

Camping Checklist

(Car and Canoe Tent Camping)

High Level Preparation tasks

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> - Reserve camp site and/or canoe if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> - Charge batteries for camera/camcorder... etc. <input type="checkbox"/> - Purchase spare batteries for other equipment <input type="checkbox"/> - Clean and select lenses for camera <input type="checkbox"/> - Assemble and pack camping equipment <input type="checkbox"/> - Buy, prepare, and pack food <input type="checkbox"/> - Assemble and pack clothing and toiletries | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> - Assemble and pack camera gear <input type="checkbox"/> - Assemble maps and destination information <input type="checkbox"/> - Assemble canoe/kayak equipment (if necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> - Stop mail or arrange for pickup (if necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> - Freeze water bottles/jugs for use in cooler <input type="checkbox"/> - Prepare home for vacancy (turn off power to computers and other unnecessary items) |
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Shelter

- Free Standing Tent
- Tent Pad
- Stakes/Mallet
- Canopy/Tarp (for extra coverage such as picnic area)
- Small broom and dust pan to sweep tent out.

Sleeping Gear

- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad(s) / Air Mattress / Cots
- Blankets
- Pillows

Essential Accessories

- Flashlights/headlamps (spare batteries and bulbs)
- Duct Tape
- Pocket knife or utility scissors
- Leatherman (or similar) Multi-tool
- Matches/lighter/fire starter (in water proof container)
- First Aid Kit
- Small sewing kit (needle, thread, threader, buttons)
- Spare prescription glasses and/or contacts
- Insect Repellent (spray)
- Sunscreen
- Hat (to shield head from sun or for warmth)
- Rain gear (poncho or rain jacket)
- Antiseptic Towelettes (Wet wipes)
- Watch (or some way to tell time)
- Heavy duty garbage bags (for garbage, dirty laundry, improvised rain coverings... etc.)
- Rope/heavy string or cord/nylon straps (putting up tarps, securing containers, mending, other... etc.)

Non-essential or Comfort Accessories

- Lantern, Fuel, Lantern Stand, spare Mantles
- Small shovel or trowel
- Folding saw or hatchet
- Thermal Cell (insect repellent)
- (Citronella) candles (for insect repellent and/or light)
- Folding Chairs
- Binoculars
- Portable Shower
- GPS and Weather Radio
- Sharpie and/or pen

Toiletries and Personal items

- Small Mirror
- Toilet Paper
- Sunscreen (also mentioned in essentials)
- Insect Repellent (also mentioned in essentials)
- Sunglasses
- Portable Shower (also mentioned in non-essentials)
- Prescription medicine you might require
- Personal Hygiene (deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth, towel, comb, fingernail clippers, file, razor, talcum powder, feminine products)
- Spare prescription glasses and/or contacts (also mentioned in essentials)

Clothing (depends on environment and seasons)

- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Socks
- Undergarments
- Long Pants (light and/or heavy)
- Long Sleeved Shirt (light and/or heavy)
- Shoes, Hiking Boots, Neoprene hunting boots
- Flip-flops (for use in public showers when available)
- Gloves
- Hat (also mentioned in essentials)
- Bathing Suit
- Rain gear (also mentioned in essentials)
- Jacket/Coat
- Towel and washcloth (also mentioned in toiletries)
- Heavy duty garbage bags for dirty laundry (also mentioned in essentials)

Camera and Camera Accessories

- Camera(s) and or Video camcorder
- Lenses
- Lens Cleaning
- Batteries (fully charged)
- Tripods and heads
- Bean Bag (for car and other)
- Digital media (compact flash, sd, or tape)
- Flash, filters, remote shutter release... etc.
- Blinds
- Game calls
- Backpack (for carrying gear into the field on day trips)

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Food Storage, Preparation, and Utensils

- Cooler (*and ice*)
- Stove and fuel (*grill and/or charcoal*)
- Cooking utensils – skillet, pot, coffee pot, spatula
- Paper towels
- Biodegradable soap
- Aluminum Foil/Plastic bags/Ziploc bags
- Garbage bags
- Sturdy storage container for dry food goods
- Matches and/or lighter (*also mentioned in essentials*)
- Antiseptic Towelettes (*also mentioned in essentials*)
- Can and bottle opener
- Sponge and scraper for cleaning
- Eating utensils – forks, knives, spoons, paper plates, napkins

Food

Note food choices are a personal preference. Depending on the situation, some will want a full menu involving cooking for a group, others (especially going solo) may want something simpler, less preparation and cleanup, and more on the go. The situation dictates the food choices.

Plan for the number of days/nights out camping and include at least a days worth more (if only as emergency dry goods)

- Water (*one gallon per day/person is the rule of thumb*)
- Beverages (*milk, cola, gatorade, fruit drinks, alcohol*)
- Coffee and sugar
- Condiments (*mustard, mayo, ketchup, salt, pepper*)
- Breakfast _____

- Lunch _____

- Dinner _____

- Snacks (*trail mix, granola bars, and fruit like apples*)

Specific to Canoe Camping

- Canoe
- Paddles
- PFD (*personal floatation device*)
- Vehicle tie downs/foam supports/car rack
- Seat Pad
- Dry bags/Water Proof Bags
- Water shoes, sandals, or boots
- Manual bailer pump
- Tide Chart (*only necessary in coastal areas*)
- GPS and batteries (*optional depending*)
- Nautical Charts and Compass, Maps (*usually only necessary in large bodies of water like Florida Bay*)
- Marine Band Radio (*obviously this doesn't apply inland, but might be nice to have if out in the coastal region, like the Everglades Wilderness Waterway*)
- Portage wheels (*in scenarios where one needs to move between two bodies of water separated by land*)

Misc Equipment (only needed on demand)

- Snorkel and mask (*good for the springs in Florida*)
- Fishing Rod
- Mountain Bike
- Wet Suit (*springs in Florida during the winter time*)
- Chest Waders (*to get you out into bogs/marshes*)
- Water Purification system/chemicals
- Portable Toilet (*required for Okefenokee Wilderness Canoe Camping routes at the refuge*)
- Laptop (*for downloading/viewing photos or for checking the weather if you have cellular internet*)

Additional items not listed

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