CampingKnow

The Camping Checklist

Everything for a tent or car camping trip. Tick it off as you pack. Know before you go.

Your trip
fill in before you pack

CAMPGROUND	DATES	SITE #	NIGHT LOW °F

Pack these first: tent, sleeping bag, pad, headlamps, stove + fuel, lighter, water, food, rain jacket, first aid kit.

Shelter

- [ ] Tent, poles and rainfly
- [ ] Footprint or tarp
- [ ] Tent stakes + 6 spares
- [ ] Mallet
- [ ] Guylines
- [ ] Shade canopy or tarp
- [ ] Doormat or small rug

Sleep

- [ ] Sleeping bag (rated below the low)
- [ ] Sleeping pad or air mattress
- [ ] Pump + charged battery
- [ ] Pillow
- [ ] Extra blanket
- [ ] Sleep clothes (kept dry)
- [ ] Earplugs and eye mask

Camp kitchen

- [ ] Stove + full fuel canister
- [ ] Spare fuel
- [ ] Lighter + waterproof matches
- [ ] Pot, pan and lids
- [ ] Spatula, spoon, tongs
- [ ] Sharp knife + cutting board
- [ ] Can opener
- [ ] Plates, bowls, cups, cutlery
- [ ] Coffee maker
- [ ] Cooler + block ice
- [ ] Water jug with spigot
- [ ] Wash bin, sponge, soap
- [ ] Paper towels + foil
- [ ] Trash and recycling bags

Clothing

- [ ] Base layers (no cotton)
- [ ] Fleece or puffy jacket
- [ ] Rain jacket + rain pants
- [ ] Quick-dry pants / shorts
- [ ] Socks (1 pair per day + spare)
- [ ] Underwear
- [ ] Warm hat + gloves
- [ ] Sun hat + sunglasses
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Camp shoes or sandals
- [ ] Swimsuit

Light, tools & power

- [ ] Headlamp for each person
- [ ] Spare batteries
- [ ] Lantern
- [ ] Flashlight
- [ ] Multitool or knife
- [ ] Duct tape + repair kit
- [ ] Paracord + clothespins
- [ ] Power bank + cables
- [ ] Hatchet or folding saw
- [ ] Camp chairs
- [ ] Camp table

First aid & safety

- [ ] First aid kit
- [ ] Blister pads
- [ ] Pain relievers
- [ ] Antihistamines
- [ ] Personal medications
- [ ] Tweezers (ticks, splinters)
- [ ] Burn gel
- [ ] Sunscreen + lip balm
- [ ] Insect repellent
- [ ] Whistle
- [ ] Emergency blanket
- [ ] Water bucket / extinguisher

Hygiene

- [ ] Toothbrush + toothpaste
- [ ] Biodegradable soap
- [ ] Hand sanitizer
- [ ] Quick-dry towel
- [ ] Toilet paper
- [ ] Wet wipes
- [ ] Deodorant + hairbrush
- [ ] Period products
- [ ] Trash bag for hygiene waste

Documents & extras

- [ ] Reservation + campsite number
- [ ] ID, cash, cards
- [ ] Printed map / directions
- [ ] Fire permit (if required)
- [ ] Firewood bought locally
- [ ] Phone + car charger
- [ ] Cards, games, book
- [ ] Binoculars
- [ ] Camera

CampingKnow Meal plan, add-ons & final checks

Meal plan

Plan the menu first, then shop from it

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks & drinks
Day 1				
Day 2				
Day 3				

Add for your trip

Stack the one that matches your trip on top of page 1

Family & kids

- [ ] Kid-size chairs and bags
- [ ] Glow sticks
- [ ] Games and a ball
- [ ] Extra clothes per child
- [ ] Potty for little ones

Dog

- [ ] Leash + stake-out line
- [ ] Bowls, food, treats
- [ ] Dog bed or blanket
- [ ] Waste bags
- [ ] Vaccination record

Car camping

- [ ] Air mattress
- [ ] Second cooler for drinks
- [ ] Camp table + chairs
- [ ] Camp kitchen stand

RV

- [ ] Hookup cables + adapters
- [ ] Fresh water hose
- [ ] Sewer kit + gloves
- [ ] Leveling blocks
- [ ] Wheel chocks

Winter / cold

- [ ] Bag rated 0 to 20°F
- [ ] Foam pad under air pad
- [ ] Hand warmers
- [ ] Insulated bottles

Hot weather & beach

- [ ] Battery fan
- [ ] Extra water
- [ ] Cooling towels
- [ ] Sand stakes
- [ ] Beach shade

Before you leave

- [ ] Pitch the tent at home once
- [ ] Test the stove and lighter
- [ ] Charge headlamps, lanterns, power bank
- [ ] Check the forecast low
- [ ] Check fire rules for the campground
- [ ] Tell someone where you are going
- [ ] Pre-chill the cooler
- [ ] Pre-chop and pack food

Notes

Missed it / never used it

Cold-night rule: pick a sleeping bag rated about 10°F below the forecast low, and put a blanket or foam pad between you and an air mattress. Most rough first nights come from cold ground, not cold air.