

TOP 15 CAMPING HACKS YOU'LL WISH YOU KNEW SOONER

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Make camping way easier with 15 hacks that will make your trip smoother, more efficient, and less stressful.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Storage Bins
- Water Bottles
- Campground Maps
- Pill Dispensers
- Ketchup Bottles
- Pool Noodles
- Dryer Lint
- Foam Tiles
- Battery Powered LED Light
- Command Strips
- Aluminum Foil
- Glowsticks
- Pancake Mix
- Meat
- Dryer Lint
- Sage
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

PROCEDURE STEPS

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Storage Bins

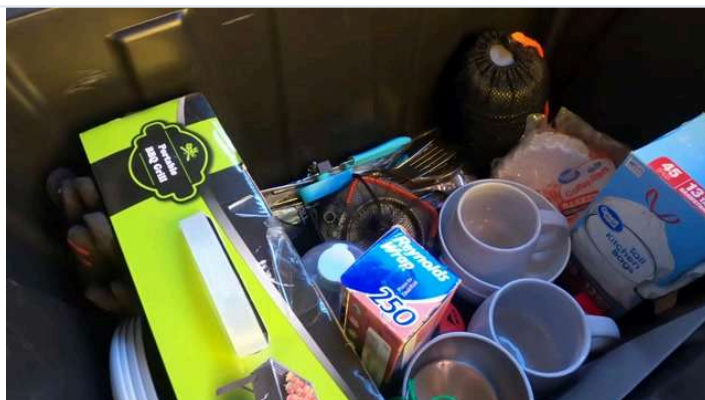
This is an absolute game changer and the foundation of all of our camping gear. Use three bins, one for cooking and kitchen stuff, one for sleeping, and one miscellaneous.



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Inventory and Organization

Always know exactly what you have to keep you from overpacking, and no more searching around. Keep a little inventory, so you always know what's in there and what needs restocking.



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Obtain Storage Bins

Then when it's time to go, you just throw these bins in the car. You can get these pretty cheap at Costco or Home Depot. They stack really, really nice in a garage or closet.



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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.



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Use One Liter Bottles

The one liter bottles work best and we can strategically place them around the cooler. But if you've got the space, freeze up some gallon jugs. They'll keep everything cold even longer.



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Extra Drinking Water

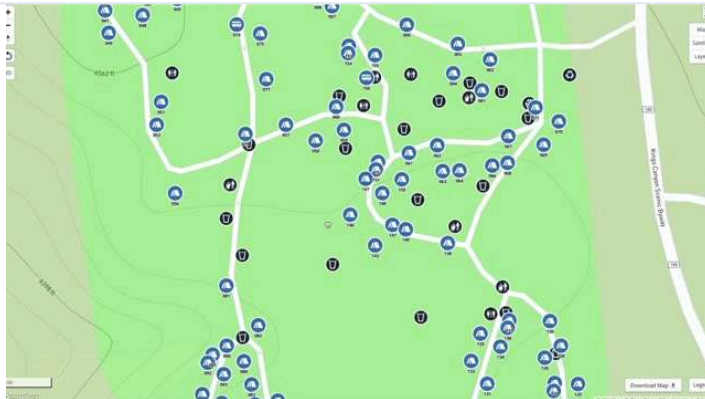
And the best part is, when they do melt, you've got an extra supply of cold clean drinking water ready to go. Now, that's a win win.



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Campground Maps and Satellite Views

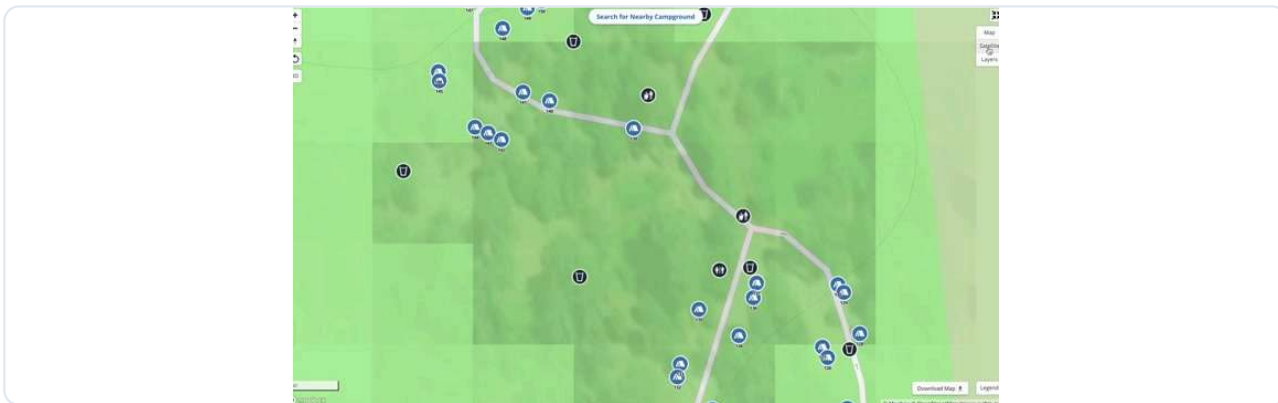
When you're planning your next camping trip, check out any available campground maps on sites like Recreation.gov or even the campground's own website. It helps you get a feel for the layout and pick a site that's best for you.



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Satellite Views

You can even 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. It's an easy way to lock in a great site.



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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.



10 Convenient Breakfast

It saves space, travels well, and makes breakfast super easy. Just give the bottle a quick little shake and pour them out into a pan.



11 Pool Noodles on Tent Lines

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.



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Padding on Tent Lines

Just grab one and cut it up into smaller pieces. Even a short section at the base of each line works great. Adds a little padding and makes a big, big difference in keeping everyone safe. Especially if you've got little kids running around.



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Pancake Mix in a 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.



14 Easy Pancakes

Toss it in your cooler and it's ready whenever you are. Just give the bottle a quick shake and squeeze the batter out onto your skillet or griddle.



15 Cooking Spices in a Pill Dispenser

Instead of bringing along a bunch of bulky spice bottles, just fill a weekly pill dispenser with your go-to seasonings.



16 Organize and Label

It saves space, keeps everything organized, and you can even label each slot, so you know exactly what's what.



17 Dryer Lint Fire Starter

Grab some dryer lint from home, toss it in a ziplock bag to keep it dry, and bring it along. Stuff it into a toilet paper or paper towel roll as well, that cardboard just gives it something extra to catch.



18 **Light It**

You can use any fire starting tool you want, a lighter, matches, forget it, but just the tiniest sparks and this stuff goes up fast.



19 **Foam Tile Flooring for Your Tent**

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.



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Separation and Insulation

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



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Light up Your Cooler

Stick a small battery powered LED light right to the inside of the cooler. Stick the light onto the inside of the cooler and you're ready to go.



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Light the Cooler Up

Stick a light onto the inside of the cooler. Find lights that have a motion sensor to turn on automatically whenever you open the lid.



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Glowstick on Your Tent Zipper

Cracking a glowstick and attaching it to the main zipper pull of your tent makes it way easier to spot. It gives off just enough light to help you find it easily, without lighting up the whole tent.



24 **Bring a Dustpan to Clean Your Tent**

Having 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.



25 **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.



26 Burning Sage

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



27 Stay 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. Always want to be careful any time you burn anything at a campsite.



28 **Folding the 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.



29 **Pack the Tent**

Then all you got to do is roll the tent closed over the tent poles ensuring it's the same width as the bag, which makes it way easier to fit everything inside.

