

"Camping checklist"

Before you go

- Gather your travel guides and maps for the road
- Reserve your campsite ahead of time
- Ensure your vehicle is "ready" for the trip
- Cancel your newspaper delivery
- Install on/off timers on a few lamps in your house
- Shut down your water heater (just in case....)
- Ensure all windows and doors are locked
- Activate your home alarm
- Leave a key to your home to a trustworthy neighbor
- Arrange for someone to cut your lawn (if necessary)
- Arrange for someone to empty your mailbox periodically

Clothing

- A hat, a baseball cap or a sun hat
- A pair of long underwear ("Thinsulates" are great)
- Swimwear
- Shorts and long pants
- Rain gear - a poncho or a rain parka with pants
- A windbreaker
- Footwear (sneakers, sandals, rain or hiking boots..)
- A pair of thick wool socks
- Sunglasses (with UVA/UVB protection)
- A sewing repair kit

Health related items

- A first aid kit (band-aids, antiseptic ointment, gauze, aspirin etc..)

- Medication (prescribed or otherwise)
- Water purification tablets (just in case....)
- A pair of spare prescription glasses
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Hairbrush, combs
- An unbreakable (plastic) mirror
- Soap, shampoo and bath towels
- Insect repellent
- Sun screen (waterproof if you're planning to go swimming), lip gloss
- Toilet paper

Camping items

- Your tent (don't forget the stakes and poles)
- A tube of "seam sealer" for your tent (stick, spray or liquid)
- An emergency "repair kit" for your tent (patches, glue, needle, thread)
- Your sleeping bags and/or warm blankets
- A sleeping mat (foam or air-filled .don't forget the air pump)
- Pillows for everybody
- A folding table (very convenient)
- A tarp (for your cooking area or to install over/under the tent if necessary)
- A battery/solar/dynamo powered lamp (remember that using a propane lantern inside a tent can be extremely dangerous)
- A lantern for outdoor use (don't forget to bring spare mantles and the propane canister)
- A cooler / ice box
- A cooking stove (and fuel) or a small BBQ
- Cooking pots, a frying pan, a kettle, a few mugs and some utensils
- A plastic egg container
- A plastic butter container
- A dish pan
- A can opener and a corkscrew

- A plastic tablecloth
- A laundry bag (garbage bags also work fine)
- Insulated food containers
- Aluminum foil (especially if you're planning to cook on a open fire)
- Hot dog sticks
- A large water carrier (2-5 gallon)
- A water bottle / canteen
- Plastic bags! Small and large... they're always handy!
- Rope - at least 100 feet (nylon being the most resistant to weather)
- Tape (electrical and/or duct tape work best)
- An small (folding) shovel
- An axe or a hatchet
- A small broom
- A knife (swiss army knives are always useful)
- Matches and/or a lighter (waterproof if possible)
- Candles
- A flashlight or two (always have a few spare bulbs around)
- Batteries

Miscellaneous items

- Your passports (only if necessary)
- Your camerawith USB cable & extra media cards (or films if non-digital)
- A radio (battery operated / solar / dymano)
- A walkie-talkie set
- Umbrellas
- Binoculars
- Fishing permits
- A good book
- Board games (chess, cribbage..)

A deck of cards

A folding chair or two (or a hammock to pamper yourself)