

How People Managed To Entirely Live Off-Grid

Maybe you're like me, and dream of leaving society behind to live in the wild. Maybe you're not.

Either way, there are few people who actually manage to do it; and of those that do, few stick it out for more than a few years. The harsh reality is that living totally off-grid, over 100 miles away from civilization is an extremely hard life; one that few of us are prepared for. Maybe our ancestors were better equipped for that sort of lifestyle than we are. But the comforts of civilization have made us much softer than they were; as well as much less capable of dealing with the hardships of living off the land.

73-Year-Old Woman Lives 40 Years In The Siberian Wilderness

But there are people for whom that lifestyle is the only way to go. Take Agafia Lykov, a 72 year old Russian woman, for example. This amazing woman has spent all her life living in the taiga of Siberia. Born to Karp and Akulina Lykov, members of an Orthodox Christian sect known as "The Old Believers," who fled to the taiga in 1937, Agifa and her siblings knew no other life.

The Lykovs moved to Siberia to escape persecution, with little preparation and even less in the way of supplies. Yet they learned how to live in the wilderness, successfully building a homestead and raising a family there.

Agifa is the only member of the family still alive. Her mother died of starvation in 1961, having chosen to starve, so that she could give her food to her children during one of their

many hard times. That rough time was caused by an early winter killing off everything in their garden, leaving them without enough food to last the winter.

[Read more about Agafia's story...<<](#)

The Congressman Who Went Off-Grid



If you want to find the roots of the modern prepping movement, you need look no further than former Congressman and scientist Roscoe Bartlett. While Bartlett can't claim to have single-handedly started the prepping movement, he was one of the earlier modern voices

calling for preparedness. While the idea of being prepared actually goes back centuries, we, as a society, needed the sobering call to action that this man brought to Congress.

Roscoe likes to say that he started his life dirt poor on a sharecropper farm. Growing up as a farm boy, he learned how to do many things on his own. Farmers can't always call a mechanic or an electrician, so they just do it themselves. This knowledge served him well in the Navy and has served him in his retirement, as a full-time survivalist.

[Read his story here...<<](#)

How to Start Your Off-grid living

Many of us dream of living off the grid, but a few brave souls actually manage to do it.

Such is the case of Jill Redwood, a bit of a pioneer and environmentalist, who has been living off-grid for 35 years in

East Gippsland, Victoria, Australia.

Jill is a bit of a hermit and knew that she wanted to live a hermit lifestyle when she was only five years old. But it took a number of years for her to realize that dream. But in 1983 she was able to begin realizing that dream, buying the 15 acre piece of land she now calls home.

It took her eight years to build her home, which she was able to do for less than \$3,000. While building, she lived in a bark hut with a dirt floor, which still stands today. Even though she doesn't live in it herself, it serves as her "guest home" for people who want to stay with her for a while.

[See how Jill managed to live off-grid for under \\$3,000...<<](#)



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