

The Complete Car Camping Checklist

Don't forget to test all **battery-operated items and charge **rechargeable items** a couple of days before you leave**

- Rechargeable Batteries
- Rechargeable Battery Pack
- Flashlight Batteries
- Headlamp Battery
- Portable Speaker System (Radio) Batteries
- Camera battery
- Rechargeable LED Lanterns
- Mattress Air Pump
- Car Battery Pack

Things to have with you on the ride up to the site (within arms-length & not packed away)

- Money
- Wallet
- Credit Card
- Cell Phone/GPS (have the telephone numbers of everyone going camping)
- Cell Phone Charger
- Misc. Cables/Adapters for Electronics
- Camera
- Printed Directions as Backup
- Maps/Trail Maps
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sweatshirt
- Power Inverter
- iPod
- Personal Medication(s)
- Sunscreen

- Snacks
- Beverages
- Paper Towels/Napkins

Things to pick up near your campsite

- More Ice
- More Beer
- Water (fill up your Water Jug)
- Firewood – if going to a site that doesn't allow collecting downed/fallen wood, buy locally. Visit www.Dontmovefirewood.org for rules/regulations concerning firewood transportation.

Personal Hygiene

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Listerine
- Unscented Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer
- Isopropyl Alcohol/Peroxide
- Cotton Balls
- Dry Shampoo (when taking a shower isn't an option)
- Feminine Items
- Small Mirror
- Nail Clippers

Other Personal Items

- Contacts
- Contacts Case
- Contact Solution
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Glasses

Shower Essentials

- Solar Shower
- Towel
- Bar of Soap (w/ plastic holding container)
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Flip Flops (if using public showers)
- Body Wash
- Face Wash
- Shaving Cream
- Razor
- Comb

Bathroom Necessities

- Toilet Paper (Biodegradable)
- Small Shovel/Trowel
- Baby Wipes
- Pepto Bismol

Optional Bathroom Necessities

- Bucket w/ Toilet Seat Lid
- Kitty Litter
- Garbage Bag

Clothes/Outerwear

- Underwear
- Socks (bring extra in case it rains)
- Long Sleeve Shirts
- Long Pants
- T-shirts
- Shorts

- Belt
- Poncho/Rain Jacket
- Sweatshirt/Hoodie
- Pajamas
- Hat
- Bandana
- Extra pair of sneakers/boots
- Flip Flops
- Swimsuit/Swimming Trunks
- Beach Towel

Shelter

- Tent
- Groundcloth/Footprint
- Mat for outside the tent door (*optional*)
- Tent Poles
- Tent Stakes
- Mallet (or use the back of your axe)
- Tarps
- Paracord/Nylon Rope
- Canopy
- Canopy Stakes
- Hammock

Sleep Gear

- Pillow or Pillow Case (stuffed w/ the extra clothes that you bring)
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad

Optional Sleep Gear

- Blanket – to cover yourself around the campfire on cold nights and/or for sleeping.

- Cot
- Air Mattress
- Air Mattress Pump

Kitchen / Chuck Box

- Paper Towels
- Coffee
- Tea
- Sugar
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Cutting Board
- Large Chopping Knife
- Mixing Bowl
- Cooking Spray/Oil
- Spices (Multi Spice Shaker)
- Condiments
- Serving Spoon
- Spatula
- Tongs
- Oven Mitts
- Aluminum Foil
- Garbage Bags
- Disposable Gloves
- Can Opener
- Dish Soap
- Sponge
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Ziploc Bags
- Tupperware Containers (food storage)
- 7-Gallon Water Jug
- Cooler(s) – bring 2 coolers if possible, one for food and the other for beverages.
- Ice – try to freeze gallon jugs or bottles of water. Keeps the cooler cold for much longer and you can drink it after it melts.

Dinnerware

- Folding Table
- Table Cloth
- Camp Chair
- Bowls
- Plates
- Cup/Mug
- Hobo Tool (Spoon/Knife/Fork)

Cookware

- Propane Stove
- Propane Tanks
- Propane Hose Adapter w/ Regulator – needed if attaching to a large propane tank.
- Tripod Grill
- Charcoal Grill
- Wire Brush
- Steel Grill/Grate
- Percolator
- Cast Iron Pan
- Dutch Oven
- Dutch Oven Parchment Liner
- Charcoal Briquettes (to place on top of the Dutch Oven or for a Charcoal Grill)
- Pots/Pans

Lighting

- Flashlight
- Headlamp
- Propane Lantern
- Lantern Hanger
- Propane Fuel

- Mantles
- Tiki Torches
- Citronella oil (Big Bottles)

Campfire

- Lighter/Matches
- Newspapers
- Cotton Pads dipped in Wax
- Extra Tarp – to cover your collected firewood in case it rains.

Tools

- Axe
- Swiss Army Knife
- Pocket Chain Saw
- Mallet/Hammer

Bug Defense

- Permethrin
- Deet
- Citronella candle(s)

Medications

- Personal
- Aloe Vera
- Benadryl
- Advil
- Anti-itch cream (Bug Bites)

Cleaning Section

- Dust Pan/Brush – to clean out your tent before packing it up.
- Old Rag
- Plastic Tub – for cleaning dishes.
- Dutch Oven Scrubber

Misc. Items

- Personal Water Filtration System
- Duct Tape
- Emergency First Aid kit
- Tent Sealer / Tent Repair Kit
- NOAA Radio
- Portable Speaker System
- Fan
- Plastic Shopping Bags – place bags over your dry socks & into your wet sneakers.
- Microfiber Towels – super absorbent and dry quicker than cotton towels.
- Whistle
- Guitar
- Camelback – for hiking.
- Rooftop Cargo Bag – for extra car storage.
- Solar Panel Portable Solar Charger – to charge your electronic devices.

Automobile Items

- Spare Tire
- Jack
- Wrench
- Jumper Cables / Car Battery Pack

Things to Do While Camping

Hiking

Swimming

Late Night Walks

Relaxing in a Hammock

Collecting and Chopping Wood

Cooking Food

Whittling

Playing Guitar

Writing in a Communal Camping NoteBook

Read a Book/Magazine

- Play Cards (Playing Cards)
- Plant ID Book
- Wildlife ID Book
- Binoculars (Bird Watching)
- Games/Board Games

Personal Writing/Drawing

- Pens/Pencils
- Notebook

Fishing

- Fishing License – (Walmart sells them)
- Fishing Pole
- Bait/Lures
- Sinkers/Bobbers
- Hooks
- Lines
- Tackle Box

Car Camping Food/Drink Ideas

Food

- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Hamburger Buns
- Hotdog Buns
- Sausage
- Chicken
- Pork
- Chicken Wings
- Veggie Burgers
- Ears of Corn
- Potatoes
- Cold Cuts
- Bread
- Eggs

Beverages

- Water
- Milk
- Beer
- Wine
- Mixed Drinks (Punch)
- Mini Kegs

Vitamin B Complex/B-12 – Take one preferably before and after drinking. Drinking depletes B Vitamins (specifically B12). Taking this helps to prevent sluggishness. Drinks that contain B12 include: Power Aide and Coconut Water.

Snacks

- Chips
- Hummus
- Triscuits
- Cheese
- Carrots
- PB&J
- Fruit
- Vegetables

S'mores Ingredients

- Graham Crackers
- Marshmallows
- Hershey's Chocolate Bars