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President's Note

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“...help more kids live to see
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School's Open, Drive Carefully

A. After a couple of months of summer vacation, teens, tweens and tots across Berks County are back in the classroom. This means that parents are back to treating school parking lots like NASCAR pit stops and kids are rushing to bus stops in the morning and back to their homes in the afternoon. Distracted drivers, oblivious bicyclists and preoccupied pedestrians are all over the roadways and sidewalks. Literally.

B. Before heading out for the day's activities, be sure to pack your patience and plan your route in order to avoid school buses and crosswalks that may cater to kids on their way to school. If you know that your routine includes a good chance that you may end up behind a school bus picking up or discharging passengers, either start out earlier or later so as not to be pinned behind it. If there are crosswalks along your normal path of travel that are controlled by adult crossing guards during the school year, you have a choice: obey the crossing guard, take that route at a different time of day or find another route.

C. Control yourself and your vehicle around school buses. Flashing yellow lights on a school bus indicate it is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped and children are getting on and off. Motorists are required to stop their vehicles and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

D. Don't allow distractions to take your eyes off the road. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone while driving.

E. Every roadway user shares the responsibility to reduce risk to children on their way to and from school. Unfortunately, many motorists violate stop signs in school zones and residential neighborhoods,

either failing to come to a complete stop, rolling through a stop sign or not slowing down at all.

As a reminder, here are details of Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law.

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.

- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting a bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.

- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.

- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

More school-age pedestrians are killed from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. than at any other time of day. Whether you're in a school zone or residential area, drivers should keep their speed low and be prepared to stop quickly for increased vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Following these ABCs of school zone safe driving suggestions can save lives and help more kids live to see another summer vacation.

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Enjoy mouth-watering German food featuring slow-roasted chicken, served as a half-chicken dinner the Munich way, perfectly prepared pork sandwiches or dinners, goulash, schnitzel, and a variety of locally sourced fresh bratwurst. You will love our famous homemade German potato salad, then top it all off with our freshly made apfelstrudel, baked fresh throughout the five days. Your stomach will be delighted and think you're in Germany.

Spaten lager and Oktoberfest are the beverages of choice...but you will be impressed by our large selection of imported German beers and wine, served at many locations throughout the festival. Visit our wine bar and enjoy a glass of German glühwein, made in-house using a centuries-old recipe. Stroll the many vendors selling German-themed items while enjoying the music and atmosphere of Oktoberfest.

New this year: the Alex Meixner Band will be playing throughout the day on Saturday. Also featured are Dave Kline and the Mountain Folk Oktoberfest Band on Wednesday and Saturday, Mike Surratt & the Continentals on Thursday, Spitzbaum Band on Friday, and the Josef Kroboth Band on Sunday. We are also proud to showcase the talents of our very own Reading Liederkrantz Singers and the G.T.V. Edelweiss Schuhplattlers.

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Don't Give Thieves the Keys

Americans put in long hours to afford motor vehicles. Whether it's a family minivan hauling kids to school and parents to work, a zippy motorcycle, or a sporty hot rod that's fulfilling a long-awaited retirement dream, that hard-earned vehicle should never end up in the hands of thieves.

According to NHTSA, vehicle theft is a multi-billion-dollar industry in the United States, costing vehicle owners more than \$8 billion in 2022 alone. That same year, more than one million vehicles were stolen in the United States, accounting for a 25% increase in vehicle theft totals over the previous few years. Historically, passenger cars made up more than 74% of all stolen motor vehicles. Estimates show that approximately one motor vehicle is stolen every 32 seconds. According to the County of Berks website, auto theft is one of the largest property crimes committed in Berks.

How can you keep your vehicle safe? Always:

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Hide your valuables.
- Install cameras/flood lights for parking areas.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.
- Have your vehicle's VIN etched into all

the windows of your car. Free VIN etching kits can be obtained from the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority. Go to www.watchyourcar.org or call 1-888-777-ATPA for details.

