

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

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Camping can be quite fun. There is nothing like sitting around a campfire, roasting marshmallows with family or friends. However, camping requires some planning, whether you are going on a short hike to a designated campsite or travelling to a forest out of the city or in a neighbouring country.

When you go camping, you will have to think carefully about the equipment you need to pack. For example, you would need to pack a torch to ensure you can see in the darkness of the night, keeping a lookout for spiders or scorpions. As an extra precaution, you would also need to pack extra batteries, just in case the lifespan of the battery in the torch is short. Exactly how much equipment you need to pack is debatable, and depends on your comfort level. Some people say that packing more items only results in a heavy bag, slowing you down. Others say that without certain equipment, you could be in deep trouble in an emergency situation. Their policy is, 'Better safe than sorry'.

Whichever camp you may be in, the important thing is to ensure you have the essentials that would provide you with shelter and safety, and enable you to find your way in the wilderness.

Here is a set of five essential equipment every camper cannot do without.



COMPASS



MAP



TORCH
(WITH EXTRA BATTERIES)



TENT

