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ULTIMATE CAMPING CHECKLIST

With hundreds of items you don’t want to forget at home!
The Ultimate Camping Checklist

View the entire checklist with more detailed info at outdoorunion.org/camping-checklist

Camp Set-Up

Shelter

• Tent
  1. sunshade
  2. tarp camp shelter
  3. windscreen
  4. footprint
• Shelter Additions
  1. vestibule tent addition
  2. screen house
• Shelter Accessories
  1. tent rainfly
  2. stakes
  3. guy-lines, guy-line markers
  4. extra tent stakes
• Shelter Light
  1. LED lanterns
  2. headlamps
  3. flashlights

Sleep

• Sleep Essentials
  1. sleeping pad
  2. inflatable/air mattress with pump
  3. cots
  4. sleeping bag
• Sleep Accessories
  1. sleeping bag liner
  2. extra blanket
  3. hammock and bug net
  4. pillows
Itinerary, Permits, and Personal

• Camping Paperwork
  1. park/trail maps and guides
  2. campsite reservations, confirmation number
  3. fishing permit, if applicable

• Money
  1. cash
  2. credit cards
  3. checks
  4. ATM card

• Identification
  1. driver’s license
  2. state-issued identification
  3. emergency medical information

General Clothing

• Footwear
  1. hiking boots
  2. terrain-appropriate shoes
  3. in-camp sandals/slippers/booties

• Liner Clothing
  1. moisture-wicking tops
  2. tank tops
  3. sleepwear
  4. long-sleeve shirts

• Underwear
  1. boxers/briefs
  2. panties
  3. bras
  4. thick socks

• Quick-Drying Bottoms
  1. pants
  2. shorts
  3. convertible pants

• Sweatshirts
  1. fleece
2. lightweight cotton
3. hoodie

• Jackets
  1. lightweight
  2. waterproof
  3. hooded

Sports/Outdoor Activities

• Fishing Gear
  1. rod & reel
  2. line
  3. tackle

• Bicycles
  1. helmets
  2. locks
  3. tire repair kit
  4. portable tire pump

• Kayak/Canoe and Gear
  1. life jackets
  2. paddles
  3. repair kit

Food & Water

• Water
  o Make sure you have enough water for your trip. There are good recommendations on how much water to bring here http://appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/hiking-basics/food-water-and-gear

• Food
  o Pack enough food (and a little extra) for your trip. We suggest you check out our full camping food checklist for a detailed list of items. You can view it here.

• Drinks
  o Though water is most important you may want to bring a few more drinks. In our food camping checklist we have a list of drinks you may want to bring (can you say coffee).

• Snacks
If you're going on a hike you are going to want to bring snacks. Or a few marshmallows for around the fire. We have a full list of snacks that are great for camping in our food checklist [View Checklist].

• Kitchen Supplies
  o If you want to cook food you need to bring some kitchen supplies. We have a detailed list in our food checklist. It covers all the basics and extra items that you may need.

First Aid
  • Medications
    1. pain medication
    2. allergy medication
    3. prescription medication
  • Emergency Kit
    1. antiseptic wipes, BZK or alcohol-based
    2. antibacterial ointment/cream
    3. bandages
    4. medical tape
  • Allergy Care
    1. anti-itch cream/lotion
    2. antihistamines for allergies
    3. Epi pen
  • Common Ailment Treatments
    1. Aloe Vera gel or other sunburn spray/lotion
    2. diarrhea medication
    3. antacids
  • First Aid Tools
    1. fine-point tweezers
    2. safety pins
    3. latex gloves
    4. scissors

Optional Seasonal Clothing
  • Hot
    1. quick-dry swimsuit
    2. swim shorts
    3. water shoes
4. flip-flops

• Rainy
  1. waterproof jacket
  2. poncho with hood
  3. galoshes
  4. wellies

• Cold
  1. insulated jacket
  2. fleece or wool gloves/mittens
  3. knit/fleece hat
  4. long underwear

