

Seeing Your Career (and Life)

As an *Adventure*

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Overview

1. What we did
2. What we learned
3. Common questions
4. Your questions



Stickers on the Back of Our RV

BUT FIRST...
If You Give \$100, So Will I!

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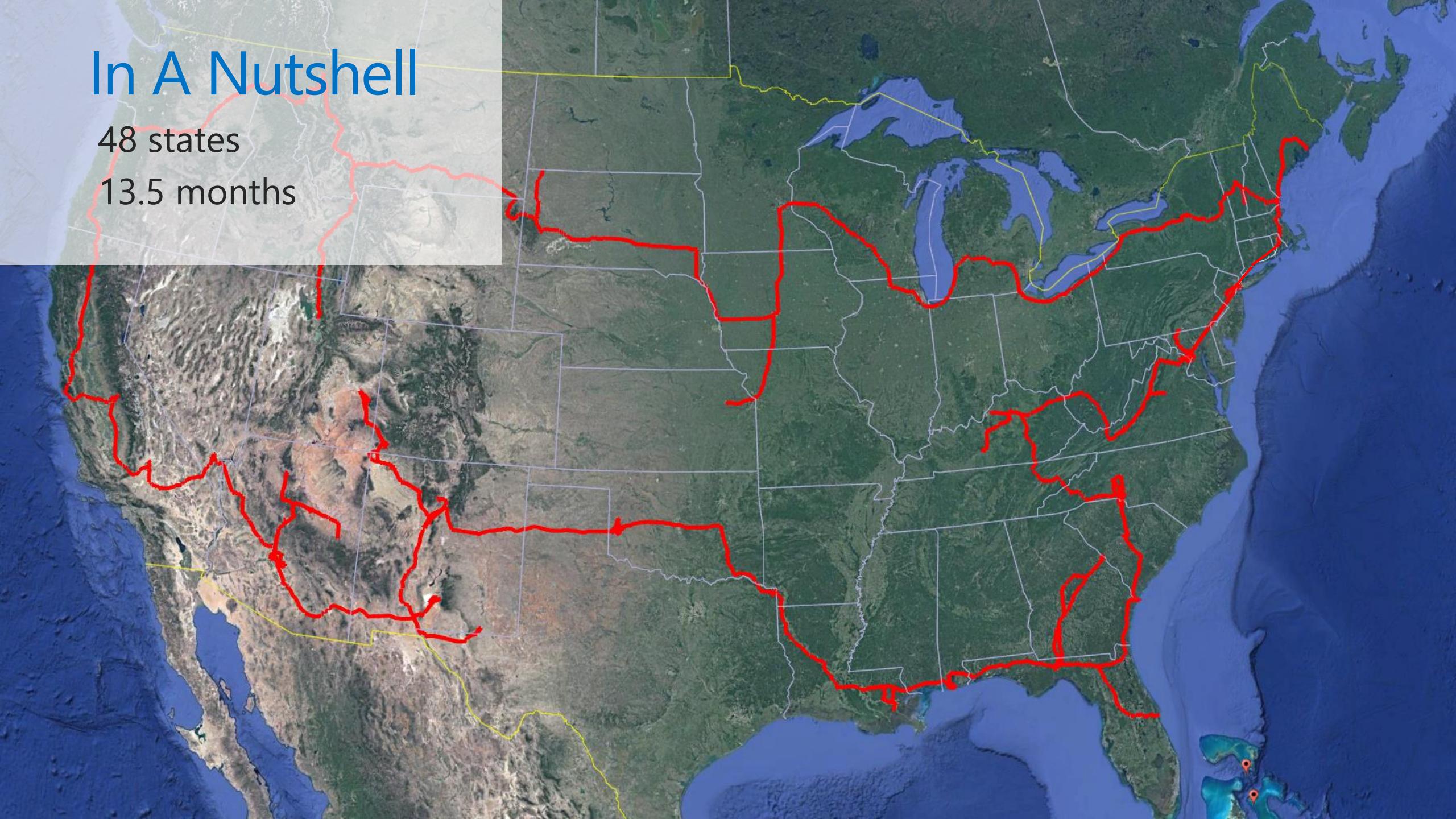
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What We Did

In A Nutshell

48 states

13.5 months



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Rented out our house

Bought a 5th Wheel RV & Truck

Wife left job to homeschool kids

I worked remotely



Home, Grand Rapids, MI



48StatesProject.com

Why Should You Care?

