

THE ULTIMATE CAMPING PACKING CHECKLIST

Here is everything you need to create the ultimate camping retreat.



CAMPSITE MUST-HAVES

INDOORS

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| ☐ Blankets | ☐ An air mattress, pump and repair kit |
| ☐ Pillows | ☐ Earplugs and a sleeping mask |
| ☐ Cots | ☐ A hot water bottle to warm your sleeping bag |
| ☐ A sleeping bag and insulated liner | ☐ A portable charging station |
| ☐ A plug-in or battery-operated fan | ☐ A tent-safe heater |
| ☐ A sleeping pad or mattress topper | ☐ _____ |

OUTDOORS

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| ☐ A season-appropriate tent and tent stakes | ☐ A refillable water dispenser |
| ☐ A mallet or hammer to install tent stakes | ☐ Matches, firestarter or a lighter |
| ☐ Stabilization jacks, if using an RV | ☐ Kindling to help start a campfire |
| ☐ Cinderblocks | ☐ Citronella candles to repel insects |
| ☐ A tarp | ☐ Campsite decor |
| ☐ Mosquito netting | ☐ Outdoor lighting, such as rope lights or tiki torches |
| ☐ Flashlights and/or headlamps | ☐ Tablecloth clips |
| ☐ A lantern with fuel | ☐ Approved firewood |
| ☐ A spacious cooler and ice | ☐ _____ |
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TOOLS

- ☐ A wood axe and handsaw for firewood
- ☐ A multi-tool pocket knife
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ Paracord
- ☐ Bungee cords
- ☐ A small trowel for waste disposal
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FURNITURE

- ☐ A pop-up pavilion or shade structure
- ☐ A hammock
- ☐ An outdoor rug to catch dirt and grass before entering your lodging
- ☐ At least one camping chair per person
- ☐ A folding table
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CLOTHES AND SHOES

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| ☐ T-shirts | ☐ A wide-brimmed sunhat or visor |
| ☐ Light layering pieces | ☐ A beanie or knit cap |
| ☐ A raincoat | ☐ Gloves |
| ☐ A sweater, hoodie or fleece pullover | ☐ Sunglasses |
| ☐ Thick socks, preferably made of wool | ☐ Shower shoes |
| ☐ Pants and shorts | ☐ Hiking boots |
| ☐ Pajamas | ☐ Rain boots |
| ☐ Underwear | ☐ Walking shoes |
| ☐ A swimsuit or swimming trunks | ☐ Sandals or flipflops |
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COOKING ESSENTIALS

EQUIPMENT

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| ☐ A grill and fuel | ☐ A cast-iron dutch oven |
| ☐ A grate to cook food over the fire | ☐ A coffee percolator for campfire coffee or electric-powered coffee pot |
| ☐ A portable cooking stove | |
| ☐ A roasting fork or stick for each person | ☐ _____ |

UTENSILS

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| ☐ At least one plate and bowl for each person | ☐ A bottle opener |
| ☐ Shatter-proof cups and mugs | ☐ A can opener |
| ☐ A knife, spoon and fork for each person | ☐ Coffee filters, if applicable |
| ☐ A washable cutting board | ☐ A bearproof food vault for overnight storage |
| ☐ A fire-safe frying pan | ☐ Kitchen scissors |
| ☐ Measuring cups | ☐ Toothpicks and a container to keep them dry |
| ☐ Spatulas, mixing spoons and tongs | ☐ Bamboo cooking skewers |
| ☐ Cooking knives | ☐ Small food storage bags |
| ☐ Oven mitts | ☐ Food storage containers |
| ☐ An instant-read food thermometer | ☐ _____ |

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FOOD ITEMS

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| ☐ Spices, herbs and seasonings, including salt and pepper | ☐ Condiments, including ketchup, mustard, relish and mayonnaisse |
| ☐ Cooking oil | ☐ A loaf of bread |
| ☐ Bottled water, soda and juice | ☐ Sliced cheese and deli meat |
| ☐ Potatoes | ☐ Grab-and-go snacks, like trail mix and energy bars |
| ☐ Eggs | ☐ Nut butter and jelly |
| ☐ Breakfast meats | ☐ Cereal or granola |
| ☐ Popcorn in a fire-safe popping pan | ☐ Beef jerky |
| ☐ S'mores ingredients, including marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers | ☐ Chips, pretzels or other salty snacks |
| ☐ Meats for barbecuing | ☐ Canned beans |
| ☐ Fresh fruits and vegetables | ☐ Hotdogs and hamburgers |
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HYGIENE AND TOILETRIES

