

FAMILY CAMPING PACKING CHECKLIST

YOUR COMPLETE PACKING GUIDE FOR A STRESS-FREE FAMILY TRIP. CHECK OFF EACH ITEM AS YOU PACK.

SHELTER & SLEEPING GEAR

- Tent (1 size up from family size)
- Ground tarp / footprint
- Sleeping bags (temp-rated for season)
- Sleeping pads / air mattresses
- Pillows (bring from home)
- Extra blankets (1 per person + spare)
- Rainfly (even if forecast is clear)
- Tent repair kit / extra stakes

CAMP KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

- Camp stove / portable grill + fuel
- Cooler with ice (50 quart min)
- Pots, pans, cast iron skillet
- Utensils (spatula, tongs, can opener)
- Plates, bowls, cups (reusable)
- Trash bags (3-4 per day, heavy-duty)
- Dish soap, sponge, drying towel
- Paper towels and aluminium foil
- Coffee maker / percolator
- Roasting sticks / skewers

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

- Base layers (moisture-wicking)
- Mid layers (fleece / hoodie)
- Rain gear (jacket and pants)
- Closed-toe shoes / hiking boots
- Sandals / water shoes
- Swimsuits (2 per person)
- Extra socks (more than you think)
- Hats (sun hats and warm beanies)
- Pajamas (warm and comfortable)
- Layered outfits for temp swings

HYGIENE & TOILETRIES

- Towels (quick-dry or bath)
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- hand sanitizer (multiple bottles)
- Toilet paper (backup roll)
- Wet wipes (essential for kids)
- Deodorant and personal items
- Small hanging mirror

SUN & BUG PROTECTION

- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Bug spray (DEET or picaridin)
- Citronella candles / torches
- Tick remover tool
- After-bite cream / sting relief
- Sunglasses + lip balm with SPF

SAFETY & FIRST AID

- First aid kit (bandages, gauze, etc.)
- Flashlights / headlamps + batteries
- Lantern (campsite lighting)
- Whistle (one per child)
- Fire extinguisher (portable)
- Emergency contact list (printed)
- Prescription medications
- Waterproof bag for meds



KIDS-SPECIFIC GEAR

- Car seat / booster (for the drive)
- Baby wipes (useful for all ages)
- Diapers / changing supplies
- Comfort items (stuffed animal, blanket)
- Kid-sized sleeping bag
- Night light / glow stick for tent
- High chair / booster seat
- Baby carrier / backpack for hikes
- Extra clothes (3+ changes min.)
- Kid friendly sunscreen and bug spray

ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES

- Board games / card games
- Frisbee, football, or soccer ball
- Cornhole set / ladder toss
- Scavenger hunt printable
- Coloring books, crayons, activity books
- Bikes and helmets
- Fishing gear (rods, tackle, bait)
- Binoculars (wildlife and stargazing)
- Books / audiobook downloads
- Campfire song list or guitar

RV-SPECIFIC ADD-ONS

- Leveling blocks
- Wheel chocks
- Sewer hose + fittings + gloves
- Food-safe water hose (white/blue)
- Water pressure regulator
- Surge protector
- 30 / 50 amp adaptor
- Extension cord (outdoor-rated)
- RV-safe toilet paper
- Entry mat + awning lights

LEAVE AT HOME

- Expensive jewelry or electronics you would worry about
- Glass containers (safety hazard with kids)
- Too many outfit options (layers beat variety)
- Firewood from home (buy local to prevent invasive pests)
- Excessive electronics (one tablet is plenty)

PERSONAL NOTES & ADDITIONS

BEFORE YOU LEAVE, CHECK YOUR CAMPGROUND'S AMENITIES PAGE!

Many Happy Grounds campgrounds have camp stores with firewood, ice, and supplies.
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