Inspiration, Encouragement, and a Reminder



Acadia National Park, ME

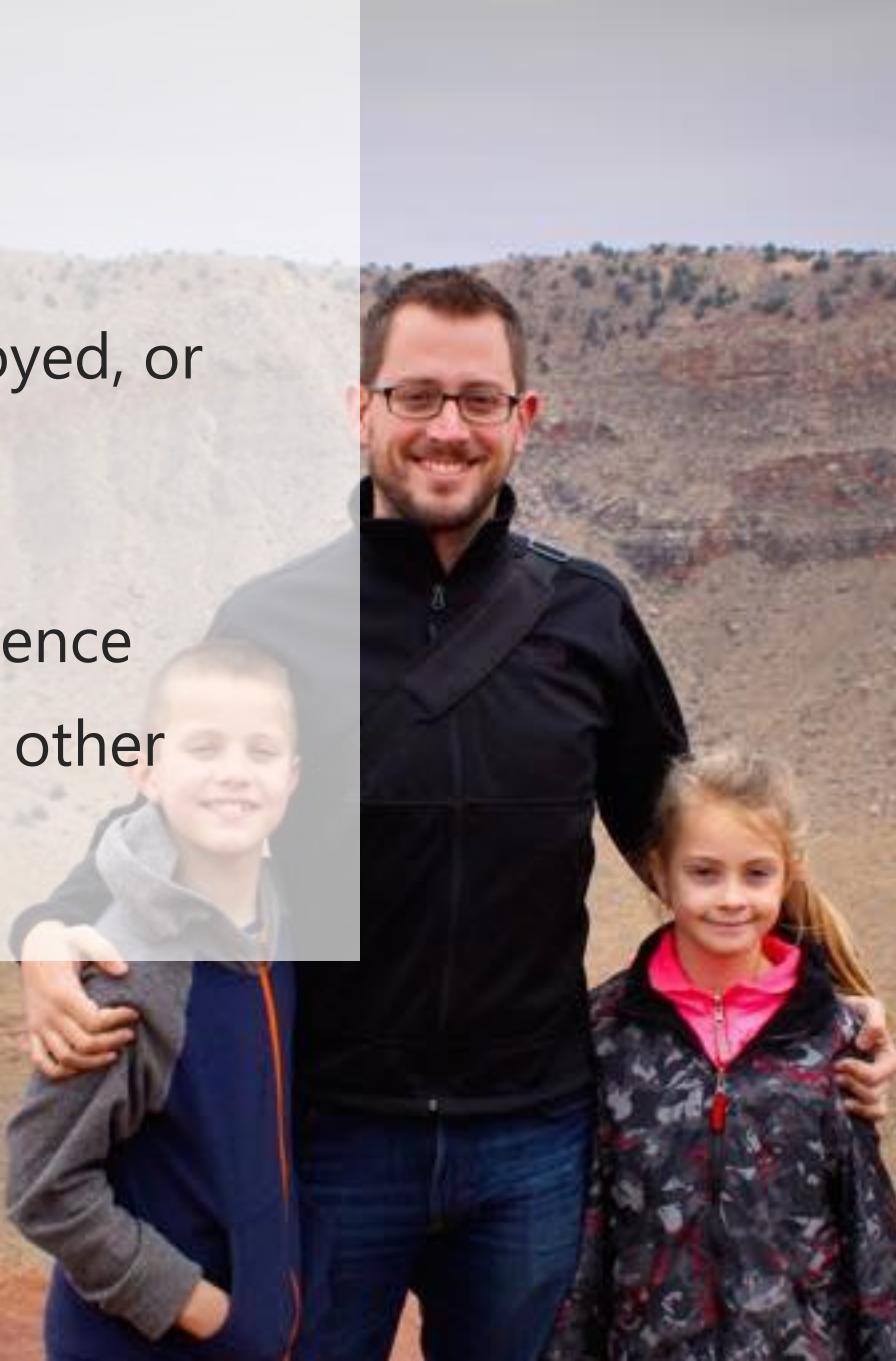
Requirements

Remote work, self-employed, or independently wealthy

General health

Some financial independence

For families, a significant other who is up for it



Barringer Meteor Crater, AZ

What We Learned

Do Something Different

"The one who follows the crowd will usually go no further than the crowd. Those who walk alone are likely to find themselves in places no one has ever been before."

