

# ROAD:TRIP!

*In Search of* **America's**  
**Back Roads**



# Back Roads of America: Gas Mileage Tips



Following are some tips to help you reduce the amount of gas used on road trips or just running around town. The four cornerstones of gas mileage savings (as found at <http://www.fueleconomy.gov>) are:

1. Drive more efficiently
2. Keep your car in shape
3. Plan & combining trips
4. Choose a more efficient vehicle

## DRIVE MORE EFFICIENTLY

Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. In addition, while each vehicle reaches its optimal fuel economy at a different speed (or range of speeds), gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. So, you can assume that each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.26 per gallon for gas.

## KEEP YOUR CAR IN SHAPE

Here are some interesting figures:

- Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent.
- Fixing a serious maintenance problem, such as a faulty oxygen sensor, can improve your mileage by as much as 40 percent.
- You can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3 percent by keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure.

## PLAN & COMBINE TRIPS

Of course carpool when you can as well as combine trips, such as errands. However, you might also want to consider planning out your routes before going on vacation, or even to do errands, to find the least expensive gas stops.

Two great online “gas price finders” are: Gas Buddy ([www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com)) and Mapquest’s new gas pricer (<http://gasprices.mapquest.com>). Simply search by zip code, city or a given intersection and find the best gas prices.

#### EFFICIENT VEHICLES

Some of the best things in life come in small packages, so the adage goes. We’d have to agree when it comes to Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc.’s motorhomes (seen below) which are perfect for everyday use but still offer all the conveniences of a fully-equipped motorhome *and* have great fuel economy! Roadtrek’s smaller sized motorhomes (which drive like an SUV) have proved very popular among RVers. The motorhomes are unique in that they are designed and built, in part, by Mercedes for unsurpassed fuel economy, durability, safety, practicality, comfort and quality.

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