- Consider purchasing extra layers of protection for your vehicle. Systems such as alarms, GPS tracking or steering wheel locks can be easily purchased online or in a store. Check out motorcycle anti-theft alarms that are triggered by vibration, with an alarm that will blast up to 113 dB.

What should you do if it happens to you? The first thing you should do is file a police report, then contact your insurance company as soon as you realize that someone has stolen your vehicle.

Be ready to supply the following information to law enforcement to make the report:

- Make, model, year and color of the vehicle.

(Plan ahead for the next two items - keep hard or electronic copies of your insurance/registration docs)

- The vehicle's license plate (tag) number.
- The vehicle's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number). On

a car, van or truck, the VIN can be found on a plate or sticker on the vehicle's side door or door jamb. On a

motorcycle, it will be stamped on the right side of the steering head. The VIN is also hand-written on the vehicle's inspection sticker. You'll find the inspection sticker on the left side of the windshield of a car, van or truck. On a motorcycle, it can be on the left side (traffic side) of the front fork or front fender.

- Where and when you last saw your vehicle.
- Distinctive features about your vehicle. Does it have any add-ons? Identifying scratches or dings? Unique paint designs?

Your insurance company should be notified within 24 hours of the vehicle theft, or as soon as you've filed a police report. When you make an insurance claim for your stolen vehicle, you'll need to provide the same information you shared with the police. Your insurer may also request a list of any valuables that were in your vehicle as well as a copy of the police report. If you've leased or financed your car, you should provide your bank information, as well.

Comprehensive insurance is an optional coverage on your auto policy that helps to pay to replace your vehicle if it's stolen. Any valuables in your vehicle are most likely covered by your homeowners policy or renters insurance.

With rental reimbursement coverage, your insurer will

cover some of the cost of renting a replacement vehicle. Check your policy for the maximum coverage per day and to see how many days are covered.

If you leased or took out a loan on your vehicle, plan to

tell your financing company so you're not on the hook to continue payments. Provide your claim number and have your lender contact your insurance company directly to expedite the claims process.

Most insurers have a waiting period - typically 30 days - before they accept a loss on a stolen vehicle. Victims of car theft might not get their vehicles back or, if returned, they might be missing parts. If your vehicle makes it back to you in driveable condition, have your insurance claims adjuster inspect it to determine whether it was damaged while it was out of your custody. As long as your insurance company was contacted, you won't be liable for this damage.

For more information on motor vehicle theft prevention, visit NHTSA.gov/theft. For additional resources, visit NICB.org and watchyourcar.org.



Getting Familiar

Dear Ask Ed,

I recently learned the importance of familiarizing myself with the controls of a rental car before I drive it. Our senior driver safety class instructor said that we need to locate the switches for the wipers and headlights and other important controls before we need them so that we aren't groping for them and driving distracted. Are these locations not standardized? Thanks for your help.

Stefanie M.

Thanks for writing in, Stefanie.

A good driver will develop certain safety habits that will serve him or her well, including taking the time to become familiar with the vehicle controls of a borrowed, rented or new car. Knowing where a certain knob or switch is located before that safety device is needed will avoid the necessity of taking one's eyes off the road to search for it. Did you know that, for every two seconds your eyes are off the road, you are twice as likely to crash? Safety first!

Ignition Switch

This switch can usually be located on the right side of the steering column or on the dashboard. Except if you're driving a Saab, where the lock and ignition switch is on the transmission hump between the front seats. Another exception is the Ford Thunderbird model years 1955-1963, where the engineers chose to put the ignition switch to the left of the steering column - not very comfortable for right-handed drivers.

It is interesting to note that the National Highway Safety Bureau got involved with the placement of vehicle ignition switches in the late 1960s because they viewed the ignition lock as a vehicle anti-theft device.

Headlight Controls

The on/off switch for a vehicle's headlamps (the correct term) may be located on the left side of the instrument panel, on the same lever as the turn indicator or on a separate lever.

The high/low switch (also called the dimmer switch) is typically found to the left of the steering column and is often the same lever that operates the turn signals.

