



49 States Camped

## 2015 Skyline Blue Ridge RV Trip

### One Night Stops:

06 - Western Village RV Park

07 & 11 - Tri-State RV Park

08 & 10 - Nelson's Family Campground

12 - Falling Waters Campsite



10 Provinces and 1 Territory Camped

### Stop # 06 - Western Village RV Park, Carlisle, PA



Western Village RV Park has many seasonal residents and they take most of the premium sites. We had trouble getting a level site - front to back, so we chose to move further towards the start of the Skyline Drive on our return. The sites have water and electric and some have sewer connections.

### Stops 07 & 11 - Tri-State RV Park, Metamoras, PA



Tri-State RV Park is located right on the Delaware River alongside Interstate 84, right where Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey intersect - thus "tri-state". The sites have water, 50 amp. electric, sewer, cable and wi-fi connections. We had the same site both going and returning and the owners also ran a restaurant (the Riverview) that catered to weddings and corporate events. They are now in their 80's with health concerns, and running the campground by itself is hard enough, so the catering business was suspended and will be sold.

### Stops 08 & 10 - Nelson's Family Campground, East Hampton, CT and visit to the Shupe Home



Last year, we traveled through Connecticut without stopping. This year, we set our schedule to stay a night near Hartford in order to visit with a former co-worker, Lisa Shupe and her family on one of the two evenings. The campground has water, 50 amp electric, cable and free wi-fi at the registration office/activity hall. On our return, we spent a wonderful evening with Lisa, and her husband Tom and son Zach. Like us, they had just completed a major renovation to their home and it was interesting to "compare notes" on all the trials and tribulations that we both went through. We had a delicious wild caught salmon dinner with all the trimmings before Tom and Zach had to leave for hockey practice. You have a beautiful home, Tom, Lisa and Zach, and thanks for having us!

## Stop 11 - Falling Waters Campsite, Falling Waters, WV



Falling Waters Campsite (top left and center) family run campground right off Interstate 81 in the middle of the "4 state" area of PA, MD, WV and VA. The sites have 50 amp electric, water and sewer. It's not far from the Antietam battlefield and Harpers Ferry National landmarks. We had visited those two on a previous trip, so we ventured to the Hammond House (top right) and Falling Waters Presbyterian Church (below). Hammond House is an historic landmark on the Civil War Trail in West Virginia. Gen. Stonewall Jackson camped here in 1862 after cutting off a rail link that would have allowed the Union soldiers to escape Harpers Ferry. It was later used as a hospital by the Union forces after the war ended to care for wounded veterans. The home burned down in 1978, but was reconstructed within the original brick walls.



We also made a visit to the Falling Waters Presbyterian Church and surrounding cemetery, which has been at this location since 1745. Unbeknownst to us when we made the campground reservation, our close friend and neighbor Kathy Bartlett lived in Falling Waters as a child when her father, Ray, preached at this church just after leaving the seminary. The church today (top center) has an attached minister's office to the right side. The original church and cemetery is depicted in a painting (top right) that was hanging in the entrance foyer. Many of the gravestones (bottom right) in the cemetery are unreadable, worn over time by weather, but many of them that can be read have both the date of birth and death and the time on earth, e.g. 53 years 4 mos, 18 days. Kathy and her family lived in the home (bottom right) just behind the church. Enjoy memory lane Kathy!

**Tom, Sally and Valentine - The Tropical Trio**  
**Next Adventure - Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park**