Will the whole setup fit

Use before booking, then recheck the actual site before driving in. A listed site length is only one part of the answer.

Campground / exact site _____

Dates / staff contact _____

Travel height + units _____

Travel width + units _____

Combined length + units _____

RV-only length / configuration _____

Dimensions source / date verified _____

Include rooftop equipment and anything towed. Ask whether the advertised length means pad length or maximum RV length. Keep unknowns visible.

Verify the actual site and approach	Status*	Answer / source / checked date
Usable pad, surface and slope; tow vehicle or toad parking		
Entrance turns, overhead obstacles and workable exit		
Space for slides, doors, awning and safe walking access		
Hookup type, location and required equipment reach		
Local road / bridge restrictions and permitted RV entrance		
Access needs, site rules and required services		

* Write V = verified, ? = unknown, or X = does not fit. A checkmark is not a fit certification.

Unresolved question / who will confirm it before booking or moving

_____

Common mistake: assuming a pull-through guarantees an easy exit. Reassess if weather, parked vehicles or a site change alters the space; ask staff for a workable alternative.

Sources and further reading

NPS: finding a campsite and checking RV space
NPS: Zion large-vehicle restrictions (a route-specific example)
Jayco: model-specific owner manuals

The call before the gate

Call before the office closes when your ETA changes. Save staff instructions and the map offline; a reservation alone does not guarantee after-hours access.

"Hi, we have a reservation for _____ under _____. Our ETA is _____ [time zone]. Is that within your permitted arrival window?"

Office closes / time zone

Latest permitted arrival / time zone

Correct RV entrance / address / final-approach restriction

"If the office is closed, how do we receive our site number, map and gate instructions? If the site is occupied or unsuitable, which number should we call?"

Assigned site / packet location

After-hours number

Where private gate instructions are saved / morning check-in requirement

"If we miss the latest arrival, where, if anywhere, may we wait? What happens to our reservation?"

Staff-authorized alternative / late-arrival or no-show consequence

Confirmed by / date / time

Map and instructions saved at

01 At arrival

- ☐ Use the confirmed entrance and assigned site. Keep roads, gates and emergency access clear.
- ☐ If the site is unclear, occupied or unsuitable, contact staff. Do not take an empty-looking site or bypass a gate.
- ☐ Keep people and pets clear of moving vehicles. Use the exact equipment manuals for setup; defer optional unpacking and respect quiet hours.

Common mistake: saving the booking email but leaving the gate map online. If no authorized, workable arrival is available, use the alternative arranged with staff.

Sources and further reading

Recreation.gov: reservation policies; facility exceptions apply

Jayco: model-specific owner manuals