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| ☐ Hand soap | ☐ Makeup and skincare items |
| ☐ Bath towels and washcloths | ☐ Tissues |
| ☐ Hand and body lotion | ☐ Dental floss |
| ☐ Body soap, shampoo and conditioner | ☐ A razor and shaving cream |
| ☐ A hairbrush | ☐ A water-safe shower bag |
| ☐ A toothbrush and toothpaste | ☐ Menstrual products |
| ☐ Cotton swabs | ☐ Deodorant |
| ☐ Toilet paper | ☐ Baby wipes, for quick wipe-downs between washes |
| ☐ Glasses and/or contacts and lens wipe and/or contact solution | ☐ A portable shower and toilet, if applicable |
| ☐ A handheld mirror | ☐ _____ |

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RECREATIONAL GEAR

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| ☐ Fishing poles and tackle | ☐ Trekking poles |
| ☐ Winter sports equipment | ☐ Bikes, skateboards or rollerblades |
| ☐ A kayak or canoe | ☐ A video camera or camera |
| ☐ Swim towels | ☐ Binoculars |
| ☐ Lifejackets | ☐ A local attractions guidebook |
| ☐ A hiking daypack | ☐ Frisbees, volleyballs, footballs |
| ☐ Lawn games, like badminton and cornhole | ☐ Instruments to play music around the campfire |
| ☐ Board games and playing cards | ☐ Glow sticks |
| ☐ Books | ☐ Tickets to special events or local attractions |
| ☐ A music player and speaker | ☐ _____ |

CLEAN-UP

- ☐ Environmentally-friendly dish soap
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Dishtowels
- ☐ A cleaning sponge
- ☐ Cleaning supplies, like disinfectant wipes
- ☐ A drying rack or clothesline with clothespins for hanging wet clothes and towels
- ☐ Plastic bags or laundry hamper for dirty clothes
- ☐ A stain-remover pen for clothes
- ☐ A portable sink or basin for dishwashing
- ☐ A broom and dustpan
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SAFETY ITEMS

- ☐ A portable fire extinguisher
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ An emergency blanket
- ☐ Spare cash
- ☐ High SPF, water-resistant sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent, with DEET if applicable
- ☐ A map of the area
- ☐ A compass
- ☐ A water treatment or filtration system
- ☐ Jugs of freshwater, for emergencies
- ☐ A field guide with information about local plants and animals
- ☐ Spare batteries
- ☐ Bear mace
- ☐ A whistle
- ☐ A disposable rain poncho
- ☐ Printed directions to the nearest hospital
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FIRST-AID

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| ☐ Adhesive bandages | ☐ An oral thermometer |
| ☐ Alcohol | ☐ Prescription medications |
| ☐ Hydrogen peroxide | ☐ A snakebite treatment kit |
| ☐ Gauze | ☐ Sunburn cream or gel |
| ☐ Over-the-counter pain relievers, antihistamines and antacid tablets | ☐ Tweezers |
| ☐ Anti-itch medication, such as calamine lotion | ☐ Safety pins |
| ☐ Finger splints | ☐ Sterile wipes |
| ☐ Liquid bandage | ☐ Hydrocortisone cream |
| ☐ Eye drops | ☐ An EpiPen |
| ☐ Non-latex gloves | ☐ A first-aid kit instruction manual |
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CAMPING WITH KIDS

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| ☐ Indoor and outdoor toys | ☐ Waste disposal bags |
| ☐ Pop-up playpens | ☐ Dog food and treats |
| ☐ A crib or bassinet | ☐ Food and water bowls |
| ☐ A wearable baby carrier | ☐ Outdoor dog toys |
| ☐ A portable baby bathtub | ☐ A pet bed |
| ☐ A baby monitor | ☐ A dog leash and harness |
| ☐ Baby wipes and diapers | ☐ Dog ID tags |
| ☐ Baby food | ☐ A pet first-aid kit |
| ☐ An outdoor high chair | ☐ Vet records |
| ☐ Child-sized camping chairs | ☐ A current photo |
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CAMPING WITH PETS

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

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| ☐ A cell phone and charger | ☐ All licenses and permits, including your driver's license, fishing license, etc. |
| ☐ Your wallet with credit cards and legal ID | ☐ A copy of your campsite reservation confirmation, if applicable |
| ☐ Inside | ☐ A travel-sized umbrella |
| ☐ Your keys | ☐ _____ |
| ☐ Lip balm with SPF | |
| ☐ An insulated water bottle | |