

FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND CHECKLIST

YOUR WEEKEND BLUEPRINT FOR A STRESS-FREE FAMILY TRIP. CHECK OFF EACH ITEM AS YOU GO.

TWO WEEKS OUT - PLANNING

- Book your campground and site
- Pick tent, RV, cabin, or cottage
- Check for themed weekends
- Check weather (again day before)
- Plan meals and write a grocery list
- Inventory gear (damage, propane)
- Print campground info (map, phone)
- Confirm reservation and site rules

ONE WEEK OUT - PREP

- Grocery shop (stick to the meal plan)
- Meal prep at home (marinate, portion)
- Test tent and stove in the backyard
- Charge phones, lights, battery packs
- Inflate air mattress (check for leaks)
- Print this packing checklist

SHELTER & SLEEPING

- Tent (poles, stakes, rainfly, tarp)
- Sleeping pads or air mattresses
- Sleeping bags (temp-rated)
- Pillows and extra blankets

KITCHEN & COOKING

- Camp stove and fuel
- Cooler with ice (pack morning of)
- Pots, pans, skillet, utensils
- Plates, bowls, cups, silverware
- Can opener, knife, cutting board
- Dish soap, sponge, and towel
- Paper towels, foil, zip-lock bags
- Trash bags (heavy-duty, 4-5)
- Coffee maker and coffee

CLOTHING (PER PERSON)

- 2-3 changes of clothes
- Rain jacket (New England weather)
- Fleece or hoodie (cool evenings)
- Swimsuit and swim towel
- Closed-toe shoes + water shoes
- Extra socks (2-3 pairs)
- Hat and sunglasses
- Warm pajamas

HYGIENE & SAFETY

- Towels, soap, toothbrushes, paste
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+) and bug spray
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes
- Toilet paper (backup roll)
- First aid kit
- Flashlights (1 each + batteries)
- Lantern and small fire extinguisher
- Whistle (clip to each kid's pack)



CAMPFIRE & ENTERTAINMENT

- Roasting sticks or skewers
- Marshmallows, chocolate, grahams
- Long matches or a lighter
- Firewood (buy at the campground)
- Board games and card games
- Frisbee, football, or soccer ball
- Bikes and helmets (if applicable)
- Books or audiobook downloads
- Fishing gear (rods, tackle, bait)

KIDS & AGE-SPECIFIC ADD-ONS

- Kid-sized sleeping bag
- Comfort item (stuffed animal)
- Extra clothes (3+ changes)
- Nightlight or glow sticks
- Card games for siblings
- Diapers (double the daily count)
- Portable crib or clip-on high chair
- Baby carrier or backpack (hikes)
- Bug-catching kit (magnifier, jar)
- Nature journal and colored pencils

PERSONAL NOTES & ADDITIONS

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

Many campgrounds have camp stores with firewood, ice, and forgotten essentials.
Visit camphappygrounds.com to explore all 14+ locations.