

EXIT 13



Electric Road Warriors Susan & Jenn hit the highway.

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**Hitching!** How do you reduce your hitching time from 2.5 hours to less than 5 minutes? Camp next to a New



were back in the area at Atlantic Beach, a beautiful setting with lots of big, old trees and close to the ocean. Remember when we had the tornado warnings? It's a whole new experience when living in a tin can! The sheriff drove through the campground with a bullhorn at about 11:30 AM telling everyone to evacuate by 1:00 PM or sign a waiver relieving the city of any liability. Yikes! It takes us about two hours to prepare the trailer for moving – taking everything off the counters and table, moving things so they would slide around, etc.

Shockingly, we did this in record time and were driving out of the campground right at 1pm. The police directed us to the beach parking where there are fewer and smaller trees. Thankfully, the storm was not as bad as predicted, and around 6:00 PM we were told we could return to a partially flooded and dark campground. *Uh, no thanks!* We decided to stay put, do our first boondocking (more on that next time), and wait for

York trucker. We met him in December, and he gave us a few simple tips that greatly improved our process. What they didn't help with was what we experienced today, a "U-shaped" site where we were able to get the rig level, but the truck was coming down a hill to hitch back up, making the stinger enter the hitch at a severe angle. This we didn't know how to fix. And we did it twice today—which took five hours all together. So much for that rock bottom average hitching time.

**Prepare for the unexpected:** In early January, we



drier sites and daylight. Good call, Mitchell women!

**Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort:** Located just west of Orlando on US 27, Clerbrook is a Thousand Trails RV park that also has a well-maintained golf course. It has pretty fairways and shallow, white sand traps, but there is water, water everywhere.

**Hanna Park:** It's a Jacksonville-owned park with lots of space available in the winter—mainly because it's not easily found like our Florida state parks. Until the holiday weekends, that is. Over MLK, it went from

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nearly empty to packed and buzzing like a hive. It made us feel like we must be in “the place.” The beach is a block from the campground, and it has the best mountain biking in the state. As a bonus, we had old



**CreekFire Resort:** This is a new resort outside Savannah, near Pooler, with tons of amenities for both adults and children – pools, lazy river, games, pickleball, and on the lake a restaurant, paddle boards, and kayak rentals. We fell in love with the level, concrete, pull-through site. (And yes, this is where we get cocky thinking we have this hitching thing DOWN.) This was a great location to visit Savannah and Charleston. After a quick stop at another Thousand Trails park in SC, we are in Devils Fork State Park outside of Greenville, SC for the month of February. ***This is our view for the next month:***



friends from Miami join us in their RV for the weekend, so we gave them a tour of Amelia Island and Fernandina. We even took the ferry and scored some delicious seafood.

*Photos: The Mitchells*

One quick note for those who know us, our saddest day was when Lola, our 17-year-old teacup poodle, passed over the rainbow bridge. She was a spry and loyal companion, and we miss her dearly. Our cat, Ori, is giving us both lots of love and cuddles.