Headlamps have certainly undergone some fascinating transformations. The earliest version was a kerosene lamp, which was replaced by acetylene gas headlamps. 1908 saw the first carbon-based headlamps to run on battery power. Three years later electric headlamps became the industry standard. No handy switches for these devices! Someone had to get out of the car and light (like a candle) or activate the lights by hand.



Nostalgia lovers: Remember when the dimmer switch was on the floor?

Wiper Controls

You will typically find the windshield wiper switch located on a lever extending from the steering column. The first "window cleaning device" for cars was hand-operated - better than nothing, but not much.

When driving an unfamiliar vehicle, knowing where the wiper controls are *before* you need them is very important. Don't wait until you are driving into a rain storm or are being overtaken by a large truck that throws slush and mud onto your windshield to wonder how to turn on the wipers to regain visibility.

Fuel Door Release

Vehicle engineers are mandated to place the fuel filler neck opening at the widest part of the vehicle, opposite the exhaust system, and away from crumple zones.

While foreknowledge of the location of the fuel door isn't essential while driving, you might want to know which side of the vehicle it is on before you pull up to the pump. Hint: Look for a little arrow that points to the right or the left aside the gas icon on the vehicle's dashboard. It is pointing to the side where the fuel door is located.

If the vehicle's fuel door doesn't open by pressing on it, you will need to locate the release device. The release lever or button may be on the floor to the left of the driver's seat, in the center console or in the glove box. It could also be located on the driver's door panel.

The fuel cap can be hidden on older vehicles - even under the license plate or inside the tail light.

While it would certainly be handy to have standardized control placement, vehicle designers often look to aesthetics rather than function for vehicles while obeying government safety/economy regulations.

Thanks for writing in. Happy motoring!

Ed

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New Requirements for Visiting EU Countries

Beginning in 2024, travelers who currently do not need a visa to visit EU member countries will be required to register with the European Travel Information and Authorization System in order to enter the European Union.

According to etias.com, the ETIAS “will check the security credentials and charge a fee to travelers visiting EU member countries for business, tourism, medical or transit purposes.”

Designed as an extra layer of border security, travelers to the EU must apply online for what the website calls a “visa-waiver” – a travel authorization

for travelers not required to obtain a visa to visit Europe. Subject countries include the U.S., Mexico and Canada. Persons who have dual citizenship and have valid passports to EU/ETIAS-eligible countries will not need an ETIAS as long as they enter and exit Europe by way of their valid EU passport.

Once approved, the ETIAS allows for entry and travel within the EU for up to 90 days within a 180-day period and is valid for three years from the date of issue OR until the date your travel documents expire. The cost of the ETIAS is £7 (might be charged in

euros) for individuals from 18 to 70 years of age. The online form (not yet activated) will require the following information: personal data, passport/travel document information, where the traveler will be entering the EU, health questions, and criminal record.

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Part One



No matter what you're into — sports, art, music, history, business, culture, parks — you'll find it in New York City, making it one of America's top travel destinations. It has plenty to do that will entertain everyone from your toddler to your grandmother, but that can make prioritizing what to see when you visit a challenge.

AAA has been helping members plan trips to the Big Apple for decades, and we've compiled all our knowledge into this New York travel guide. Read on to learn everything you need to plan an unforgettable trip.

First, let's cover the basics of New York City.

Time Zone: Eastern Standard Time

Language: English

Currency: American dollar

Budget: New York City is the most expensive city in the United States, with Manhattan having a cost of living index that's 237.8% higher than the national average. That means you'll need to budget more carefully for your trip than if you were traveling to another city.

The average daily travel cost per person per day for New York City is \$317. You can expect to spend the following each day:

- \$165 for your hotel
- \$50 for food
- \$102 for entertainment, transportation, tipping, etc.

This cost varies greatly depending on:

- Where you stay
- Where you eat
- How you get around
- What types of attractions you visit

Weather: New York City is located in New England on the Eastern Seaboard. The weather is relatively temperate, with lots of sunshine throughout the year.

- Spring: Temperatures range from cool to warm, averaging 50.3 degrees Fahrenheit, with occasional light rain.