Packs and Outdoor Gear

• Travel Luggage and Bags
  1. laundry bag
  2. daypack
  3. fanny pack
  4. backpack

• Sun Accessories
  1. sunglasses
  2. bandana
  3. hat

Personal Hygiene and Health

• Dental Hygiene
  1. toothbrush
  2. toothpaste
  3. dental floss
  4. mouthwash

• Skincare and Cosmetics
  1. face cleaner/wipes
  2. shaving cream/gel
  3. razor
  4. cosmetics

• Toiletry Kit
  1. shampoo/conditioner
  2. biodegradable soap/body wash
3. body lotion
4. deodorant

• Personal Hygiene Tools
  1. small mirror
  2. comb/brush
  3. towels
  4. ear plugs

• Balms, Lotions, and Repellents
  1. hand sanitizer
  2. lip balm with SPF
  3. sunscreen
  4. insect repellent

• Consumables
  1. toilet paper
  2. tissue
  3. biodegradable wet wipes
  4. menstrual/feminine hygiene products

• Vision Care
  1. spare eyeglasses
  2. contact lens supplies
  3. solution
  4. case

Sanitation

• Portable Toilet
  1. biodegradable, sealable toilet liners
  2. toilet tablets
  3. female urinary products

Shower

• Getting Clean
  1. portable camp shower bag
  2. shower screen/shelter
  3. shower caddy
  4. shower mat

Emergency Gear

• Lost and Found
1. satellite messenger
2. personal locator beacon
3. whistle
4. rescue signal flash mirror

• Stranded in the Elements
  1. all-weather/emergency blanket
  2. windproof lighter/matches
  3. hand/feet warmers
  4. glow sticks

• Multi-Purpose Emergency Items
  1. medical shears
  2. paracord
  3. radio
  4. maps

Electronics
• Camera/Video Gear
  1. batteries
  2. selfie stick/tripod
  3. SD card

• Location and Communication
  1. GPS device
  2. 2-way radios/walkie-talkies
  3. cell phone
  4. emergency radio

• Personal Electronics Power Sources
  1. USB/car chargers
  2. portable USB battery packs
  3. extra batteries
  4. solar power converter

Camp Furniture
• Furniture Essentials
  • camp chairs/stools
  • foldable/portable camp table
  • ground sheet
  • tablecloth
• Optional Camp Furniture Accessories
  1. cup holders/trays
  2. umbrella/canopy
  3. ottomans
  4. camp rug/mat

Leisure
• Reading Material
  1. books
  2. magazines
  3. e-reader
• Music
  1. mp3 player
  2. portable Bluetooth speaker
  3. headphones
  4. acoustic musical instrument
• Games
  1. playing cards
  2. Frisbee
  3. balls
  4. travel-sized board games
• Age-Appropriate Toys
  1. building blocks
  2. plastic shovel and pail
  3. teething rings
• Nature Activities
  1. local flora and fauna guides
  2. star charts
  3. binoculars
  4. firewood, found nearby

Hardware and Utility
• Utility Accessories
  1. duct tape
  2. carabiner clips
  3. tent seam sealer
4. S-hooks

- Camp Tools
  1. camping multi-tool
  2. survival knife
  3. saw/axe/hatchet to cut wood
  4. mallet/hammer

- Ropes and Lines
  1. utility cord
  2. rope/twine

- Cleaning Supplies
  1. small broom and dustpan
  2. clothesline
  3. collapsible drying rack
  4. small shovel

Repair

- Repair Kits
  1. tent pole
  2. sleeping pad
  3. air mattress

Pet Supplies

- Pet Essentials
  1. bed/mat
  2. food/treats
  3. collapsible food/water dish
  4. leash/harness/tether

Misc. Camp Set-up Items

- Power Sources
  1. portable solar power source
  2. electric hook-up
  3. extra batteries, fuel

- Optional Items
  1. dry sacks
  2. plastic bins for storage
  3. notepad
  4. pen/pencil