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# Strange RV Encounters: A Spiritual Experience at the Grand Canyon <sup>123</sup>

The Weird, the Wacky, and the Wonderful



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As I mentioned in the previous article on [Lone Rock Beach and Glen Canyon Dam](#), when I started this RV journey, I only wanted to see the weird and wacky sights around America. Only goofy attractions like the Largest Frying Pan and the Biggest Ball of Twine.

However, there was one exception: the Grand Canyon. This single wonder somehow managed to find its way to my "Weird and Wacky Sights" bucket list.

At my ripe old age (number intentionally withheld), I'd never seen the Grand Canyon. Yes, I realize I was one of the six people living on the West Coast who hadn't made it past Las Vegas.

The [Grand Canyon's North Rim](#) is about three hours southeast of Lone Rock Beach, via a rather scenic and circuitous route, and is open from mid-May to mid-October. I highly recommend going to the park at the beginning or end of the season to avoid the crowds.

On a cool, misty day, I saw the North Rim of the [Grand Canyon](#) for the first time, and it was nothing short of a spiritual experience. There were very few people visiting the park that day, making it all the more special.

How can I accurately describe an event so moving? It was beautiful, magical, spiritual. It was more than I imagined it could be.

It is quite humbling to stand at the edge of the Grand Canyon. The sheer depth of the landscape and the abject beauty of the scenery take your breath away. You know no human could ever create something such as this. Standing there on that ledge, I felt small, but not insignificant. The magical quality of this incredible landscape is it seems to include you in its presence; I felt one with the expansiveness.

These wonderful sights grow on you. Because of my experience at the Grand Canyon, I no longer pass up stunning vistas with the ambivalence I once did. While the "wonderful" sights don't give me the same feeling produced by, oh, say, the whimsy of a mountain named Mollie's Nipple, long-forgotten bacon, or a prison named Purgatory, they do bring about a sense of peace, awe, and wonder at the majesty of nature.

To see more photos, [follow more of my weird, wacky, and wonderful RV adventures on Flickr](#).

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