- Summer: Summers tend to be hot and humid, especially in late summer. The average temperature is 73.6 degrees Fahrenheit. While the city is on the East Coast, the threat of

hurricanes is relatively minor, as most veer back out to sea before reaching the city.

- Fall: Fall is one of the best times to visit New York City, though it is a bit chilly, with an average temperature of 56.8 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Winter: While major snowstorms like Nor'easters are rare, New York City does see some snowfall each year, although snowfall totals have dropped significantly over the past few years. The average winter temperature is 33 degrees Fahrenheit.

New York City Boroughs

New York City is spread over 302 square miles and three principal islands (Manhattan Island, Long Island and Staten Island), plus several smaller islands. The city is split into five separate boroughs, which are essentially mini cities within New York City itself. Each borough offers its own unique character and attractions for tourists.

The Bronx is the northernmost borough, and it's home to the New York Yankees and considered the birthplace of rap and hip hop. While it was one of the poorest and most crime-ridden boroughs in New York during the 20th century, it has emerged as a trendy and ethnically diverse cultural hotspot. Most tourists don't make it to the Bronx, but if they do, they check out the following attractions: Yankee Stadium, Bronx Zoo, New York Botanical Garden, Pelham Bay Park, Woodlawn Cemetery, Little Italy, Universal Hip Hop Museum.

Brooklyn, located at the western tip of Long Island, is the most populous borough. Its distinctive brownstones are iconic in movies set in New York, and it's a melting pot of cultures, languages and ethnicities. The borough is known for its independent art scene, delicious pizza and gorgeous Manhattan skyline views. Popular Brooklyn attractions include: Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Prospect Park, Coney Island, New York Aquarium.

Manhattan is geographically the smallest borough, but it's also the most densely populated. When someone thinks of New York City, this is most likely the area they think of

since it's the cultural, entertainment, administrative and financial center of New York City. Located on Manhattan Island, visitors weave between skyscrapers and visit the hundreds of attractions on the island, including: Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met), 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Central Park, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Grand Central Station.

Queens is the geographically largest borough and the most ethnically diverse county in the United States. Home to both of the major New York City airports (LaGuardia and JFK International), Queens is located on Long Island directly south of the Bronx and north of Brooklyn. It's home to the New York Mets baseball team, Rockaway Beach (made famous by the Ramones) and the U.S. Open. Other famous Queens attractions include: Citi Field, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Museum of the Moving Image, New York Hall of Science, MoMA PS1, Astoria Park.

Staten Island is the farthest southwestern borough, known for its expansive green space and museums. Since the subway system isn't connected to Staten Island, you can only access the area via bridges from Brooklyn or New Jersey or a ferry. However, once you're there, you can take buses or the island's own subway system. Staten Island doesn't have as many attractions as the other boroughs, but you might consider adding the following attractions to your New York itinerary: Staten Island Ferry, Staten Island Greenbelt, Staten Island Children's Museum, Fort Wadsworth, National Lighthouse Museum.

How To Get Around NYC

Getting around New York City can be overwhelming for tourists, but fortunately the city is laid out in a distinct grid pattern. Once you master the grid, you can pretty much get anywhere, especially with New York's expansive public transportation system. No matter where you go in New York, traffic is a problem, so avoid traveling on the road if you can. If you plan on riding public transportation, download the MYmta app for the latest delays, schedules and maps.

Walking is a great way to get around New York City, especially in Manhattan. The other boroughs aren't as walkable since points of interest are more spread out.

The New York Subway should be your main form of travel during your stay, especially if you're moving between boroughs. The system operates 24/7/365 and can get you to most points of interest in the city (except to Staten Island from any of the other boroughs). You'll need a MetroCard, which you can purchase at any station. Each ride is \$2.75.

Buses also cost \$2.75 per ride and you can pay with your MetroCard. Most buses run 24 hours a day, but check the schedule to ensure the bus you need runs at night. The buses are normally on time, but New York City traffic means they may be delayed. In some areas, walking may actually be the faster option.

