Camping Checklist





Planning your camping trip

Gear

The right gear will help you have the best experience. Think about what you like to do when camping. Will you go swimming? Skiing? Fishing? Hiking? Hang out by the campfire? Where will you sleep? Will you be cooking all of your meals? Choose what gear to take according to what you plan to do and how long you'll be camping. Whatever gear you choose, be sure to inspect it all before you go to make sure everything is in proper working condition.

Routes

Know where you're going and how to get there - and back! Use a map or GPS to find the best route before you head to the campsite. If you're traveling in an unfamiliar area, it's best to travel during daylight.

If you're planning day hikes once you've set up camp, you'll want to plan your daily routes. A map that has a scale of 1:50.000 or 1:25.000 with as much detail as possible is a good choice. A map with each day's route is best.

If you'll be camping from place to place, do the same as above to help you identify and select campsites.

Water

It's always important to stay hydrated and that might be a challenge while camping. Be sure to bring lots of water with you - enough for drinking and cooking. Be sure to purify any water before consuming by boiling it or using a water purifier.

Food

Take enough food for everyone in your party. Make sure it's stored properly to retain its freshness. Pack your food in plastic bags or containers.

Weather

Check the weather conditions of your camping location before you go. Be smart - if the weather looks foreboding, consider postponing your trip.

Park permits

Most parks charge fees for entry and/or camping. Look into this well in advance, as you may have to make a reservation and pay before you get there. Ask if there are any additional charges. For example, some parks may provide firewood for a price.

Notes

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Bedding	Cooking	O Matches/lighter
O Sleeping bag	O Large water jug & water bucket	Cooking oil/spray
Air mattress/sleeping pad/ cot/tarp	O Stove with fuel/propane	O Cutting board
Repair kit for air mattress	O Dutch oven/tin can stove/box oven	O Potato peeler
O Pillow	Tablecloth/thumb tacks/clips	Fire starters/newspaper
Utility bags for storage	O Heavy-duty aluminum foil	Cook utensils-spatula, knife, spoon
O Sheets/blankets	O Dish soap	O Dish pan
O Air pump	O Containers for food storage	O Paper towels
	O Soap for outside of pots and	O Folding table
	pans	O Dish rags/towels
	Skewers or grill forks	
	O Dutch oven	
Personal items	Mixing bowl	
Money, ID, credit cards	Napkins	
O Shower shoes/flip flops	Scrub pads	
O Towels/washcloth	O Plates & bowls/paper plates & bowls	
O Soap in plastic case/shampoo	O Coolers/ice	
Tooth brush/tooth paste	Charcoal/firewood/buddy burner	
O Deodorant	O Silverware/plastic silverware	
O Comb/brush	Trash bags	Sports equipment
O Razor	O Potholders and oven mitts	O Bicycle and helmet
Feminine products	O Tongs	Canoe
O Toilet paper	O Pie irons	O Kayak
O Shower bag or 5 gallon bucket	O Plastic storage bags	O Horseshoes
O Camping shower/shower pump	O Seasonings/sugar/condiments	O Badminton set
Sunscreen	O Thermos	Water toys
O Lip balm	Campfire grill/BBQ grill	Fishing gear – rod, line, hooks,
Sunglasses	Measuring cups	bait
	O Clothes pins	
	O Pots and frying pans with lids	
	Can opener and bottle opener	
	Mugs/paper cups	

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Shelter	First aid kit	
		Miscellaneous adhesive bandages (e.g., Band-Aids,
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Axe or hammer	Adhesive tape	Antacids (e.g., Tums, Rolaids)
Extra stakes	Antiseptic wipes	O Burn ointment
Ground cloth/tarp	Sterile gauze pads	O Snake bite kit
O Dust pan/brush	Cotton swabs	O Eye drops
Mat for tent entrance	Tweezers	O Poison ivy cream/cleansers
O Shade tarp/poles/rope/stakes	O Safety pins	O Heat/cold packs
	Scissors	O Small flashlight
	O Bee sting kit	O Latex gloves
	O Sinus medications	Antibacterial soap
	O Tissues	O Thermometer
Clothing	O Bug repellent	O Coins for emergency phone calls
O Hiking boots	O Notepad/pen	O Antibiotic soap
O Sneakers	O Sterile compresses	Butterfly bandages
O Long-legged pants or jeans	O Splinting materials	O Twine
O Long-sleeved shirts	Personal information/contact person	Mole skin for blisters
O Shorts	 Feminine products 	O Road flares
O T-shirts	() Ipecac	First aid manual
O Socks - bring extras	Razor blades	O Nail clippers
O Hat		
O Bandana	O Small battle of westers	
O Sweatshirt and/or jacket	Small bottle of water	
O Underwear	BlanketColonium	
O Sleep clothes	Small mirror	
O Rain gear	Triangular bandages	
O Swim suit and towel	Antibiotic cream	
	O Aspirin/Ibuprofen/Tylenol/ Naproxin	
	O Hydrogen peroxide	
	O Ace bandages	
	O Sunburn lotion	
	First aid manual	

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Miscellaneous	O Pocket knife	
O Laundry bag	O Plastic grocery bags	
C Lantern with fuel	O Binoculars	
Extra batteries or bulbs	Rope or clothes line	
O Compass or GPS	2-way radios - walkie talkies	
O Watch	Small shovel	
Whistle	O Safety pins	
Water filters, purification,	Travel alarm clock	
treatment devices	Work gloves	
Camera - battery, film, video	O Umbrella	
Reading material	O Hand wipes	
Candles	O Small sewing kit	
Maps and directions	Fire extinguisher	
Miscellaneous tools	Scissors	
Backpack or fanny pack		
Fishing gear, license, bait		
Radio		
Musical instruments		
O Camp chairs		
O Hammocks		
Tissues		
Saw and/or axe		
Maps – for traveling, park, trail, guidebooks		
C Lantern pole or hanger		
O Collapsible drying rack		
Flashlight and batteries		
Canteen, water bottle, coffee pot		
O Bungee cords		
O Games		
O Duct tape and electrical tape		
O Pen and paper		
Reservations info/confirmation		
Cell phone and charger		