- Francis Phillip Wernig



Fort Stevens State Park, OR

Dare Greatly

"Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no [one] could have dreamt would have come his way."

- W. H. Murray, The Scottish Himalayan Expedition (1951)

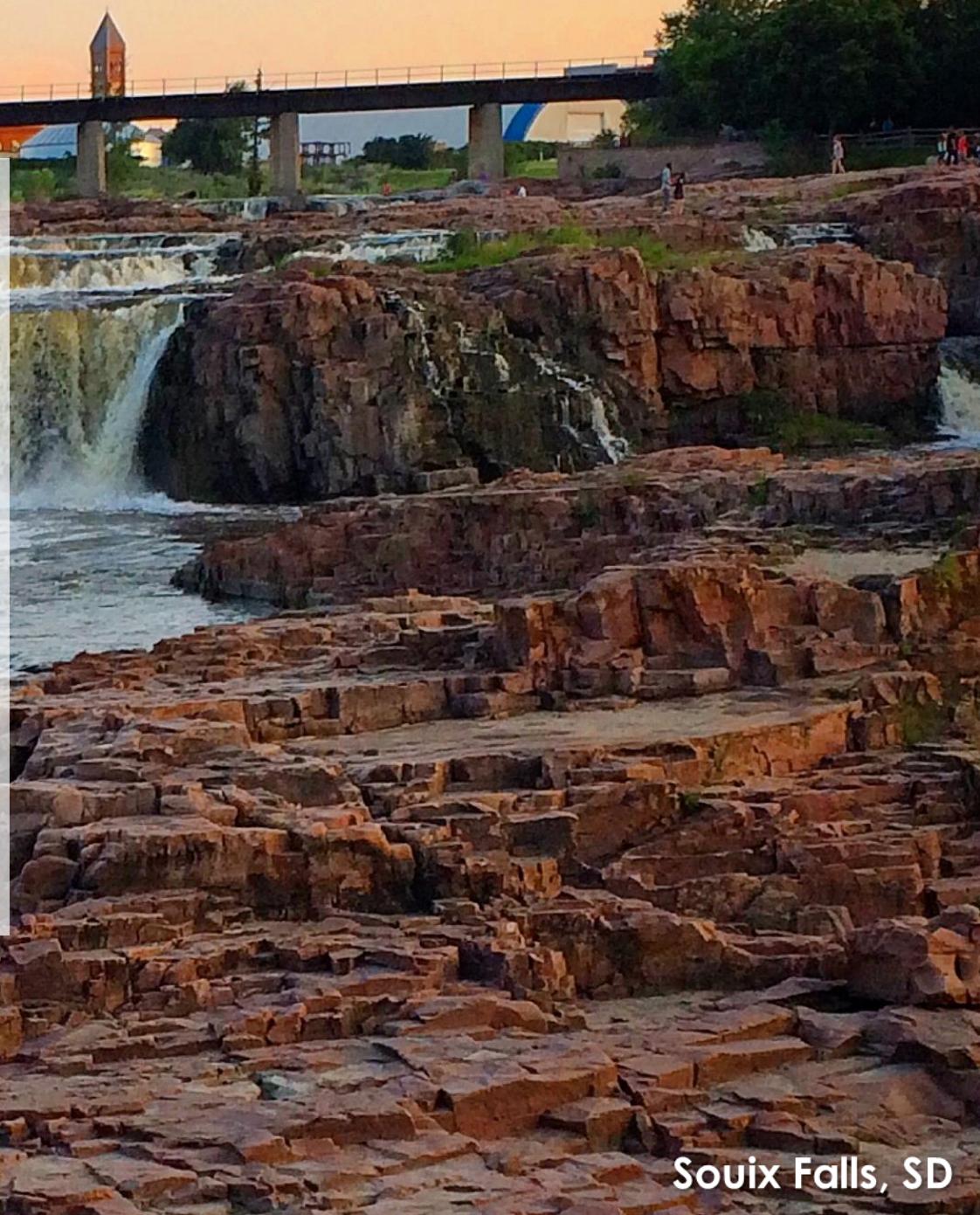


Kings Canyon National Park, CA

Carpe the Diem

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

- James 4:13-14, New International Version (NIV)



Souix Falls, SD

The background of the slide features a wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape, specifically White Sands National Monument in New Mexico. The foreground and middle ground are filled with numerous large, white gypsum sand dunes. The sand has a distinct texture with visible ridges and shadows from the sun. The sky above is a clear, pale blue.

