

U.S. News: 'Workamping' Good Retiree Income

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!Don't be surprised to find a fresh batch of workamper applicants in the coming months. The current issue of *U.S. News & World Report* identified "work-camping" as one of its "10 Uncommon Sources of Income in Retirement."

It had this to say:

Workamping. For adventurers who own RVs, work-camping (also called workamping) can offset the costs of enjoying America on wheels. Paid workampers typically exchange their labor for a free camping site and pay that's around minimum wage, and often work for private companies that operate public parks. Some "camp hosts" share responsibility for large campgrounds, while others host smaller campgrounds alone. "There's usually a lot of flexibility," says Warren Meyer, president of Recreation Resource Management, which administers about 150 parks for various government bodies. "Most of these guys don't want to work 60 hours a week." Responsibilities might include greeting visitors, collecting fees, cleaning campground bathrooms, and raking leaves.

The other nine on the list were: micro-gardening, tax preparation, crafts, caregiving, board work, tutoring, caretaking, fellowships and return temping.