Camping Checklist

Campground trip packing list · tick each box as it goes in the car

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Shelter

- [ ] Tent, poles and rainfly
- [ ] Footprint or ground tarp
- [ ] Tent stakes + spares, mallet
- [ ] Extra cord or guylines
- [ ] Tarp and rope for shade or rain EXTRA
- [ ] Brush and dustpan for the tent EXTRA

Pitch the tent once at home before you go.

Sleeping

- [ ] Sleeping bag for the coldest night
- [ ] Sleeping pad or air mattress (+ pump)
- [ ] Pillow
- [ ] Warm hat and dry socks for sleeping
- [ ] Extra blanket EXTRA

Camp kitchen

- [ ] Stove and enough fuel (or grill grate)
- [ ] Lighter or matches for the stove
- [ ] Pot, pan, kettle
- [ ] Plates, bowls, mugs, utensils
- [ ] Spatula, spoon, tongs, knife, cutting board
- [ ] Can opener and bottle opener
- [ ] Pot holder or heat-resistant gloves
- [ ] Cooler with ice or frozen gel packs
- [ ] Food thermometer
- [ ] Water bottles and a big water jug
- [ ] Dish tub, biodegradable soap, sponge, towel
- [ ] Trash and recycling bags
- [ ] Paper towels
- [ ] Tablecloth and clips
- [ ] Aluminum foil
- [ ] Zip-top bags and containers
- [ ] Coffee maker or pour-over EXTRA
- [ ] Dutch oven or cast-iron skillet EXTRA

Food and water

- [ ] Meals for every day
- [ ] Extra no-cook food
- [ ] Snacks
- [ ] Drinking water (or confirm it's on site)
- [ ] Water filter or treatment
- [ ] Salt, pepper, oil, spices
- [ ] Coffee, tea, drinks

USDA: perishables out of the cooler no more than 2 hours (1 hour at 90°F+). No ice left? Toss them.

Clothing

- [ ] Base layers + fleece or puffy jacket
- [ ] Rain jacket (and rain pants)
- [ ] Pants or shorts, shirts for each day
- [ ] Sleepwear
- [ ] Warm hat and gloves
- [ ] Sun hat
- [ ] Socks and underwear + a spare pair
- [ ] Hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- [ ] Camp shoes or sandals
- [ ] Swimsuit EXTRA

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Fire · tools · safety · personal · paperwork

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Fire

- [ ] Waterproof matches or lighter + spare
- [ ] Fire starters or tinder
- [ ] Firewood bought near camp
- [ ] Water bucket and shovel
- [ ] Roasting sticks EXTRA

Check fire restrictions first. Firewood: within 10 miles is best, 50 miles is too far.

Light, tools and repair

- [ ] Headlamp for each person
- [ ] Lantern
- [ ] Extra batteries
- [ ] Multi-tool or knife
- [ ] Duct tape
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] Tent and pad repair kit
- [ ] Phone charger and power bank
- [ ] Camp chairs
- [ ] Clothesline and clips EXTRA
- [ ] Camp table EXTRA
- [ ] Hatchet or saw (if allowed) EXTRA

Safety and first aid

- [ ] First aid kit (check expiry dates)
- [ ] Prescription medicines
- [ ] Sunscreen and sunglasses
- [ ] Insect repellent
- [ ] Paper map and compass
- [ ] Whistle
- [ ] Emergency blanket
- [ ] Allergy and pain medicine

Personal and hygiene

- [ ] Toothbrush, toothpaste, toiletries
- [ ] Biodegradable soap, hand sanitizer
- [ ] Quick-dry towel
- [ ] Toilet paper (+ trowel)
- [ ] Wet wipes
- [ ] Lip balm
- [ ] Glasses or contacts
- [ ] Earplugs

Paperwork and money

- [ ] Reservation confirmation (screenshot)
- [ ] Park pass or entrance fee
- [ ] Permits: fire, backcountry, fishing
- [ ] ID, cash and a card
- [ ] Campground map, ranger phone number

Kids and dogs

- [ ] Kids: spare clothes, own headlamp
- [ ] Kids: a favorite toy, games
- [ ] Dog: leash, bowls, food, poop bags
- [ ] Dog: bed and vaccination record

Before you leave

- [ ] Weather forecast and campground alerts
- [ ] Fire restrictions
- [ ] Drinking water at the site?
- [ ] Freeze water bottles as ice
- [ ] Charge headlamps, phone, power bank
- [ ] Tell someone your plans

Don't forget

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