

Polymathguru's Summary of Reconnaissance Man by Aaron Clarey

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I)Who should read this book?

There are three target demographics for this book. The first group is adolescents who want to perform some foresight on where to move on in life. The second group are 20 to 30 year old people who haven't figured out what they want out of life. The third group of people are those who are unsatisfied with their lives despite and have more established careers and may want to understand why their current lives are less than satisfactory.

The main emphasis on traveling in this book is to help people to relocate to a new location within the United States of America. The main reason why someone might perform a reconnaissance is because they are unsatisfied with their lives and where they are living. Examples can include high taxes, cold winters, shitty culture and ect. Aaron Clarey explains why you should do a reconnaissance, how to do a reconnaissance and which states you should investigate.

II) Why Reconnaissance is important

The importance of Reconnaissance is to find communities you would enjoy living in. People's ties to communities is very important. We tend to form social and career networks around the places we live. Trying to restart this pattern all over again is very

cost inefficient. There is a reason why there are still Iraqis living in Baghdad and why Jews still lived in Nazi Germany while the politics of Germany was aiming to push them out. Even if those areas are unlikable or inhospitable to us, we still have financial realities we have to consider.

The only way someone can truly know if they are living in a less than ideal location is to explore other areas. You need to socialize with people in the new area. You need to explore it and have an idea how you feel in the environment. If you go there for too short of a period, your judgement is going to be based on a novelty basis. However, you need to explore other areas to figure out what is best for you, which means you only have so much time to actually do any reconnaissance.

The other problem is a lot of people tend to make decisions based on what they did when they were young. A lot of people at a young age don't understand what they want to do, where they want to live, understand who they are and lack the experience to make a good judgement.

III) How to Reconnaissance

There are three stages in a reconnaissance. Stage One is to survey the United States. The second stage is to focus on places you like. The third stage is the Trial Run.

Stage one is to help figure out which places you would want to explore. Due to the large size of the United States, you aren't likely to be able to thoroughly comb through every nook and cranny within the United States. Before you take a trip you should start researching places that you might find interesting. The whole part of this stage is to take a peek into what that area offers you. You should be able to figure out what places you don't like from that list and start finding places you like. The amount of time that should be spent is about 2 days during this stage. You are to zip in and out of the area.

Stage two is to focus on what the area offers. You should have about 10 different places on your list of places to explore. The whole purpose is to reveal things you didn't know about that location that could be a deal breaker. The period should be done in roughly 14 days.

Stage three is to figure out if the place is actually what you like. Part of the problem of stage 1 and 2 is you haven't experimented living in regions based on a change in the season. Southern states are going to be intolerable during the summer heat while northern states are going to be much colder. The idea is to really understand what it is like to actually live there. The ideal time space is 3 months to one year. At this point, you should have two or three places you really want to experience year around.

IV) Logistics, Finance and Education

Logistics, finance and education are three factors that would hold back someone from being able to perform a reconnaissance. You need to be able to finance your trip, find places to sleep and know how to deal with idiosyncratic situations.

Logistics requires some planning in advance. Some parts of the United States is so vast you may never come across a town for miles. In addition, timing is very important. All reconnaissance should be done by car as a transport vehicle.

Most reconnaissance should be done during the summer. In colder regions of the USA, it becomes much more difficult to perform. It becomes necessary to sleep in your car or in a tent, attempting to do these things at temperatures of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or below can be quite uncomfortable. Most young folks are going to have the summer off from school. Summers generally offer seasonal work for a young person to work. This allows for some cash flow during your trip.

You should also make use of planning your route. The parts of the United States can be very clustered will generally offer more services available to you in a concentrated area, but you will generally come across rush hour traffic which can impede any exploration you would want to perform. Learning to plan your time around traffic can be important. Other parts of the United States can be very vast with no towns within sight very far from each other. A lot more planning will be required under these conditions. You will need to know where gas stations are located, how far you can your car travel without refilling for gas, places with mechanic shops, grocery stores to resupply you with food and most importantly, sites you want to visit.

The importance of a car is critical for reconnaissance. Planes, Buses and Trains all direct you to hubs within the United States. You cannot see much of the United States on a guided trail. Unless you rent a car within a city, you cannot cover much of the area outside of a walking distance.

