

Camping Checklist

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Packing

- ___ Backpack, daypack, and/or fanny pack
- ___ Bags - Tent bag, grocery bags, etc.

- ___ Cardboard boxes if needed
- ___ Ice chest with **ICE**

Lighting

- ___ Check batteries!
- ___ **Flashlight**
- ___ Spare batteries and bulbs

- ___ Lantern (gas or electric)
- ___ Spare lantern fuel and mantles
- ___ Matches (preferably water proof)

Shelter/Bedding

- ___ Tent
- ___ Tent rain tarp
- ___ Extra tent stakes
- ___ Dining fly
- ___ **Plastic ground cloth for under the tent**

- ___ Sleeping bag
- ___ Mattress or pad - Inflator for air mattress
- ___ **Pillow**
- ___ Space blanket

Medical

- ___ **Sunscreen**
- ___ **Insect repellent**
- ___ Poison ivy block
- ___ Poison ivy remedies
- ___ Allergy medicines
- ___ Pain relief pills like aspirin
- ___ Tummy medicines (for diarrhea etc.)
- ___ Tweezers for splinters

- ___ Antiseptic
- ___ Band-Aids and bandages
- ___ Itch cream for bug bites
- ___ Mole skin (to prevent blisters if you hike a lot)
- ___ First Aid Kit (may include all the above items)
- ___ Prescription medicines (if prescribed by your doctor)
- ___ Extra pair of prescription glasses

Cleaning & Personal Items

- ___ Bar soap (biodegradable)
- ___ Washcloth
- ___ Shampoo (biodegradable)
- ___ Toothpaste (biodegradable)
- ___ Toothbrush
- ___ Comb or hair brush

- ___ Razor (shaving cream)
- ___ Toilet paper
- ___ Case or bag to carry the above items to the shower house
- ___ Bath towel

Equipment

- ___ Ax (do not cut any living or standing trees)
- ___ Bow saw
- ___ Extension cord (if at campsite with electric hookup)
- ___ **Duct tape and/or electrical tape**

- ___ Hammer for pounding in tent pegs
- ___ **Rope**
- ___ Clothesline
- ___ **Clothes pins**
- ___ **Whiskbroom to clean table and tent site**

Miscellaneous

- __ Pocket knife
- __ Compass and area map
- __ Fishing pole and gear (+ license & bait!)
- __ Beach chairs / Camping chairs
- __ Walkie-talkies
- __ Safety pins
- __ Cellular phone w/extra battery and car adapter
- __ Camera w/good battery and extra film
- __ Camcorder w/good battery and extra tapes
- __ Money, credit card, ID
- __ BOOKS, radio, cards, GAMES, toys, etc.
- __ Sports equipment
- __ Citronella candles
- __ Binoculars
- __ Field guides for identifying wildlife
- __ Park mini-map (get one when you arrive)

Clothing

Dress for the season

Bring warm clothes in case the weather turns cold

Don't forget these special items

- __ Wide-brimmed hat to block the sun
- __ Jacket - As weather dictates; Eskimo style, mackintosh, windbreaker, etc.
- __ Rain gear
- __ Poncho - Doubles as emergency tent/lean-to
- __ Shower shoes/FLIP-FLOPS
- __ Hiking boots
- __ Work gloves
- __ Swimsuit
- __ Sunglasses

Repair Kit

- __ Hammer
- __ Pliers
- __ Duct tape
- __ Screwdriver set

Cooking

- __ STOVE with fuel & lighter or charcoal & lighter fluid & grill for BBQ
- __ Newspapers for lighting a campfire
- __ Firewood
- __ Frying pan with lid (pancake griddle)
- __ Cooking skewers (for hot dogs, marshmallows, etc.)
- __ Campfire cooking grill
- __ Pot or sauce pan with lid
- __ Can opener
- __ Tongs (long for fire) & fire gloves
- __ Coffee maker & filters
- __ Pot lifter and/or pot holders
- __ Tablecloth
- __ Cutting board

Dishes

- __ Plates - Partition tray/plate is nice
- __ Mugs/cups (Stainless steel coffee mugs)
- __ Knives, forks, spoons
- __ Kitchen knife
- __ Mixing bowl
- __ Spatula
- __ Scrub pad
- __ Dishpan for washing dishes
- __ Dish Towel
- __ Container for water

Consumables

- __ Paper towels & napkins
- __ Trash bags
- __ Plastic Bags (for leftovers)
- __ Aluminum Foil (plastic wrap)
- __ Dish soap (biodegradable)
- __ Water bottle, to carry while hiking
- __ Water jug to fetch water from the pump or faucet

Food & Drink

DON'T FORGET COFFEE

Bring whatever food you wish, but remember that you will have limited space for food that needs to be refrigerated. Make sure that you have adequate cooking dishes and utensils to prepare what food you bring. Outdoor appetites are usually large so be prepared!

Be sure to store food in a safe location to keep animals from your food. Keep food in a car trunk or in the interior under a blanket, or hang your food between two trees.

Fresh fruit and vegetables do not need refrigeration and need minimum preparation

Kids will want to cook over the campfire so bring **hotdogs** and **marshmallows** (and **graham crackers and chocolate for s-mores**)

Don't forget condiments;

Salt, pepper, spices, sugar

Ketchup

Mustard

Mayonnaise

DON'T FORGET

Mountain Bikes

CDs / Music

Beach gear

* Firewood can often be purchased near the campgrounds, but it is often overpriced and not reliably dry. If you have seasoned dry wood, or can bring dry kindling to start wet firewood, it is strongly suggested to bring what you can.