

Camping Checklist

A complete tent camping checklist covering shelter, sleep system, cooking gear, clothing, tools and safety essentials.

Shelter

- ☐ Tent with poles, stakes, and guy lines
- ☐ Footprint or ground tarp
- ☐ Rainfly and extra stakes
- ☐ Mallet for driving stakes
- ☐ Repair tape or a patch kit
- ☐ Pitch and inspect your tent at home before the trip.
- ☐ Doormat or small tarp for the entrance

Sleep System

- ☐ Sleeping bag rated for the expected low temperature
- ☐ Sleeping pad or air mattress
- ☐ Pillow or stuff sack to use as one
- ☐ Extra blanket for cold nights
- ☐ Pump if your mattress needs one

Camp Kitchen

- ☐ Camp stove with fuel
- ☐ Lighter, matches, and fire starters
- ☐ Pot, pan, and cooking utensils
- ☐ Plates, bowls, cups, and reusable cutlery
- ☐ Cooler with ice for perishables
- ☐ Biodegradable soap, sponge, and a wash basin
- ☐ Trash bags and sealed containers for food storage

Clothing

- ☐ Moisture-wicking base layers
- ☐ Insulating layer like a fleece or down jacket
- ☐ Waterproof rain jacket
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or hiking boots and camp sandals
- ☐ Warm hat, gloves, and extra socks
- ☐ Quick-dry pants and shirts
- ☐ Sleepwear set aside just for the tent

Lighting and Tools

- ☐ Headlamp and a backup flashlight
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Lantern for the campsite
- ☐ Multi-tool or knife
- ☐ Paracord or rope
- ☐ Duct tape and zip ties

Food, Water, and Hygiene

- ☐ Drinking water (about one gallon per person per day)
- ☐ Water filter or purification tablets as backup
- ☐ Planned meals and snacks
- ☐ Toilet paper and a trowel for cat holes
- ☐ Toothbrush, soap, and toiletries
- ☐ Hand sanitizer and wet wipes

Safety and Essentials

- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Insect repellent and sunscreen
- ☐ Map, compass, or GPS
- ☐ Fully charged phone and a power bank
- ☐ Whistle and emergency contact info
- ☐ Check the weather and conditions and share your plan
Tell someone your route and expected return time.