The car also serves another important purpose. You have a portable lodging device which the only costs associated with it are the car itself, insurance and repair. You most likely benefit from having a car in your life than not having it. Being able to go to where you want on a pulse is very useful. In addition, you learn the useful skill of auto mechanics.

Lodging will be the most important factor, determining how much you can budget. The variable here is how much you are willing to rough it out. If you want to do some camping, all you really need is a tent and a place to put it. Legally, you are allowed to camp for free in any National forest or National Grassland. If you want a place to find to do some camping, check out <https://freecampsites.net>. As previously mentioned, your car can easily be used as portable lodging device. Just find a safe place to park and you are good for the night. Although it should be mentioned, parking at a wayside is illegal, you most likely will not be bothered. Internet friends can also be a great way to get some lodging. They can provide some housing, a place to shower and a way to do some laundry. Two great sources can be facebook and the Roosh V forum if you become a respectable member here. Couchsurfing is useful as long as you are cautious. Air BNB can be a cheap alternative to using a hotel. You can also do some research on Hostels in you local region, which can cost from \$20 a night to \$100 a night.

Some basics for your travel will be food, hygiene, safety. In the United States, food is an easy problem to address. All you need is non-perishable food you can store. Hygiene is going to concern yourself of two issues, bathing and laundry. If you cannot lodge somewhere indoors, you will still need a way to take a bath. A gym chain such as Planet Fitness or Anytime Fitness can help you there. As for Laundry, you also could use a laundromat and carry plenty of quarters on hand. If you cannot find a laundromat, you'll need to use a freshwater stream. Shirts and pants can go a much longer time without being washed. Socks and underwear are more vital. You should always have extra socks and underwear on hand. Safety requires a few extra precautions. Keep in daily contact with people you know. Carry two cellphones with you and well charged, your main cellphone and a burner cell phone. Carry a gun. Buy some bear mace and learn to use an attack alarm.

Finances are going to be the main constraint for people. Most jobs still require people to show up at a physical location. Figuring out how to finance yourself without showing up to work. This means you will need a fair amount of savings on hand to have

the choice to leave your job at anytime. The other option is to start an internet based business or have a job that only requires contact through the internet.

Due to the all traveling that can be done, Aaron has advised people pursue some education outside the classroom. He had advised everyone to study in four different subjects: Philosophical education, Prerequisite education, Employment education and Entrepreneurship education. With a lot of sources available in audiobooks and podcasts, this gives you a lot of content to listen to while you are out on the road driving.

V) Where to Recon

Every person is going to be different from each other on where they want to live. The problem occurs when you only have so much time to actually do a reconnaissance. This may not be the perfect list for everyone. But is based on a general rule of thumb what will be important to most people. There are 5 listed criteria to measure this short list: No Go Zones, Climate, Taxes/Economic Opportunities, Beauty/Scenery/Outdoor Activity, Metropolitan Presence. The list of states will be whittled down as more we go down the criteria.

A) No Go Zones- No Go Zones are states that have very little going for it. Either too much traffic, shitty weather conditions, lack of culture, or a lack of anything meaningful. The following States listed are exempt from the No Go Zone List. This leaves us with 28 of the 50 States.

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire

- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

B) Climate-This basically eliminates states with harsh winter climates. Unless you want to be in an environment where you have to shovel whenever it snows or when deal with heat bills frostbite or health related problems with the cold climate. This leaves us with 25 of the 50 states.

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah

- Washington
- Wyoming

C) Taxes/Economic Opportunities- This is based on the fact you are going to want to hold onto most of the money you make. This factor elements of cost of living(rent) and local and state taxes. This leaves us with 19 of the 50 states.

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

D) Beauty/Scenery/ Outdoor Activity- This is self explanatory. We have 15 states left over.

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Washington

- Wyoming

F) The Presence of a Major Metropolitan Area- Being in a metropolitan area allows for some culture to be appreciated, dating, social life, employment. Basically Wyoming is being cut from the list. Basically 14 states to check out.

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Washington

Aaron goes onto to detail on why you should visit those states. If you want to know more, pick up his book Reconnaissance Man from Amazon. Keep in mind, this is basically a 5 page summary of a 200 page book.