors
- Solid wood drawer fronts
- High-grade cabinet handles

## BATHROOM

- Shaker-framed medicine cabinet
- Decorative shower curtain
- Linoleum flooring in bath area

## BEDROOM

- Quilted bedspread
- Bedroom carpet
- Night stand on each side of the queen bed

## APPLIANCES

- 3-burner, high output cooktop
- Double door refrigerator
- Carousel high output microwave
- TV antenna with power booster
- Cable hookups

## BUILT TOUGH FOR EVERYDAY USE

The Cherokee line of travel trailers are designed to withstand day-to-day use of an active family. Solid construction—including walkable roof decking, radius truss roof rafters, 2"x3" floor joists, a powder-coated rust-resistant frame, R7 fiberglass insulation, 5/8" tongue and groove plywood floor, and polypropylene stain resistant carpets—means you will have a fun, family vehicle to enjoy for many seasons.

[Learn more online at RV Wholesale Superstore!](#)

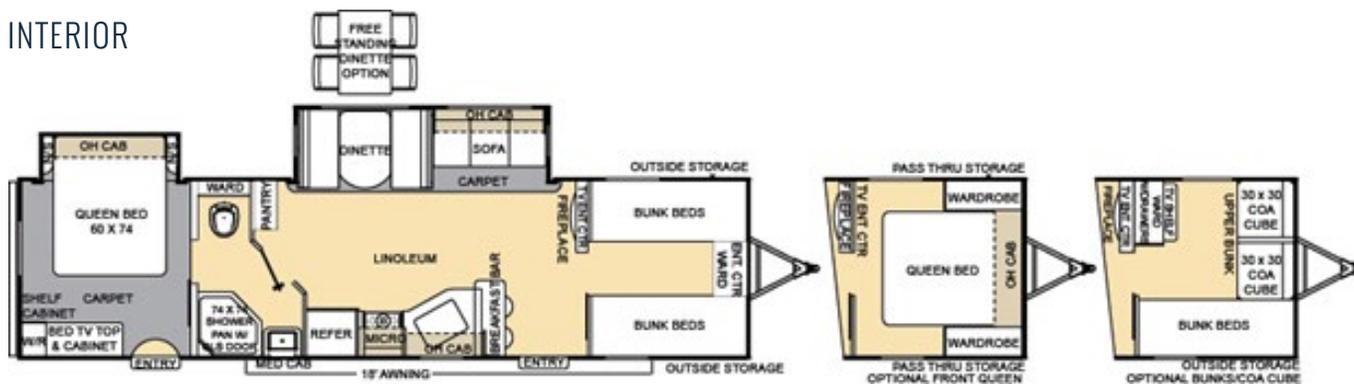
# COACHMEN CATALINA 343QBDS

The Coachmen Catalina line of travel trailers by Forest River are designed to fit almost any budget. When you choose a Catalina, your family will get an RV packed with quality, value, style, and comfort.

## EXTERIOR



## INTERIOR



## FAST FACTS

CATEGORY	FACT
Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price	\$31,431.00
<b>RV Wholesale Superstore Price</b>	<b>\$21,421.00</b>
Gross Vehicle Weight (fully loaded)	9,500 lbs.
Hitch Weight	860 lbs.
Length	35 feet 8 inches
Height	11 feet 1 inch
Fresh Water Capacity	44 gallons



### QUALITY THAT YOU CAN STAND ON

The Coachmen Catalina by Forest River is built with the highest standard of quality, beginning with floor. As the foundation of your RV, the floor is built with care and attention to detail, including 12"-16" centers and bolting and gluing of the 5/8" tongue and groove plywood.



### DYNAMIC DESIGN SAVES YOU MONEY

The Coachmen Catalina was designed to make your towing experience easier and save you money. The full radius, smooth metal front end creates a more aerodynamic unit and gives you better airflow, improved fuel efficiency, easier towing, and an easy-to-clean exterior.

[Learn more online at RV Wholesale Superstore!](#)

# SIERRA 376BHOK

The Sierra line of travel trailers by Forest River boast professionally designed interiors that give these RVs the warmth and character of its more expensive counterparts while still providing many extras for the price.

