

Car Camping Checklist



Shelter

- ☐ Tent
- ☐ Tent poles
- ☐ Rain fly
- ☐ Ground cloth or tarp
- ☐ Extra tarp and rope
- ☐ Camp chairs to sit on around camp

Sleeping

- ☐ Sleeping pads, cots or air mattress
- ☐ Sleeping bags (optional: extra blankets)
- ☐ Pillows (or pillow cases to stuff clothes in)
- ☐ Fuel

Cooking and Meals

- ☐ Camp stove
- ☐ Firestarter (matches or lighter)
- ☐ Cookset (pots/pans) and utensils
- ☐ Eating utensils (plates, bowls, cups, forks)
- ☐ Garbage bags
- ☐ Ziplock bags in various sizes
- ☐ Biodegradable soap and a sponge
- ☐ Bucket for washing dishes
- ☐ Handkerchiefs (as napkins) and dish towels
- ☐ Paper towel roll
- ☐ Can opener, bottle opener, knife, etc.
- ☐ Cooler and ice
- ☐ Tablecloth for picnic table
- ☐ Jugs of drinking water
- ☐ Empty jug for transporting water
- ☐ Aluminum foil and/or saran wrap

Food

- ☐ Dried fruit and sturdy fresh fruit
- ☐ Coffee, cream/sugar or tea
- ☐ Other beverages (milk, pop, juice)
- ☐ Makings for s'mores
- ☐ Salt, pepper, cooking oil
- ☐ Hot cocoa mix (and insulated mugs)
- ☐ Popcorn and campfire popper

Safety

- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Citronella candle
- ☐ Duct tape (good for quick repairs)
- ☐ 100% aloe vera gel
- ☐ Hydrocortisone
- ☐ Whistle (for calling out for help)
- ☐ Headlamps (one for each person)
- ☐ OTC medications like advil and aspirin
- ☐ Directions to the nearest ER
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunblock
- ☐ Moleskin (for those pesky blisters)
- ☐ Calamine lotion
- ☐ Water filter or purification tablets
- ☐ Walkie Talkies
- ☐ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ☐ Allergy medication like benedryl
- ☐ Cell phone (optional solar charger)

Toiletries and Personal Items

- ☐ Washcloths and towels
- ☐ Toothbrushes/paste
- ☐ Wet wipes
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Biodegradable soap / shampoo
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Hand sanitizer

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Down vest or coat
- ☐ Camp shoes (sandals/ clogs)
- ☐ Long underwear top/bottom
- ☐ Shirts (think layers)
- ☐ PJ's
- ☐ Warm hat and gloves
- ☐ Fleece jacket
- ☐ Hiking shoes or boots
- ☐ Socks (wool or polypro)
- ☐ Shorts and Pants
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Swimming suit
- ☐ Sunglasses and baseball hat

Miscellaneous

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Small broom | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash and quarters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking guidebook for nearby trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles for each person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Atlas | <input type="checkbox"/> Campground reservations info |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directions to the campground | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contact numbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Daypacks for day hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Ten Essentials for the daypack | <input type="checkbox"/> Books and games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Army Knife | |

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