

If you want your family to have the RV experience for at least one summer vacation, yet don't want to buy one, renting can be a great option. CanaDream RV Rentals & Sales, along with many other area dealerships, can equip you with everything you need to hit the road, including dishes and towels.



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Renting always a good option

Booking an RV for a vacation gives you the chance to try it out before making a big-purchase decision

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When making a significant purchase like a new RV, it makes sense to try before you buy.

But even if you have no plans to own one, you may want the opportunity to experience the RV lifestyle for a summer vacation.

In either case, recreation vehicle rentals are available through many dealerships.

Those who have never

driven an RV before usually find that after just half an hour, they already feel comfortable, says Peggy Ramsay, central supervisor with CanaDream RV Rentals & Sales, near CrossIron Mills in Balzac.

"You don't need a special licence to drive one," she says. The unit most in demand for families is their Class C motorhome in either the 24-ft. or 28-ft. version, which has room for six people.

Many couples choose the

Class B conversion van to tour around.

No matter which type you ultimately choose, an RV adds an element of flexibility to a vacation.

"You have a lot of freedom," says Ramsay. "You can stay in one place longer if you love it and you can cook your own meals."

While summer is high season, CanaDream rents units all year.

"We are the only company in Canada who provides win-

ter units with double-pane windows and insulated tanks. They are good for minus-30 degrees," says Ramsay.

She recommends booking an RV as soon as you have your vacation dates, no matter how far in advance. Booking early ensures you get the size of unit you want and can also allow you to lock in at a better price.

CanaDream can equip your RV with whatever you need, including a GPS, camping chairs, pots and pans, towels

and the like.

If, after your RV trip, you find you enjoyed it so much that you want one of your own, CanaDream sells late-model RVs.

Some people take one out for a weekend rental before purchasing to ensure the model they've chosen has enough space for their family.

A list of additional dealers that rent RVs can be found on the Go RVing Canada website.

Before you commit to rent-

ing, check out the floor plans of different units to find the one with the best fit for your family.

Most RV rentals come with limited kilometres, so factor that in when deciding where to go, or ask about costs and options for travelling additional kilometres.

Many RV rentals come with insurance coverage, but Go RVing recommends you phone your insurance company to find out if you need additional insurance.