

# The ACG Camping CHECK LIST

## A Great Way to Prepare for the Great Outdoors

A camping trip creates memories that last a lifetime. The ACG Camping Checklist is a handy resource to help you prepare and pack the right gear and supplies you need to have a great time in the great outdoors.

### Clothing & Footwear

When it comes to what to wear, plan for the best weather, but be prepared for the worst.

- T-shirts
- Long-sleeved shirt (for chilly evenings)
- Underwear
- Shorts
- At least one pair of jeans/pants
- Swimsuit
- Ball cap, bucket hat, or similar
- Socks
- Hiking boots or trail shoes
- Water shoes
- Sandals
- Rain jacket or poncho (or an umbrella)
- Windbreaker jacket
- Light sweater or pullover (can't be cozy without one; for extra warmth THAW has plenty of personal warming devices — from disposable to Bluetooth\*)
- Bandana
- Sleepwear (don't forget your jammies)
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### Campsite Essentials

The gear you need in order to AVOID roughing it.

- Tent (unless you're RV or cabin camping)
- Ground cloth/tarp (goes under the tent)
- Tent poles, stakes, & guide lines
- Hammer/mallet (those stakes aren't going to drive themselves)
- Sleeping bag or sheets & blankets
- Pillow
- Sleep pad or air mattress
- Air pump (HALO as a portable power bank with air compressor)
- Camp chairs (the umbrella variety)
- Camp table (if campsite doesn't come with a picnic table)
- Rope/Clothesline
- Duct tape (Don't leave home without it!)
- Paracord/heavy string (cordage is everything in the great outdoors)
- Camp saw & hatchet (Do not cut limbs or trees in state/national parks)
- Knife/multi-tool (TRUE has the perfect one for you)
- Flashlights (NEBO has you covered)
- Headlamp (Check out NEBO's headlamps & cap-lights)
- Lantern (NEBO has your back for this one, too)
- Matches & lighter (TRUE has a cool rechargeable one)
- Insect control (SKEETER HAWK has some awesome solar and rechargeable solutions)
- Tarp/screen house (some campsites aren't shaded)
- Bucket (great for carrying toiletries to the shower or filled with water for fire control; try the NEBO BRITBUCKET for a collapsible, lighted option)
- Refillable water bottle/canteen
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#### Happy Camper Tip:

RESEARCH WHERE YOU WILL BE CAMPING AND LEARN WHAT AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE (HIKING, SWIMMING, BOATING, ETC.)

#### Happy Camper Tip:

MAKE A COUPLE OF SIMPLE FIRE STARTERS BY PUTTING A LITTLE PETROLEUM JELLY ON A COTTON BALL OR SOME DRYER LINT. STORE IN A ZIPLOCK BAG.



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## Toiletries & Personal Items

Getting grubby is fun. Staying grubby is not.

- Towel
- Shampoo & soap (bonus points if it's "on a rope")
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Floss (emergency cordage!)
- Deodorant
- First aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent (SKEETER HAWK has two great wearable options)
- Toilet paper (always carry an emergency roll)
- Baby wipes (these babies come in handy)
- Comb/hair brush
- Sewing kit
- Personal medications
- Hand sanitizer
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### Happy Camper Tip:

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND AN ARM AND A LEG TO CREATE A CAMP KITCHEN KIT. JUST HIT UP YOUR LOCAL SECOND-HAND STORE FOR UTENSILS, POTS, PANS, PLATES, AND MORE.

## Nice to Haves (but not essentials)

Things to bring if you have the room.

- Fishing equipment (don't forget a fishing license)
- Bike
- Kayak/canoe & paddle (and a PFD [Personal Flotation Device])
- Hiking/walking poles
- Map of the area
- Compass (or a GPS app on your phone)
- Binoculars
- Field guidebooks (birds, plants, etc.)
- A good book
- Deck of cards
- Board game
- Musical instrument
- Song book (singing around the campfire is cathartic)
- Frisbee (doubles as a plate/bowl)
- Personal fan (the NEBO PAL-360 can't be beat)
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## Cooking & Cleaning

Everything tastes better when cooked outdoors.

- Camp stove & fuel
- Tablecloth (it's sanitary and civilized at the same time)
- Cooler (hard-sided with a latch to keep critters out)
- Refillable water jug (2.5 - 5 gallons)
- Aluminum foil
- Ziplock bags
- Pots & pans
- Hot pad
- Spatula, slotted and regular spoons, & tongs
- Roasting forks
- Kitchen knife
- Cutting board
- Plates, bowls, & cups
- Forks, knives, & spoons
- Skewers
- Salt, pepper, & other seasonings
- Condiments
- Plastic dish tub
- Scrub brush
- Dish soap
- Small bottle of bleach (for sterilizing washed dishes, pots, etc.)
- Kitchen towels
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Charcoal
- Coffee pot
- Cork screw (Check out the TRUE TWISTICK)
- Bottle opener (TRUE to the rescue)
- Can opener (available on most TRUE multi-tools)
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Obviously, what you should bring depends on where and when you're camping. Print out this list and use it as a starting point to help make your great outdoors adventure a truly great time.



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