

Camping Checklist

The next time you're ready to pack up and hit the road take a look at our handy checklist to make sure you have the essentials.

The Basics

- Tent/sleeping bags
- Ground cloth or tarp
- Water canteen
- Cooler
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Padding or air mattress for under sleeping bags
- Lanterns/flashlights (& batteries)
- Camp stove/portable BBQ & fuel (Check with your campground ahead of time for any regulations restricting these, don't forget charcoal, propane or lighter fluids.)
- Trash bags/cardboard boxes.

Emergency Box

- Backup flashlights & batteries
- Waterproof matches/lighter
- Fire extinguisher
- Battery powered radio * batteries
- Basic tools (a screwdriver or two, a wrench, a hammer, and a camp knife)
- First Aid kit (including: bug bite lotion, rubbing alcohol, bandages, rubber gloves, etc.)
- Multi-knife/tool: Swiss-army style, with several different mini-tools

Don't store the batteries in the device, they may leak or become worn. Leave in package until ready

Toiletries

- Sun screen
- Toothpaste
- Hand soap
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Hair conditioner
- A metal mirror (For shaving, hair combing, etc)
- Mouthwash or breath mints
- Baby wipes (Great for faces and hands)
- Toilet paper and a small shovel (Just in case...)
- Quarters for vending machines/phones/pay showers
- Combs and/or brushes
- Bug Repellent/bite lotion
- Skin/sunburn lotion
- Aspirin, Tylenol, or some other pain reliever
- Antiperspirant/deodorant
- Lip balm
- Prescription medications (get spares of all you can; especially allergy and asthma medications as these conditions can be worsened by changing climate.)

Food / Cooking supplies

- A plastic dish pan (Use to keep your supplies from rolling all over in the trunk and comes in handy for dish washing and bathing)
- Paper plates (Use the paper ones instead of plastic or Styrofoam; you can later burn them to help start your fire)
- Can opener
- A metal spatula
- Cooking utensils (A serving spoon, a pitch fork, a pair of tongs, and a good knife at least)
- A frying pan
- A pot with a lid
- Aluminum foil
- Zipper-lock storage bags/re-useable plastic containers
- Silverware (plastic or eco-friendly re-useables)
- Napkins or paper towels
- Condiments (Save those packages from fast food restaurants)
- Salt, Pepper and Seasonings
- Dish soap

Clothing

- A hat (a wide brim is great -protects you from sun or rain)
- Rain poncho
- Sport sandals
- Long underwear
- Hiking boots / walking stick
- Sunglasses