New York Travel at a Glance



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Ferries aren't just in Seattle — New York has several that move between boroughs. The most popular is the Staten Island Ferry, which is free and a great way to get photos of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Each ferry ride is \$4 per adult for a one-way ticket or \$27.50 for a 10-trip pass.; senior citizens and persons with disabilities pay \$1.35.

Rideshares and taxis are also popular in New York City, especially to get to places the subway can't. However, they are often slower than other forms of transportation since you're likely to get caught in traffic. They're also the most expensive transportation option.

Bikes are a fun way to explore parks and residential areas in New York. (Riding a bike in Times Square is possible, but it can be dangerous if you aren't used to heavy traffic.) You can rent a bike through the Citi Bike system and get a 30-minute rental for \$4.49 or 24 hours for \$19.

Car rentals are not suggested due to heavy traffic congestion, sometimes narrow streets and New York's famously intense drivers. Plus, public transportation will be cheaper and faster. However, if you plan on leaving the city limits, you can rent a car for about \$45 per day.

The Big Apple has so much to offer it will take two issues of *On The Go* to cover it all. Coming up in the Nov/Dec issue: Top 5 Best Places to Stay in NYC, Top 5 Things to Do in NYC, Top 5 Best Places to Eat in New York, and Best Time to Visit NYC.

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Ford Warns of SUV Fire Risk

Ford is warning owners of more than 140,000 Lincoln MKC SUVs to park outside because they can burst into flames, even when the engine is not running. Ford says a short-circuit in the 12-volt battery monitor sensor can overheat and spark a fire while the vehicle is in motion or parked. According to the automaker, there have been 19 reports of fires that may be related to the problem. The company is recalling certain Lincoln MKC SUVs from 2015 to 2019.

Owners of affected vehicles have been receiving mailed notifications from Ford that began June 26, 2023. The notifications include instructions to take the vehicle to a dealership for repairs where a fuse will be added to the battery monitor sensor power circuit. The letter goes on to advise that the MKC be parked out of doors until the repairs can be arranged.

According to the Michigan automaker, the MKC's battery monitor sensor located under the hood is suscep-

tible to damage when repairs are made to the battery or other electrical parts. The resulting short circuit can overheat nearby flammable materials.

Ford first became aware of the issue in March 2023 when the company received reports of under-the-hood fires in vehicles in China and North America, according to the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA). Eleven of those incidents occurred in the U.S., seven in China, and one in Canada. No injuries have been reported as a result of the issue. You can read more on NHTSA's site [nhtsa.gov/press-releases/lincoln-mkc-park-outside-recall-fire-risk](https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/lincoln-mkc-park-outside-recall-fire-risk).

Customers who are not able to park their affected vehicle outside should contact a local Lincoln dealer or Ford's Customer Service Center at 833-807-3673 for further assistance.



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Destinations & Diversions

Conversations with a AAA Travel Agent: Visiting U.S. National Parks

There seems to be an uptick in travel to National Parks. Why the spike in interest?

It does seem that more people are flocking to our National Parks. As a AAA travel agent, I often hear people say they travel to unplug and unwind, and our National Parks offer those opportunities. Many travelers tell me they want domestic vacations that offer breathtaking views. Young people love showcasing the stunning scenery on social media, like Insta and TikTok.

With several National Park Pass Discount Programs offering free or discounted entrance fees, as well as many of the reservation systems going away, visiting these national treasures is becoming easier.

Which parks are most popular?

In the western U.S., Yellowstone in Wyoming and Yosemite in California are two of the most popular. Yosemite attracts many domestic and international visitors. Both parks offer iconic scenery, from the majestic Half Dome and waterfalls in Yosemite to Old Faithful and bison in Yellowstone.

In the eastern U.S., Acadia National Park in Maine is popular and one of the spots where you'll be the first to see the sun rise in the east! Great Smoky Mountains National Park along the North Carolina/Tennessee border offers some of the best fall colors and a portion of the Appalachian Trail.

What are some lesser-known National Parks for travelers who want to avoid big crowds?

