

Top 15 Camping Hacks You'll Wish You Knew Sooner

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Top 15 camping hacks that make trips way smoother, way more efficient, and way less stressful.

PROCEDURE STEPS

1 Storage Bins

Storage bins are an absolute game changer, and the foundation of all of the camping gear. Use one for cooking and kitchen stuff, one for sleeping, and one that's just kind of miscellaneous.

Storage Bins



2 Purchase Storage Bins

Purchase bins pretty cheap at Costco or Home Depot.

Storage Bins



3 Inventory

Keep a little inventory, so you always know what's in there, and what needs restocking.

Storage Bins



4 Load the Bins

Then when it's time to go, you just throw these bins in the car, and your essentials are ready to go, and nice and organized.

Storage Bins



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Frozen Water Bottles

Instead of buying bags of ice, freeze up some water bottles. These give you solid blocks of ice that last way longer, and won't turn your cooler into a soggy mess.

Water bottles

Freezer



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Freeze More Water

If you have got the space, freeze up some gallon jugs. They will keep everything cold even longer.

Water Jugs

Freezer



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Additional Water

When they do melt, you have got an extra supply of cold, clean drinking water ready to go.

Water jugs

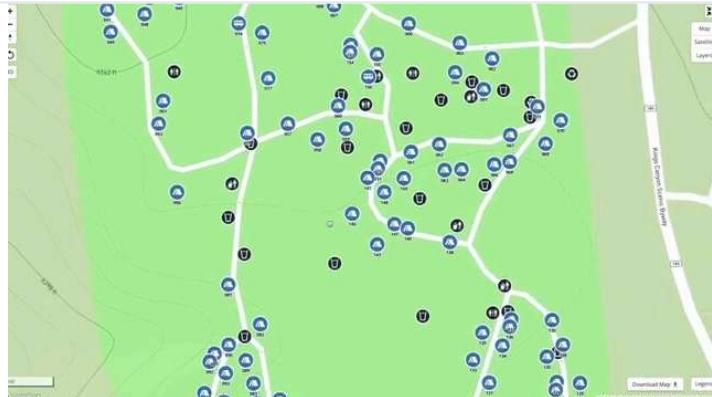


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Campground Maps

Check out any available campground maps on sites like recreation.gov or even the campground's own website. It helps you get a feel for the layout, and pick a site that's best for you.

Campground maps



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Campground Location

See which spots are too close or too far from things like the bathroom, the trash, or water. You want to be close to these things, but not so close that you're dealing with unpleasant smells or heavy foot traffic noise.

Campground maps

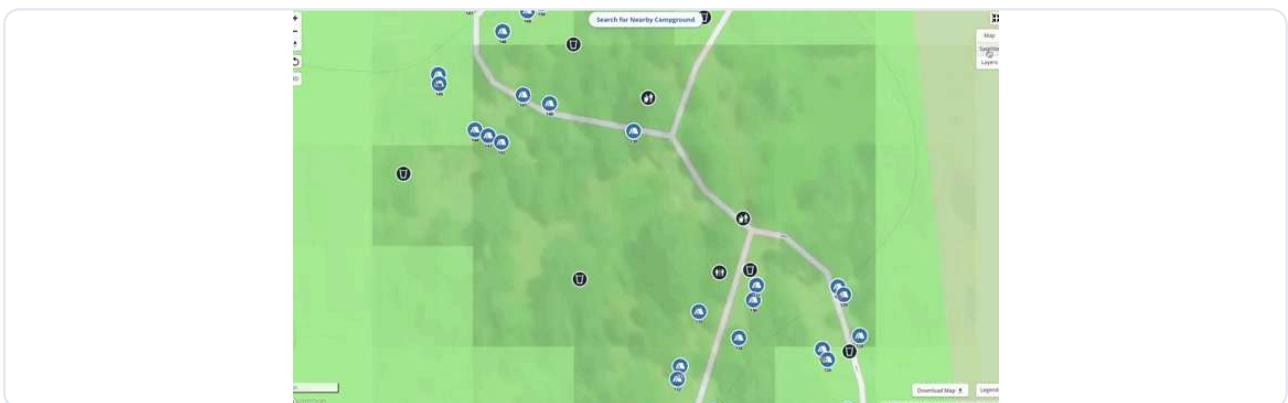


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Satellite View

Switch over to satellite view, to check for tree cover and shade. So you know exactly what kind of sun exposure you're going to be dealing with.