## EXTERIOR



## INTERIOR



## FAST FACTS

CATEGORY	FACT
Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price	\$51,132.00
<b>RV Wholesale Superstore Price</b>	<b>\$42,595.00</b>
Gross Vehicle Weight (fully loaded)	15,500 lbs.
Hitch Weight	2,423 lbs.
Length	42 feet 9 inches
Height	13 feet 2 inch
Fresh Water Capacity	64 gallons

## SIERRA'S TOP 10 INTERIOR FEATURES

1. All Interior Lights are LED (cooler, brighter & less electrical draw)
2. Livingstone Solid Surface Kitchen Countertops (beautiful & durable)
3. 20 cf. stainless steel refrigerator (with Ultimate Package) includes 1,000 watt inverter and battery disconnect and it has an ice maker)
4. An "EZ-Breeze" Fan is in every main bathroom along with a "Swirl-Flush" porcelain toilet, heat and A/C vents and a night light
5. "Soft Close" Full Extension cabinet drawer runners (higher end drawer guides just like home)
6. "Stone-Cast" Kitchen Sink (can withstand up to 500 degrees, scratches can be buffed out & it will not rust like the Cheap Import stainless steel sinks)
7. Serta Memory Foam Mattress (conforms to your body)
8. LED TVs, a Sound Bar & DVD Player
9. Dual Zoned, Quiet Cool Air Conditioning (comfort throughout the camper)
10. "Flush Floor" Hydraulic Slides in the main living areas (this is huge, hydraulic slides are faster and trouble free)

## SIERRA'S TOP 10 EXTERIOR FEATURES

1. 32" x 76" Entry Door (the largest in the industry)
2. Screen Door is recessed for 1/8" Plexiglas insert
3. Friction Hinge Entry door, no plastic hold-backs to break. Door can withstand up to 25 MPH wind gusts when open
4. Exterior Spray Port with 25' coiled hose & spray nozzle on door side of camper
5. A&E 2100 Series Power Awning with LED the length of the awning (it's the fastest extend & retract available)
6. Dexter 7,000 lb., 8 Lug Axles with "Nev-r-Adjust" brakes
7. Exterior Speakers are mounted low (the higher the speaker, the higher the volume has to be to hear it)
8. A Metal Band between the exterior fiberglass and the bottom skirt is mechanically fastened (unlike our competitors that use a glued on rubber strip that mold can grow into)
9. Insulated luggage doors with Slam Latches on most doors
10. Laminated / Insulated Upper 5th Wheel Floor Deck (adding to the efficiency of the furnace & comfort in colder weather)

**Source:** <http://www.forestriverinc.com/brochures/2016/2016sierrabrochure.pdf>

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# BUNKHOUSE RVS ARE A GREAT CHOICE FOR FAMILY OR FRIENDS

It's time to start making those precious memories. Is a bunkhouse RV right for you? Remember, bunkhouse RVs have bunk bed options that make them perfect for families or entertaining friends. They're a great choice for many campers because they have plenty of space and also a wide variety of creature comforts.

## WHY A BUNKHOUSE RV?

Bunkhouse RVs have all the room you need for a family or a group of friends on a traveling adventure! Extra storage by day and plenty of sleeping space by night makes everyone happy. Plus, there is no need to give up your favorite comforts from home to make room for sleeping space. There are a variety of amenities available such as outdoor kitchens, dual entry doors, and even an extra bathroom!

Remember to consider safety when you are selecting a model that's right for you and your family. The majority of states in the U.S. have the same child safety requirements for RV travel as they do for passenger car travel, so unless you have the proper restraints, it is not legal for children to ride in the living space of an RV. Instead choose a travel trailer that is easily pulled behind your passenger vehicle or opt to bring a second car that you can also use for exploring local areas.

## SO MANY OPTIONS!

When it comes to selecting a bunkhouse RV that fits your own unique needs, you can choose from many styles and models. From travel trailers and fifth wheels to toy haulers and motorhomes, there is something for everyone. Maybe your family is growing and are looking for an option that provides space for the whole family on weekend get-aways? A travel trailer bunkhouse may fit your needs with slide-outs and bunk beds. Or maybe you travel with a group of outdoor enthusiasts and spend your days mountain biking through the trails. Then a toy hauler bunkhouse RV may be the best choice for you.

Whatever you decide, the knowledgeable staff at RV Wholesale Superstore can help you. Our most popular bunkhouse RVs, the Cherokee 274DBH and the Coachmen Catalina 343QBDS, offer stylish

exteriors and interiors, many floorplans, a variety of amenities to choose from, and hours of outdoor fun!

Armed with a little more knowledge, it's time to take that next step and view some of the bunkhouse RVs available. RV Wholesale Superstore stocks more than 25 brands from major manufacturers like Forest River, Palomino, Coachmen and Keystone.

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