North Cascades National Park in Washington is a beautiful, rugged park for those looking to get away from it all. It offers hiking and biking trails and opportunities for mountaineering and horseback riding.

For those really looking to disconnect, consider visiting Stehekin in North Cascades National Park in Washington. This lake community is only accessible by boat, foot, or float-plane. Visitors can camp or stay at the Lodge at Stehekin, which offers beautiful rooms or private cabins.

Another lesser known, off the beaten path National Park is Great Basin National Park in Nevada. Here you will find an array of activities from hiking, bird watching, fishing, and star gazing. The park is home to Lehman Caves where you can take tours to view the stalagmites and stalactites. Great Basin also offers a number of astronomy events throughout the year.

What's your advice for families visiting National Parks with kids?

Investigate the Junior Ranger program for the park you are planning to visit. Many have programs designed to enrich children's experiences and kids can even earn patches and badges when completing tasks inside the park! Also, purchase a National Parks passport for your child to have stamped when traveling to the National Parks, especially if you have more than one park on your planned itinerary.

Another thing to consider: if you're bringing snacks, be sure you have a way to pack your trash after you're done eating. When walking on trails, garbage cans are not always readily available, so you may have to carry wrappers and other trash with you until you leave the park.

Where should people stay when they visit National Parks?

While it is the most expensive option, I recommend visitors stay inside the National Parks. It will save you time and maximize your visit. People often

only think about the distance from a hotel to the park entrance, but traffic is an issue as well. Lots of visitors trying to get in on the same day will cause your commute time to really increase.

If staying inside the park is not an option, consider staying in an area that is not considered the main entrance of the park itself.

Most families travel during the summer because kids are off from school. But what are some other good times of the year to visit National Parks?

Autumn is a lovely time to visit Acadia in Maine, Glacier in Montana, Cuyahoga Valley in Ohio, and Shenandoah in Virginia for cooler weather plus fall foliage. Winter is a great time for visitors interested in skiing and snowshoeing up north and for those looking for milder temperatures in the parks in the south.

Which Park is your favorite?

My favorite National Park is Yosemite, especially in the fall when the trees are beginning to turn.

Yosemite offers so many incredible views, from the tunnel view as you first enter the park to Glacier Point, giving unparalleled views of Half Dome, a massive rock formation. We enjoy the trails that go out to Mirror Lake or the Mist Trail that takes you right next to Vernal Falls. We love the views of the Merced River and Phono Bridge, which reminds me of a bridge in a fairytale - and you half expect a troll to be living under it! Another great place to get views of Half Dome is from Stoneman Meadow - a visit close to sunset can make for some stunning photographs!

Plan your national park adventure after visiting www.nps.gov.

Dealing With Flight Delays/Cancellations

By show of hands, how many of you have had the unfortunate experience of having a flight delayed or canceled?

This year, thousands of flights across the country have been affected by severe weather and staffing shortages. While the delay is out of your control (and sometimes out of the control of the airline), AAA recommends preparation, not panic.

Our data shows that air travel is seeing a big spike despite high ticket prices. Many airlines are responding to demand by hiring more staff, trimming schedules, and taking smaller regional planes out of service and replacing them with larger ones to increase capacity. However, there are still challenges, including a shortage of air traffic controllers, that has led to reduced service in and out of certain airports.

Oh no!

In situations where the weather caused a flight delay or cancellation, airlines will typically rebook you on flights that are available but are not required to do much more.

Regardless of the cause of the delay or cancellation, reach out to the airline on social media. Agents are responsive on Twitter and Facebook and wait times for help can be shorter.

Check your airline's website or download its app to stay up-to-date on your flight status, including one last time right before leaving for the airport. If your flight is canceled, most airlines will rebook you on another flight on the same carrier to your destination at no additional charge, but the new date could be the next day or even later.

Another great reason to check the airline's website - some automatically rebook passengers on a flight affected by a delay or cancellation.

If you find a flight on another airline,

ask the first airline if it will endorse your ticket to the new carrier, but keep in mind that there is no federal rule requiring them to do this.

