

## **Camping Packing List**

A camping packing list helps to avoid that sinking feeling! Remember it...

When you're half-way to your campsite, and then you think of that essential item you forgot! Or sometimes you don't realize it until you're AT the site - aaargh!!

Much better to have that packing list - like a check-off or a "cheat sheet" so that everything you need - your essential Camping Equipment is along with you. Avoid that awful feeling! Believe me - it's happened to us - for sure...

So we learned to keep a good camping packing check-list on hand. The things we regularly use daily in our lives - they're not in our camping stash. When arriving at the campsite, we needed them. But we'd forgotten them!

We thought we'd help you out, if you've been in this situation too. Since we've gathered our camping packing list - it could be helpful to you. We'd like to share it with you.

We have the camping packing list divided up 2 ways. It's sectioned into categories. There are the absolute essentials - they're in one check-list. Those items apply whether you're in a tent or an RV.

Some things have occasional use, depending on the type of trip you're making, where you're going, the time of year, etc. Those are optional items.

And... don't forget your campground reservations paperwork - if needed. Hope this helps!

Suggestion - Print out pages 2-5; to save paper, choose to print on 2 sides.

# Camping Packing Check-List

## Essentials

### COOKING

- Camp stove with fuel, or propane tank-check for RV
- Matches and/or fire-lighter
- Cooking pots and frying pan and/or griddle
- Pot grabber and/or pot-holders/oven mitts
- Bottle & can opener + cork-screw
- Food/left-over storage: zip bags or containers
- Trash bags
- Table cloth & clips for picnic table (or duck/masking tape)
- Cooler (pick up ice)
- Plates, bowls, forks/spoons/knives - Paper/plastic, or wash & reuse
- Cups, mugs, drinking glasses - Paper/throwaway, or wash & reuse
- Utensils - serving/mixing spoon, spatula, carving knife
- Aluminum foil
- Collapsible water container, or water bottles for RV
- Wash-basin/paper towels/dish towel/scrubber sponge
- Food - main meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks: X days at campsite
- Food accessories
  - Syrup?
  - Butter?
  - Sugar?
  - Seasonings?
  - Jam/Peanut-butter?
  - Cooking oil/pan spray?
- Drinks
  - Coffee
  - Tea-bags
  - Fruit drinks
  - Milk
  - Hot chocolate
  - Mixes
  - Soda
  - Beer/Cocktails

### **PERSONAL ITEMS**

- Toilet paper
- Sunscreen/cosmetics/mirror/shaving items
- Insect repellent
- Contact lens needs/eyeglass case/reading glasses/sunglasses
- Prescription/over-counter medications
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/mouthwash
- Brush/comb
- Shampoo/conditioner/soap - biodegradable especially if not in an RV
- Campground shower items: Shower flip-flops & carry bag for toiletries
- Underwear for each day of the trip
- Bath towels
- First aid kit
- Tissues

### **CAMPSITE BASICS: TENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO RV**

- Tent & set-up with ground sheet
- Mallet or hammer
- Air mattresses with pump/cots
- Pillows
- Sleeping bags
- Flashlights & extra batteries/lanterns with fuel & mantles
- Work/gardening gloves
- Broom/dust-pan
- Scissors
- Fire-extinguisher
- Garbage bags

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## OPTIONS

### ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

- Folding chairs
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Guidebooks/field guides/maps
- Travel alarm clock
- Umbrella/rain coat
- Books/eBooks
- Sleepwear
- Hiking boots/shoes
- Jackets
- Day-pack
- Water bottles for hikes

### EXTRAS - DEPENDING ON TRIP

- Long sleeve shirts - for bugs/sun/warmth
- Swimsuits
- Long underwear
- Gloves/mittens
- Clothesline rope & clothes pins
- In-camp slippers/sandals
- Misc. Cooking/Camping Gear
- Screen-house/shade tarp
- Multi-tool knife
- Hiking stick/pole
- Folding table
- Stove wind-screen
- Charcoal, grill, and fire-starter
- Grill rack for campfire
- Hot/cold vacuum bottle
- Marshmallow roasting sticks & marshmallows
  - + graham crackers & chocolate for S'mores
- Measuring cups/spoons

*[Extras Continued]*

- Cutting board
- Hammock
- Lantern hanger/pole
- Lip balm
- Antiseptic wipes

### **FUN OPTIONS**

- Star chart & guide for the night sky
- Notebook/diary/travel journal with pen & pencils
- Radio/music player with headphones/earphones
- 2-way radios
- GPS for trail tracing or Geocaching participation
- Night-time activities:
  - Playing cards
  - Puzzles
  - Board games
- Flying discs
- Water toys

### **BRINGING THE DOG?**

Our camping packing list shouldn't forget the dog!  
(Or your other camp-ground friendly pet!)

- Pet food
- Pet treats
- Pet meds
- Pet toys
- Leash/collar/harness