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

- [ ] Small broom
- [ ] Hiking guidebook for nearby trails
- [ ] Road Atlas
- [ ] Directions to the campground
- [ ] Digital camera
- [ ] The Ten Essentials for the daypack
- [ ] Swiss Army Knife
- [ ] Cash and quarters
- [ ] Water bottles for each person
- [ ] Campground reservations info
- [ ] Emergency contact numbers
- [ ] Daypacks for day hiking
- [ ] Books and games

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