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Whether you're bringing some gear along for a weekend getaway, or just trying to find some peace and quiet out on the lake, it's important to own a dependable vehicle that can bring your favorite toys along.

When buying or leasing a car, it should meet your needs. Searching for a versatile SUV that has solid towing capability and is also an impressive vehicle to take off the road? You might be looking for a Jeep. More specifically, the latest edition of the Jeep Cherokee.

Every Jeep is built for adventure, and that next adventure may involve towing.



Towing in the Jeep Cherokee

Over its many years on the market, the Jeep Cherokee has proven itself to be a durable, well-equipped, and handsome vehicle; although, some may consider it to be a more buttoned-up version of the sporty Wrangler. However, the Cherokee more than holds its own.

You may impress your friends with the stunning design on this SUV, but if you want to really impress them, volunteer your vehicle to haul their gear for them. You'll be the hit of the annual camping weekend if you can bring the canoe or ATV for further wilderness fun.

FWD Models

The Cherokee is available in both front-wheel drive and four-wheel drive models, but let's focus on the towing abilities of the front-wheel-drive first, with a maximum towing capacity of 2,000 pounds.

The Latitude, Latitude Plus, Limited, and Overland models all offer the ability to carry everyone's bicycle for the weekend ride. With a simple addition of a bike trailer or the right carrier, you'll be able to haul several bikes if your friends sign you up for the triathlon three towns over. You'll be the hit of the day, especially if you clinch the win in addition to your transportation abilities.

4X4 Models

When you jump up to the 4x4 models of the Jeep Cherokee, you get into more serious towing capacity: an astonishing 4,500 pounds. Haul nearly anything you want for your outdoor pursuits with this impressive vehicle. When equipping the four-wheel drive option for your SUV, you more than double its capacity.

If you and your friends are planning a trail ride up in the hills or the mountains, hauling a trailer shouldn't be an issue as long as you account for the total weight of the towable items. Don't miss out on life's great adventures if you don't have to. Get behind the wheel of a Cherokee and figure out your life's journey.

Choose Your Engine and Your Adventure

The Cherokee always does a great job of making a strong first impression. While the Cherokee does offer up to 4,500 pounds of towing capacity, there are different engines available to meet your specific needs. Let's take a closer look at how the maximum towing capacity will vary depending on the engine chosen:

- 2.4L Tigershark® MultiAir® 2 I-4: 2,000 pounds
- 2.0L turbo I-4: 4,000 pounds
- 3.2L Pentastar® V6: 4,500 pounds

With the towing capacity at 2,000 pounds, bring a small trailer and equipment for a weekend getaway, like life preservers, fishing gear, or other items you'll need on the water.

A medium-sized watercraft is no issue for the V6 engine, which can tow up to 4,500 pounds.

Your Destination is Never Out of Reach

Every Jeep is known for its off-roading capability. The Cherokee is no different, thanks to its 4x4 systems, which actually come into play for those who are towing, too.

With the Jeep Active Drive II system, you'll have a 2-speed power transfer unit which offers torque management and 4WD Low mode. What this does is essentially lock the front and rear driveshafts, which brings additional power when traveling at low speeds or when towing your toys along. The driveline neutral switch allows you to hitch the Cherokee to your RV and bring it on that next trip.



A Well-Equipped Vehicle

Each of the Cherokee engines we've discussed can offer outstanding power and towing capability. Of course, these engines aren't just magically doing this alone. They're all mated to a 9-speed automatic transmission, which can maximize power and efficiency.

To tow the maximum amount of weight, the Trailer Tow Prep Package is something you'll want to own. This optional package helps you get the most out of the towing experience.

In this package, you'll have:

- 4- and 7-pin wiring harnesses
- Class III hitch receiver
- Heavy-duty engine cooling and 180-amp alternator
- Full-size spare tire
- Trailer-tow wiring harness

Heavy-duty engine cooling technology brings heat away from the engine and transmission, so they can perform without having the chance to become overheated.



Towing Safely in the Jeep Cherokee

Crosswinds and traffic shouldn't take control of your trailer. Standard Trailer Sway Control technology keeps you and the items you're towing along safe at all times. The available Trailer Hitch View At Speed technology works to project a real-time image of the rear hitch using the backup camera. This image will be displayed on the touchscreen for simple access. You'll have peace of mind knowing you're traveling safely with the trailer.

Other helpful safety features found in the Cherokee include Full-Speed Collision Warning with Active Braking. This available feature is able to sense when you're approaching another car too quickly, with brake assistance offered if you aren't able to react in time.

Available Adaptive Cruise Control with Stop and Go is able to adjust cruising speed to keep a proper distance between you and the vehicle up ahead of you. It's even able to bring the car to a complete stop without any driver intervention required. These are the kinds of features that are capable of protecting you and the trailer you have attached to your Jeep Cherokee.

There are some other key safety features you'll have access to in the Cherokee, and they're certainly worth talking about. Available Blind Spot Monitoring and Rear Cross Path Detection, for example, use radar-based sensors to pick up on other cars.

Blind Spot Monitoring will let you know if another car is in your blind spot, while Rear Cross Path Detection warns of any vehicles crossing by when you're backing up. These come in handy, particularly when a trailer may be attached and your vision can be limited.

The available LaneSense® Lane Departure Warning with Lane Keep Assist warns you with a visual and audible warning when unintentional lane drift is detected. If you aren't able to respond in time, LaneSense® takes over and corrects course back to the lane you were in.

Ready to Tow? Turn to the Jeep Cherokee

The Jeep Cherokee is a highly capable vehicle ready for any adventure. If you're heading out on a long vacation or just on a short day trip, you may want to bring some toys along for the ride. Whether it's an ATV, boat, or small trailer, the Cherokee will be there to handle it.

To test drive the Jeep Cherokee and learn more about its towing capability and technology, stop by your local Jeep dealer today.