Airlines will often issue travel waivers ahead of anticipated bad weather or if they expect to be overwhelmed. If this affects your travel plans, consider if you really need to travel on the specific dates you booked. You can usually reschedule flights to depart or arrive a few days earlier or later and avoid paying fare differences. As long as your destination remains the same, this can be a helpful way to get a nonstop or more timely flight.



While You Wait

Each airline has its own policy about what it will do for delayed passengers waiting at the airport; there are no federal requirements when delays are beyond the airline's control.

Some low-cost airlines don't provide any amenities to stranded passengers. Others only offer amenities if the delay is the airline's fault but not if the bad weather is to blame.

Final Thoughts

Consider a nonstop flight. It might cost more, but it can be worth it.

Before you head for the airport, write down the flight numbers and times of flights you could alternatively take to get where you need to go. In this case, don't only consider nonstop flights; search flights with connections,

including ones in different regions of the country where weather is likely different. Also consider nearby airports that may be a short car ride away from your desired destination.

It is always a good practice to include all medications, snacks, and a change of clothes in a carry-on just in case your flight is canceled after you've already checked your baggage.

Time of day matters. Three good reasons for opting for a flight earlier in the day: 1) weather events are more common in the afternoon; 2) aircraft scheduled to depart first-thing in the morning are likely already parked at the airport, so you don't have to worry

about the plane you're scheduled to fly on not arriving; 3) you have more options to fix problems throughout the day.

Work with a knowledgeable travel advisor when booking your trip. They'll serve as your advocate in case your flight is delayed or canceled and can help with any last-minute travel plans.

Consider flight travel insurance but read the fine print to understand what it covers.

Know your rights as an air passenger and review your airline's contract of carriage. By law, travelers are entitled to a refund when an airline cancels their flight. Learn more from the U.S. Dept of Transportation's website www.transportation.gov/individuals/aviation-consumer-protection/refunds and transportation.gov/airconsumer/fly-rights#Delayed-and-Cancelled-Flights.

If travelers encounter a problem that cannot be resolved by their airline, they may wish to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Transportation at transportation.gov/airconsumer/file-consumer-complaint.

Prioritize Safety Before Raising Limits

Drivers desiring faster commutes might view a higher speed limit as a boon, but is it always the safest choice? And what about the safety needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and others? A new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety finds that raising posted speed limits may do little to save time or affect traffic flow but could lead to more crashes, injuries, and deaths.



The AAA Foundation's research results varied across all 12 roadway sites examined. All had new posted speed limits — six raised and six lowered — and included various road types. Raising posted speed limits was associated with increased crashes on two interstate highways. At the same time, the study also found that lowering posted speed limits led to fewer crashes in many cases examined. But the likelihood of speed limit violations increased after lowering posted speed limits, suggesting the need for better public awareness education tied to these changes. AAA urges transportation officials to apply a “holistic” approach when setting or changing

posted speed limits and prioritize safety over speed and capacity.

“Our study analyzed before-and-after data on a dozen roadways that raised or lowered posted speed limits and found no one-size-fits-all answer regarding the impact of these changes,” said Dr. David Yang, president and executive director of the AAA Foundation. “However, it is critical to consider the safety implications when local transportation authorities contemplate making changes with posted speed limits.”

Speeding is a critical factor in vehicle crashes across the nation. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), there were more than 42,000 traffic deaths in 2021 and again in 2022, the highest levels in 16 years. NHTSA reports that speeding was a factor in nearly 29% of the fatalities in 2021 and 27% in 2022.

Key Findings

The Foundation study found:

- Raising posted speed limits was associated with increased crash frequencies and rates for two of the three Interstate Highways examined.
- Lowering posted speed limits was associated with decreased crash frequencies and rates for one of the two principal arterials examined.
- Changes in travel times were small in response to both raised and lowered speed limits.

AAA recommends that changes in posted speed limits should consider a range of factors, including but not limited to the type of road, surrounding land use, and historical crash data. AAA supports automated speed enforcement, but programs must be carefully implemented to maintain community support, prioritize equity and consistently drive improved safety.