People & Experiences Over Possessions

"I must have things, but things must not have me."

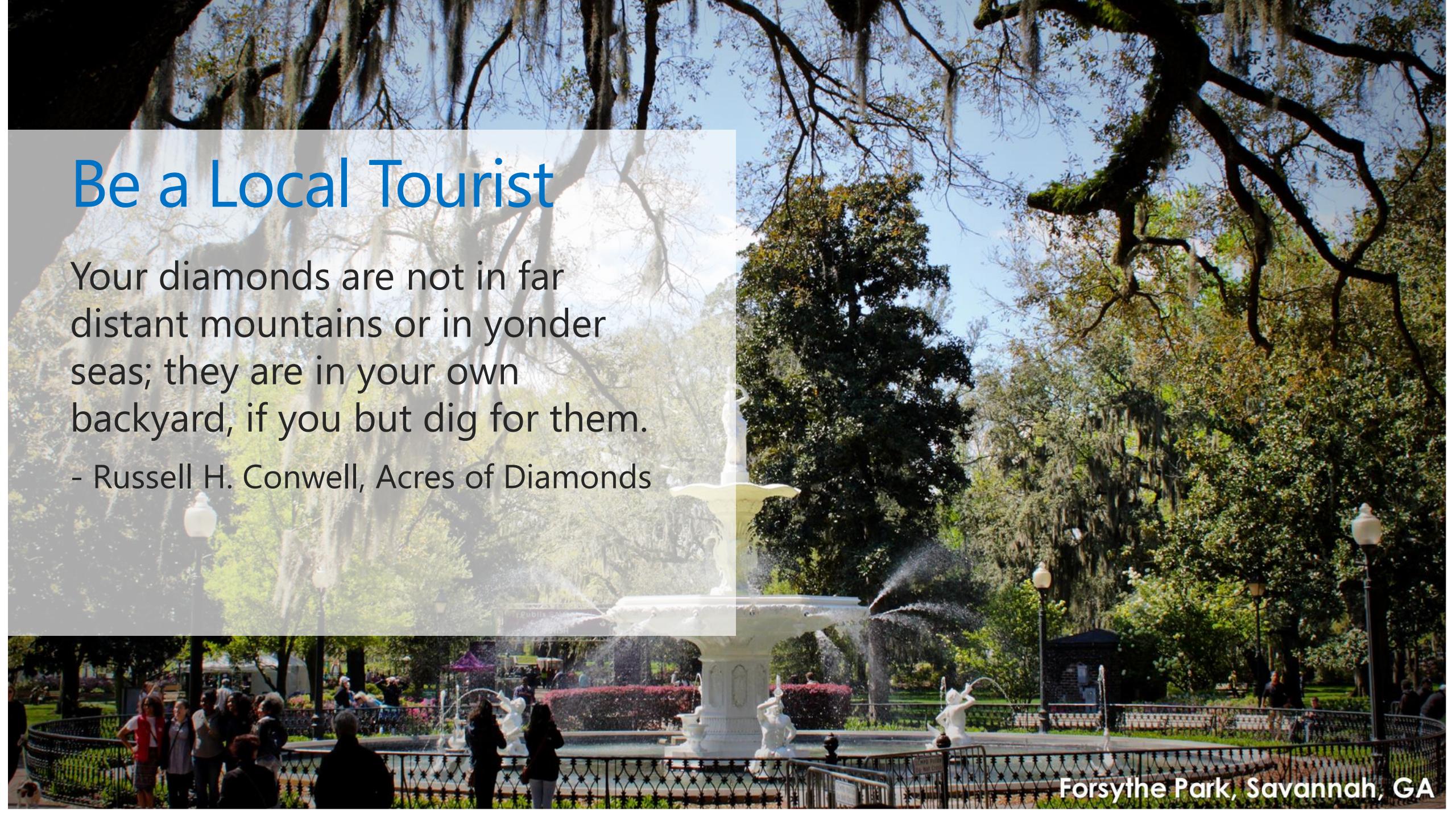
- Jill Briscoe

White Sands National Monument, NM

Be a Local Tourist

Your diamonds are not in far distant mountains or in yonder seas; they are in your own backyard, if you but dig for them.

