

Road Trip Champoeg

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Introduction

One day, a boy named Jordan Jackson Rodger, called Joe, was living in a house in Concordville, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, playing "Need Speed for Rivals" on his PlayStation4. He heard his mom's voice from downstairs calling him for dinner and replied that he was coming. He clicked the eject button on the PS4 remote and put the disc back in its case, pushed the power button on the PS4 box. Then he trotted downstairs.

His mom was in the kitchen, cooking some ham. She served Joe's plate and Joe ate up like a dog. "I love ham," Joe told his mother when she sat down to eat. His mother told him that tomorrow they were going camping at Champoeg State Park in Oregon, all the way up in the northwest part of USA. "That's a long way," Joe said. "It'll put almost 6000 miles our 2016 Dodge Charger RT!"

"I know that," his mom said. "Dad and I have packed up and planned out how everything is going to work out. We won't take just our Dodge Charger RT but also our 2018 Dodge Challenger RT, so we can fit in all our luggage. We are staying for one full week and you are driving. We will leave tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and Dad and I have already packed your clothes so you just need to get all of your final items."

The garage door screeched open and Joe shouted, "Dad's here!" He could hear the Dodge Challenger's V8 engine sound as he headed toward the garage.

"Time to watch TV," Joe said to his dad. They watched television until 10:00 p.m. then went to sleep.

Chapter 1

Bye Philadelphia

The next morning, we did the final check and saw that everything was packed and ready to go. I was in the front driver's seat of the Dodge Challenger RT. I could drive now that I was 17 and going to college next year. Mom was driving our 2016 Charger RT with my 12-year-old sister Violet beside her and my dad was sitting in the front next to me.

“Let's treat them like they're dust,” I told my dad. “Ooh yah babe,” said my dad. We followed our Charger onto the I-95 ramp, but there I switched lanes and passed Mom and left their car behind. Once we were cruising along, I connected my iPhone X to the car's AUX function and pulled up iTunes on my phone. The first song was “Shape of You” and next was “Attention.”

Chapter 2

Adventure

We lost track of the Charger because it was way behind us. Google GPS said to use the right two lanes to take exit 16A-16B to merge onto 1-70 West. We realized much later that we had just made a loop that has taking us the longer way. When we finally got back on course, we entered Oregon. There, we merged onto I-84 West, then onto I-5 South right through Portland downtown, which looked tiny compared to Philadelphia. I saw our exit sign off I-5, exit 282a, State Highway 551 to Hubbard. We weren't going all the way to Hubbard, just as far as Champoeg State Park. At the first signal, we turned right to go onto S. Champoeg Rd and drove on to the entrance of Champoeg State Park, where we purchased an entry ticket. Our campsite was in the A loop, one of two, plus an RV group loop.

I called my mom and asked, "What is our campsite number?" She said A35, so pulled in there and began to set up. I grabbed the tent from the Challenger's trunk and started erecting it while the rest of my family unpacked the car. When I was finished, the trunks of both cars were almost empty.

Chapter 3

Setting Up/Play Time

Mom had set up the kitchen on the wooden table and Dad was working on the canopy lights. Violet had started putting everything in the tent.

“I’ll help,” I told Violet, and she replied, “thanks.” Once everything was set up, Violet and I got our bikes and rode for the rest of the day until dinner time. Then, we played a few board games and I rode my hover board cart. We played until midnight and then went for a walk to see B Loop, which was much bigger than A Loop. We saw a lot of tents there and fewer RVs. There were still a lot of people awake in B Loop at 1:37 a.m. We finally got tired and walked back to our campsite to sleep. That night, I wasn’t able to fall asleep until 6:00 a.m. and slept until the middle of the afternoon.

Chapter 4

Problems

That day we went hiking to a place where they allow you to go down into the lake. Violet and I went down together with our parents behind us. It was very steep and there were a lot of branches, which we had to grab onto to get to the shore. When we got in, I slipped and fell. “Oh man, its slippery, guys,” I told everyone. Don’t go in here if you don’t have to.” Mom didn’t come in, but Dad and Violet still came in after me. We stayed in there for a while, but when we were getting out, my shoe got stuck in the mud. Dad tried to help, but my foot came out of the shoe and the shoe was stuck down there. Dad had to go back in to retrieve my shoe and wash it. Afterward, we all took showers and played games again. We played Frisbee and badminton. Then, we ate dinner and I went to my hover board cart. Violet went to her bike. We played and went for a walk on one of the park’s hiking trails.

Chapter 5

Pack-Up Day

This was our last day at Champoeg State Park, so we were packing our cars. I had the last item still out, my hover board cart. “Joe, why don’t you put away your hover board cart?” Mom asked.

“I want to use it till we finally leave the campsite.” I said.

When the cars were packed, we signed out and left. “Now we were going to Butteville General Store, the longest operating store in all of Oregon,” Dad said. “It opened when the first settlers came through on the Oregon Trail. They used to sell general supplies. As you know, the river is right here so they opened it here because they needed water to sell and to grow the vegetables they sold,” Dad told us.

Chapter 6

Back to Concordville

When we arrived, I could tell right away that it was an old-style building. We got ice cream there: I chose rainbow mixed with vanilla, my dad got a mocha, and my mom got a chocolate sundae. When we were done, we started heading back to Concordville. This time, I was driving our 2016 Dodge Charger RT while my dad was driving the 2018 Dodge Challenger RT. My mom was with me. It was a smooth drive the whole way back. I'm looking forward to our next camping trip with the Rodgers.

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