

Privacy Policy

Who We Are

Our website address is <https://theroadslowlytraveled.com>

What Personal Data We Collect and Why

Comments

When visitors leave comments on this website, we collect the data shown in the comments form and also the visitor's IP address and browser user agent string to help spam detection.

If you are using a Gravatar service, an anonymized string created from your email address (sometimes called a hash) may also be provided to that service. After approval of your comment, this will make your profile picture visible to the public in the context of your comment.

You can review the Gravatar service privacy policy at Automattic here:

<https://automattic.com/privacy/>.

E-Mail & Comment Subscriptions

The Road Slowly Traveled offers two subscriptions: an e-mail subscription (which allows users to receive an e-mail every time a blog is posted) and a comment subscription (which allows commenters to receive an e-mail when a new comment is posted on a blog entry they've commented on previously).

To initiate and process subscriptions, the following information is used: subscriber's email address and the ID of the post or comment (depending on the specific subscription being processed). In the event of a new subscription being initiated, we also collect some basic server data, including all of the subscribing user's HTTP request headers, the IP address from which the subscribing user is viewing the page, and the URI which was given in order to access the page (REQUEST_URI and DOCUMENT_URI). This server data is used for the exclusive purpose of monitoring and preventing abuse and spam through the Askimet plug-in.

We do not and will not sell, share, or otherwise distribute subscriber's e-mail addresses.

Collected e-mail addresses are used for the sole purpose of distributing requested subscriptions.

How to Opt Out Of Subscriptions: You may manage or opt out of existing subscriptions by clicking on the subscription tools at the bottom of any subscription e-mail. There are links to "Unsubscribe" as well as links to change your e-mail settings under "Manage Subscriptions". You may also clear all functionality cookies through your browser settings. Each browser is a little different, so look at your browser's Help Menu to learn the correct way to modify your cookies.

Comment Cookies

Cookies are small files that a site or its service provider transfers to your computer's hard drive through your Web browser (if you allow) that enable the site's or service provider's systems to recognize your browser and capture and remember certain information.

If you leave a comment on our site you may opt-in to saving your name, e-mail address and website in cookies. These are for your convenience so that you do not have to fill in your details again when you leave another comment. These cookies will last for one year.

How To Limit Or Disable Cookies: You can choose to have your computer warn you each time a cookie is being sent, or you can choose to turn off all cookies and delete any previously-set cookies. This is managed through your browser settings. Each browser is a little different, so look at your browser's Help Menu to learn the correct way to modify your cookies. Note that if you deactivate the setting of cookies in your Internet browser, not all functions of our Website may be entirely usable.

International Data

This website is hosted by servers located in the US. Therefore, if you reside in the EU, some of your data will be transferred internationally to those servers. Transfers will be protected by appropriate safeguards, namely the EU-US Privacy Shield. More information on the Privacy Shield can be found here: <https://www.privacyshield.gov/welcome>.

Third-Party Service Providers

The Road Slowly Traveled uses third-party service providers to service various aspects of the website. Third parties may collect certain aspects of personal data and/or use cookies to deliver their services. Third-party service provider's use of your personal information is dictated by their respective privacy policies.

We use the following third parties:

Google Analytics: We use Google Analytics to collect statistical information regarding website traffic and website usage. Google Analytics data is not personally identifiable and does not associate your IP address with any other data held by Google. You can read about Google Analytics cookies usage here: <https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en>. In addition, you may opt-out of Google Analytics cookies altogether by installing Google Analytics Opt-Out Add-on on your browsers.

WordPress.com Stats: The Road Slowly Traveled uses WordPress Stats to collect statistical information regarding website traffic and website usage. WordPress Stats collects IP address, WordPress.com user ID (if logged in), WordPress.com username (if logged in), user agent, visiting URL, referring URL, timestamp of event, browser language, country code. **IMPORTANT:** The Road Slowly Traveled does not have access to any of this information via this feature. For example, as the site owner I can see that a specific post has 285 views, but I cannot see which specific users/accounts viewed that post. Stats logs containing visitor IP addresses and

WordPress.com usernames (if available), are retained by Automattic for 28 days and are used for the sole purpose of powering this feature. You may read more about Automattic's privacy policy here: <https://automattic.com/privacy/>.

MailChimp: We use MailChimp to manage our e-mail subscription list. MailChimp stores e-mail addresses and names entered by users in subscription opt-in forms. More information on MailChimp's privacy policy can be found here: <https://mailchimp.com/legal/privacy/>.

Askimet: We use the Askimet plug-in to prevent spam comments on our posts. Askimet is administered by Automattic and covered by that privacy policy here: <https://automattic.com/privacy/>.

How to Contact Me

For purposes of the EU Data Protection Law, I, Nathan Hengst, am the Data Controller of your personal information. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at nathan@theroadslowlytraveled.com.