“The movement in state houses to

raise speed limits is happening across the country in at least eight states this year,” said Jennifer Ryan, director of state relations for AAA. “But the benefits are overrated, and the risks are understated. Increasing speed limits does not always yield the positive results envisioned by traffic planners.”

This study is the third phase of the AAA Foundation research examining the effect of posted speed limit changes on safety. In the Foundation's first study, traffic engineers were asked how posted speed limits are set and what factors they consider in changing them. In the second phase, crash testing revealed that small speed increases have severe and potentially deadly effects on crash outcomes.

You can access this and other AAA Foundation studies by visiting newsroom.AAA.com and aaafoundation.org.



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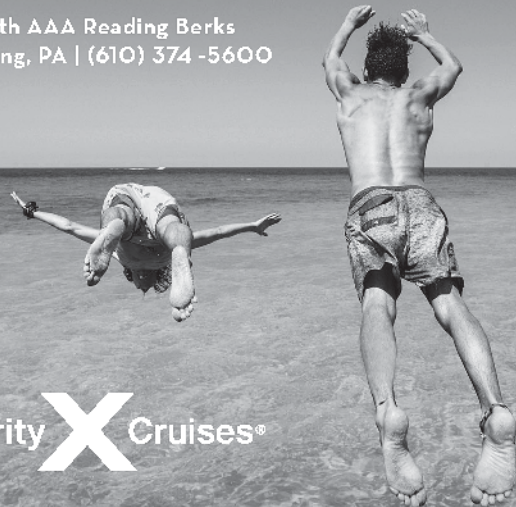
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EVs: The Heavier the Load, the Shorter the Trip

When drivers load an electric pickup with heavy cargo, they make the vehicle work harder, significantly reducing the truck's range. But by how much? AAA Automotive Engineering researchers recently tested the Ford F-150 Lightning, the electric version of the iconic best-selling American pickup, to determine the impact of payload on the range. When loaded with 1,400 pounds of sandbags, 110 pounds shy of its maximum capacity, the Lightning's range dropped from 278 miles to 210 miles, a reduction of 24.5%.

"Our testing revealed a significant range reduction, but it's important to note that the Lightning was loaded to near its maximum capacity," said Greg Brannon, director of AAA Automotive Engineering. "Most buyers will likely use their Lightning with a lighter load, resulting in a much smaller range reduction."

It's also important to remember that the driving range of all vehicles, whether gas-powered or electric, is affected by weight. And as battery technology continues to improve, EV range will likely increase. The Ford Lightning's range is less than its gas-burning cousin, which may get over 500 miles per tank unloaded. Buyers concerned about EV range should consider the driving they will be doing and choose the right vehicle for their needs. The difference, for now, is that it is easier to gas and go than stop and charge.

In general, heavier payloads will reduce the range of an EV. This is because the extra weight requires more energy to move. The type of driving also plays a role. Highway

driving, which typically involves higher speeds and less regenerative braking, will further reduce range. Unlike gas-powered vehicles, which perform more efficiently at highway speeds, EVs thrive in urban driving conditions due to regenerative braking from more frequent stops. Regenerative brakes capture the energy from braking and convert it into the electrical power that charges the vehicle's high-voltage battery. This electricity can then be stored in the car's battery or power other electrical components.

In the case of battery electric pickups used as work vehicles, permanent loads (such as equipment racks, toolboxes, and equipment trays built into the vehicle) will reduce the range at all times, even without additional cargo.

Maximum payload varies by trim. Ford lists maximum payload as 2,235 lbs with the standard battery and 1,952 lbs with the extended range battery, but these are for the "Pro" trim. Maximum payload also varies based on accessories and configuration. The important number is the

gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), which is the maximum weight of the vehicle, including everything attached, inside the cab, inside the bed, etc. The vehicle AAA tested was the Platinum trim, which has a GVWR of 8,550 lbs. The total weight for the loaded test was 8,440 lbs, 110 lbs shy of the GVWR.



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