Satellite view



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Eggs in a Water Bottle

If you like your eggs scrambled, and don't want to worry about them breaking inside your cooler, just crack and scramble them up ahead of time and pour them into a water bottle.

water bottle eggs whisk



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Cooking with Eggs

When you're ready to cook, just give the bottle a quick little shake, and pour them out into a pan.

Frying pan Eggs



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Pool Noodle

If you've ever tripped over a tent line, you know how annoying or even painful that can be. A super easy fix is sliding a brightly colored pool noodle onto the line so it's way easier to see, especially at night.

pool noodle tent line



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Pancake Mix in Ketchup Bottle

If you love pancakes, but don't want to deal with the mess at camp, mix your batter up at home, and pour it into a big squeeze ketchup bottle. Toss it in your cooler, and it's ready whenever you are.

ketchup bottle pancake mix



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Cooking Spices

Instead of bringing along a bunch of bulky spice bottles, just fill a weekly pill dispenser with your go to seasonings. It saves space, keeps everything organized, and you can even label each slot, so you know exactly what's what.

pill dispenser cooking spices



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Dryer Lint

Grab some dryer lint from home, toss it in a ziploc bag to keep it dry and bring it along.

dryer lint ziploc bag



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Toilet Paper

Stuff lint into a toilet paper or paper towel roll to give it something extra to catch and this stuff is insanely flammable. It's actually scary to think about it sitting in your dryer at home, so always keep that clean.

toilet paper roll



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Use Firestarter

Use any fire starting tool you want, a lighter, matches, forget it. Just the tiniest of sparks, and this stuff goes up fast. Add some small stuff on top, build it up slow, and it's a surefire every single time.

matches dryer lint small twigs



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Foam Flooring

Adding foam floor tiles to your tent is one of the easiest ways to make it more comfortable. It softens the ground so it's nicer to walk on, kneel on, sit on, or even sleep on.

foam floor tiles



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Benefits of Foam Flooring

Add a layer of separation between you and the ground, which helps with insulation, and can keep you warmer at night. They fit right inside your sleeping bin, which makes packing them way easier.

foam floor tiles



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Cooler Light

If you've ever tried to find something in your cooler at night, you know how frustrating that can be. Stick a small battery powered LED light right to the inside of the cooler.

LED light battery powered cooler



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Applying Command Strips

Use the velcro command strips, press them onto the back of the light, stick the light onto the inside of the cooler and you're ready to go.

LED light battery powered cooler



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Motion Sensors

Find lights that have a motion sensor, so they turn on automatically whenever you open the lid of the cooler.

LED light battery powered cooler motion sensor



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Glow Stick on Zipper

Finding your tent zipper in the dark can be really annoying. Cracking a glow stick and attaching it to the main zipper pull of your tent, makes it way easier to spot.

glow stick tent



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Timing

Crack them open earlier in the day, so it's not as bright come night time. They're light, cheap, and always useful.

glow stick tent



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Dustpan

Bringing a dustpan to clean your tent is one of those little things that might get overlooked, and you might not even think to bring, but it's honestly one of the most useful. We keep one in our camping bin at all times.

dustpan brush



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Sweep the Dirt

A small dust pan makes it super easy to sweep out any dirt, sand, or anything else that finds its way onto your tent floor either during your trip, or right before you pack up

dustpan brush



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Frozen Meat

Freezing all of your meat before your trip, keeps it fresh way longer, and acts just like extra ice in your cooler, helping everything else stay cold as well.

Freezer Meat



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Meat Defrost

Pull the meat out of your cooler to defrost, whenever you plan to use it.

Freezer Meat



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Burning Sage

Light a small bundle of sage and let it smolder slowly, just like incense. The mosquitoes really don't like it.

Sage lighter



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Fire Safe

To stay fire safe, burn it on a piece of aluminum foil and keep an eye on it. You don't want it blowing away and starting a fire.

Sage lighter aluminum foil



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Packing a Tent

Fitting a tent back into its bag can be a bit of a headache. Folding the tent over into thirds, and making sure it's the same width as your tent poles.

Tent



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Rolling the Tent

Roll the tent close over the tent poles, ensuring it's the same width as the bag, which makes it way easier to fit everything inside.

Tent



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