



CAMPING CHECKLIST

This car camping checklist covers off all the camp essentials, plus has some extras to make your campsite extra sweet – you may not need everything on this list, so adjust your checklist for what makes sense for your group and plans.

If you're a first-time camper or are still building up your camp supplies, check out gear rentals at your local MEC store.

Sleep and shelter

- Tent with stakes
- Tent footprint
- Tarp and cord
- Sleeping pads or air mattresses (with pump)
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Camping cots
- Sun/bug shelter

Campsite set-up

- Camping chairs
- Portable table and tablecloth
- Hammock
- Lanterns or string lights
- Cord to tie up as a clothesline
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Kitchen and cooking

- Coffee maker
- Camp stove and fuel
- Matches and fire starters
- Axe or hatchet
- Pots, pans or Dutch oven
- Pot grabber
- Knife and cutting board
- Mugs and cups
- Plate and bowls
- Cooking utensils
- Cutlery
- Can opener
- Cooler with ice
- Food storage containers
- Aluminum foil
- Corkscrew and bottle opener
- Water jug and filter/treatment
- Garbage bags
- Bear-resistant food containers
- Biodegradable soap and scrubbers
- Portable sink
- Plan for firewood (check regulations where you're staying)
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Outdoor essentials

- Daypack
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Water bottle
- Multi-tool
- Bug spray
- Bear safety gear
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Map
- Campsite reservations and park pass
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Clothes and shoes

Check the weather forecast and think about what activities you'll be doing, then adjust your packing to match. Be ready to layer, and bring clothes made of quick-drying, moisture-wicking materials. Some suggestions to start:

- Socks
- Underwear
- Sports bra
- Short-sleeved shirts
- Long-sleeved shirts and sweater
- Shorts
- Pants
- Cozy layers to sleep in
- Fleece jacket or puffy jacket
- Rain jacket
- Rain pants
- Wide-brimmed sun hat
- Bathing suit
- Toque
- Gloves
- Sturdy shoes or boots (waterproof)
- Sandals
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Personal stuff

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Toilet paper
- Quick-drying towel
- Earplugs
- Hand sanitizer
- Toiletry kit with your essentials
- Extra set of contacts or glasses
- Medications
- Power bank or spare batteries for electronic devices
- Phone
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Fun extras

- Bikes (great for kids at the campground)
- Binoculars
- Books or magazines
- Paper and art supplies
- Watersports gear and PFDs
- Ice cream ball
- Hand-powered blender
- Cards and games
- Roasting sticks
- Epic s'mores recipes
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