



APPENDIX 2

Camping Places

THE FOLLOWING LISTS CAMPING PLACES WE USED DURING THE TRIP AND others recommended by other travelers. Very few of these places are certified “campsites.” Although we found each place safe, and for the most part enjoyable, we cannot guarantee that they will even be available when you arrive. One of the pleasures of the trip was finding new locations, and we would certainly like to hear about new campsites that readers find. Send updates to updates@brindlepress.com. We will post updates on our web site at www.brindlepress.com.

Most campsites are boondock parking places, which means there are no services. We have indicated services, if any, as **W E D** (Water/Electricity/Dump).

Refer to the maps at the beginning of each country for reference to the day we arrived at a new camp. If we stayed in the same camping place for more than one day, only the first day we stayed there is indicated for reference. The extremely rough roads, where the average speed was 10-15 miles per hour, are indicated as dashed lines on the maps. Costs are in U.S. dollar equivalents. Our thanks to Bill Cone, Carol Kulish, Kathe Kirkbride and Colleen Regan for providing data on additional camping places.

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Day 1 Raymondville, Texas. Wal-Mart Parking Lot. Hwy 77 Freeway off ramp. \$0.

Mexico (Day 2 - 10, 95 - 97)



Day 2 North of Soto La Marina, Tamaulipas. Cafeteria Ojo de Agua. (N24:13.218 W98:12.504) \$0. Route 180 between Km markers 201 and 202. 144 miles south of Matamoros (about 3 1/2 hours). **Comments:** Barren highway with not many stops. The owner of this store allowed us to park behind the restaurant. **Other Sites:** There is a trailer park at **La Pesca**. Adventuretours stops at La Gata Camp in **Soto La Marina** (Starcher). See day 97.



Day 3 Tuxpán, Hidalgo. On the beach (La Playa). \$0. Take Route 180 into Tuxpán, and follow signs for La Playa. **Comments:** We bypassed Tampico and tried to reach Poza Rica. Look for a small stand selling refreshments, with a packed sand drive beyond it passing between houses to the beach parking lot.

Day 4 Monte Gordo, Emerald Coast, Hidalgo. Trailer Park Quinta Alicia. Ⓜ ⓔ ⓓ \$10. Route 180 between Poza Rica and Nautla; Km marker 84, just north of Monte Gordo. **Comments:** A fine place with full hookups. We had it to ourselves. A large caravan was staying up the road at Hotel Playa Paraíso campsite. **Other Sites:** There are numerous campsites all along this beach. (See Day 96)



Day 96 (return) Monte Gorda, Emerald Coast, Hidalgo. Trailer Park Neptuno (N22:48.856 W98:17.896). Ⓜ ⓔ ⓓ \$13. Six miles north of Nautla near km 81 marker. On Route 180. **Comments:** Swimming pool **Other Sites:** Numerous trailer parks along this beachfront road

Day 5 Veracruz, Veracruz. Balneario Mocambo. Ⓜ ⓔ ⓓ \$15. South of city center on Boca del Rio, behind the Hotel & Balneario Mocambo. **Comments:** Extra charge for electric hookups. **Other Site near Veracruz** (Courtesy Carol Kulish) **Playa Chachalacas, Veracruz.** \$0. North of Veracruz about 30 miles where Route 180 joins Route 140. Follow signs to Playa Chachalacas and watch for signs to the Playa, about 5 more miles. This is close to the Zempoala archeological site. See <http://www.playachachalacas.com/> **Comments:** No services. Busy place until dark, lots of stands and boat rides available. Watch for soft sand.



Day 6 Lake Catemaco, Veracruz. Trailer Park La Ceiba. Ⓜ ⓔ ⓓ \$15. Take main Catemaco entrance off Route 180 next to Pemex station. Turn right just before arch. 0.5 mile down hill turn left on the malecón (jetty). The trailer park is on your left in 0.1 miles.

Day 7 La Venta, Oaxaca. Refresquería Lolita. \$0. There is a turn south to La Venta off Highway 190, about 12-15 miles east of the intersection with the cross isthmus road, 185, at La Ventosa. The store of Sra. Dolores Giren Carrasca is on the right just before the town square. **Comments:** See write-up for our nice experience here.



Day 8 Ocozocoautla, Chiapas. Hogar Infantil. Ⓜ ⓔ \$0 (donations to U.S. address encouraged). From the west, turn off towards town at the beginning of the bypass. Pass a cemetery and at 0.5 miles turn left just before the bus terminal. Go 0.4 miles and look for the Hogar on the right. **Comments:**