

Essential Picnic Checklist

Follow this outdoor dining checklist and you'll be the best-prepared picnicker at the beach or park.



For Toting and Seating:

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| ☐ Picnic basket or canvas bag | ☐ Cooler |
| ☐ Picnic blanket (preferably waterproof on the bottom) | ☐ Picnic chairs (if anyone in your group is not happy on the ground) |
| ☐ Portable picnic table (if that's the kind of picnic you're having!) | |

For Serving:

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| ☐ Plates | ☐ Utensils (including serving utensils) |
| ☐ Napkins | ☐ Cups |
| ☐ Drinks (including lots of water) | ☐ Bottle opener |
| ☐ Cutting board (also useful as a level serving surface, perfect for drinks) | ☐ Sharp knife (even if you don't plan to cut things, it's still a good idea) |
| ☐ Salt and pepper | ☐ Mustard, mayo, ketchup, etc., if needed (a great way to make use of extra packets from a takeout place) |

For Cleanup:

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| ☐ Paper towels (and maybe wet wipes) | ☐ A couple of dishtowels (always handy, and useful to buffer and support dishes in transport) |
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☐ Extra plastic containers or sturdy zipper-top bags for packing up dirty utensils, leftovers, etc.

☐ Trash bags

Other Essentials:

☐ Sunscreen

☐ Hats

☐ Insect repellent

☐ Flashlight (if you plan to be out into the evening hours)

☐ Sport or activity equipment (Frisbees, balls, bubbles, water guns ... whatever the crowd likes)

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