- Russell H. Conwell, Acres of Diamonds



Forsythe Park, Savannah, GA

Terroir

The “the taste of place”

Devil's Tower, WY

Rule of Anecdotal Value

I think the best way to live your life is to choose the experience that will have the most anecdotal value.

- Peter Sagal of Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me



Don't Expect (or Want) Only Mountain Tops

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a [hu]man. Kites rise against, not with, the wind.

- Lewis Mumford

Grand Tetons National Park

Challenges

RV Maintenance

Moving Days

Limited Personal Space

Internet Access

Work Travel

Loneliness

Homeschooling Only Once





You Are Nature, Not Separate From It

When one tugs at a single thing in nature,
he finds it attached to the rest of the
world.

- John Muir, The Yosemite

Jersey City, NJ

A Time For Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

-Ecclesiastes 3, New International Version (NIV)



Half Dome, Yosemite Nation Park, CA

Common Questions



Thunder Hole, Acadia National Park, ME

What About An Unadventurous Partner?

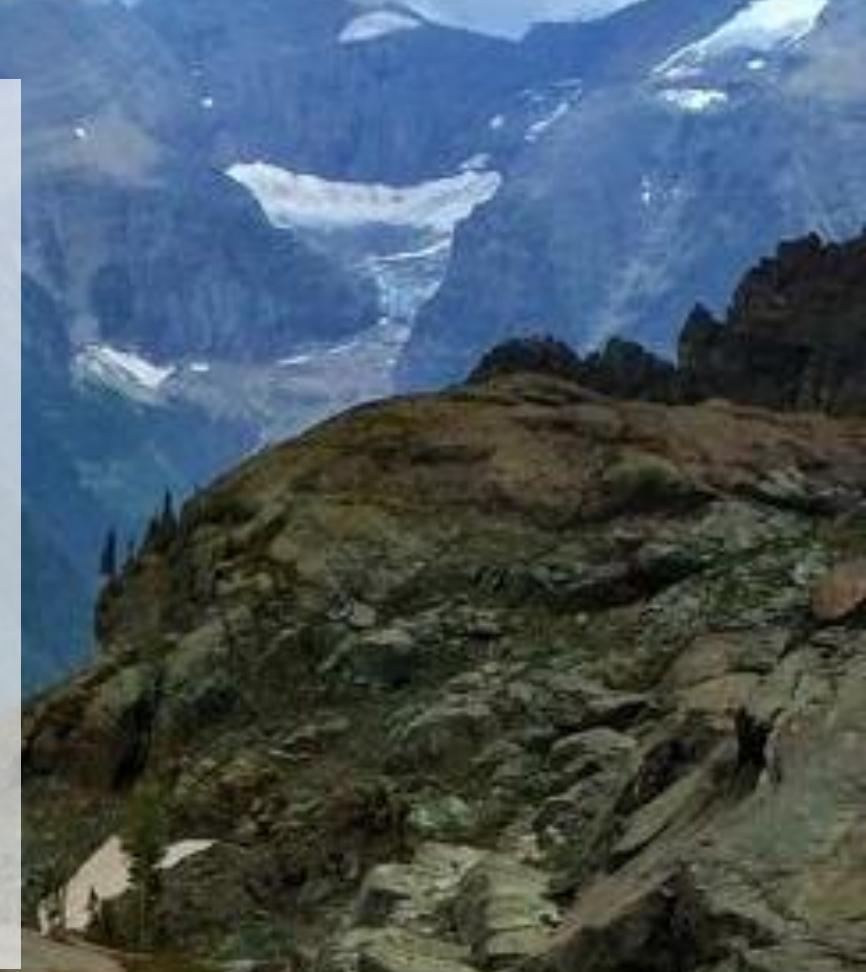
- Other partners
- Adventure in small doses
- Quid pro quo



Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park, MT

Preparing Kids for Adventure

- Know their limits
- Prepare them for what to expect
- Let them be involved:
A or B? not A or not?
- Less is more
- Creative rewards: Trail points



Boulder Pass, Glacier National Park, MT

What Was Your Favorite...

Place: Glacier National Park

State: California / Oregon

Surprise: Mardi Gras in New Orleans

Museum: OMSI and Musical Instrument Museum

RV Park: Black Canyon City, AZ



Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, WY



Trip Stats

Visited 48 states

Lived in 37 locations in 34 states

74 museums

28 national parks/monuments

21 state parks

17 military sites

187 other "unique experiences"

Thank You! Questions?

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