

# Winter Camping Checklist

Winter camping requires more gear than summer camping. Our comprehensive checklist is designed to keep you from forgetting anything important.



## The Ten Essentials

- ☐ 1. Navigation
- ☐ 2. Sun protection
- ☐ 3. Insulation
- ☐ 4. Illumination
- ☐ 5. First-aid supplies
- ☐ 6. Fire
- ☐ 7. Repair kit and tools
- ☐ 8. Nutrition
- ☐ 9. Hydration
- ☐ 10. Emergency shelter

## Beyond the Ten Essentials

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Daypack or summit pack
- ☐ 4-season tent or tarp or bivy sack
- ☐ Snow or tent stakes and guylines

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- ☐ Tent-pole repair sleeve
  - ☐ Footprint (if needed for tent)
  - ☐ Sleeping bag (liner optional)
  - ☐ Stuff sack or compression sack
  - ☐ 2 sleeping pads per person (+ optional chair kit)
  - ☐ Pillow or stuffable pillowcase
  - ☐ Packable lantern
  - ☐ Snowshoes
  - ☐ Skis (with skins)
  - ☐ Crampons
  - ☐ Ice axe
  - ☐ Trekking poles (with snow baskets)
  - ☐ Multifunction watch with altimeter
  - ☐ Signaling mirror (often on compass)
  - ☐ Whistle
  - ☐ Personal locator beacon (PLB)
  - ☐ Avalanche transceiver (1 per person)
  - ☐ Avalanche probe (1 per person)
  - ☐ Snow shovel (1 per person)
  - ☐ Energy beverages or drink mixes
  - ☐ Slope meter
  - ☐ Snow saw
  - ☐ Meals
  - ☐ Energy food (bars, gels, chews, trail mix)
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  - ☐ Fuel
  - ☐ Cookset with large pot (for melting snow)
  - ☐ Dishes or bowls
  - ☐ Utensils
  - ☐ Cups (measuring cups)
  - ☐ Pot grabber
  - ☐ Food-storage sacks or canister

- ☐ 50' nylon cord
- ☐ Backup water treatment (e.g., halogens)

## Clothing

- ☐ Base layer: wicking underwear
- ☐ Mid layer: insulating jacket/vest/pants
- ☐ Shell: rain jacket (or soft-shell jacket)
- ☐ Rain pants (or soft-shell pants)
- ☐ Dry clothing for camp
- ☐ Insulating hat, cap or headband
- ☐ Balaclava and/or face mask
- ☐ Goggles
- ☐ Gloves and/or mittens
- ☐ Waterproof overmitts

## Footwear; Assorted Personal Items

- ☐ Insulated boots
- ☐ Main socks, liner socks, spare socks
- ☐ Gaiters
- ☐ Camp booties
- ☐ Bandana or Buff
- ☐ Hand warmers
- ☐ Toilet paper + sanitation trowel
- ☐ Toilet paper + sanitation trowel
- ☐ Toothbrush and/or toiletry kit
- ☐ Notebook and pen or pencil
- ☐ Permits
- ☐ Guidebook; interpretive field guide(s)
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Two-way radios
- ☐ Cell or satellite phone

- ☐ Music player with headphones
- ☐ Small amount of cash or credit card
- ☐ Trip itinerary left with friend + under car seat

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