

Camping Checklist

Checklist · 40 items · 9 sections

Never forget camping gear again: shelter, cooking, clothing, and safety all covered for car camping or campground stays. For more detailed gear breakdowns see the Camping Equipment Checklist. Packing-focused version: Camping Packing Checklist. Going lightweight for multi-day trips, the Backpacking Checklist trims this to the essentials.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/camping-checklist>

SHELTER

- Tent with stakes and poles
HIGH
- Sleeping bag (weather appropriate)
HIGH
- Sleeping pad or air mattress
HIGH
- Tent footprint / ground cloth

COOKING

- Camp stove and fuel
HIGH
- Cooking pots and pans
HIGH
- Utensils (fork, knife, spoon)
HIGH
- Plates and bowls
HIGH
- Camp mugs / cups
- Can opener
- Cooler with ice
HIGH
- Food and snacks
HIGH

HYDRATION

- Water bottles (2L per person per day)

HIGH

- Water filter or purification tablets

HIGH

CLOTHING

- Moisture-wicking base layers

HIGH

- Warm fleece or mid-layer jacket

HIGH

- Waterproof rain jacket

HIGH

- Hiking boots or trail shoes

HIGH

- Warm hat and gloves

- Comfortable camp shoes or sandals

- Quick-dry towel

SAFETY

- First aid kit

HIGH

- Headlamp with extra batteries

HIGH

- Whistle and signal mirror

- Multi-tool or pocket knife

HIGH

- Fire starter (lighter + waterproof matches)

HIGH

- Map and compass (offline GPS)

HIGH

HEALTH

- Sunscreen SPF 30+

HIGH

- Insect repellent

HIGH

Biodegradable soap and hand sanitizer

Toilet paper and trowel

HIGH

Personal medications

HIGH

GEAR

Backpack (daypack or overnight pack)

HIGH

Trekking poles

COMFORT

Camp chairs and table

Lantern or camp lights

ESSENTIALS

Garbage bags (leave no trace)

HIGH

Duct tape and rope/paracord

Campsite reservation confirmation

HIGH

Emergency contact list

HIGH