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In and around camp
- Tent (with stakes and guylines)
- Tent footprint
- Tent-pole repair sleeve
- Sun shade, tarp or screen house
- Sleeping bags (with optional liners)
- Sleeping pads/air mattresses
- Pad/mattress repair kit
- Pump for air mattresses
- Pillows
- Multi-tool or knife
- Daypacks (see our Day Hiking checklist)
- Trekking poles
- Child carrier
- Rolling jogger
- Folding chairs
- Folding table
- Cots
- Other furniture
- Headlamps (with extra batteries)
- Flashlights (with extra batteries, bulbs)
- Lanterns (with mantles, if needed)
- Lantern fuel or batteries
- Water filter or treatment tablets
- Bikes
- Bike trailers
- Inflatable boat with paddles
- Fishing gear (and license)
- Canoeing/kayaking gear

Clothing and footwear (If chilly nights are possible, come prepared)
- Moisture-wicking T-shirts
- Moisture-wicking underwear
- Quick-drying pants/shorts
- Long-sleeve shirts (for sun, bugs)
- Sun-shielding hats
- Swimsuits
- Bandanas or buffs
- Boots or shoes suited to terrain
- Socks (synthetic or wool)
- Long underwear
- Sleepwear
- Insulating jacket or vest
- Insulated pants
- Gloves or mittens
- Rainwear (jacket and pants)
- Clothesline with clips
- Water sandals
- In-camp sandals or booties

Kitchen (Select according to personal tastes and needs)
- Stove
- Windscreen
- Fuel
- Fuel bottle(s) with fuel funnel
- Matches/lighter
- Charcoal (with fire starter)
- Firewood (plus saw or ax)
- Grill rack
- Frying pan
- Cook pots
- Pot grabber
- Dutch oven
- Portable coffee/espresso maker
- Hot-cold vacuum bottle
- Hand-crank blender
- Bottle opener/corkscREW
- Tablecloth and clips (or tape)
- Recipes
- Marshmallow/wiener roasting sticks
- Food-storage containers
- Resealable storage bags
- Trash bags
- Coolers
- Ice
- Water bottles
- Plates, bowls, mixing bowls
- Mugs/cups
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Utensils
- Paring knife
- Spatula
- Whisk
- Kitchen organizer
- Cutting board or cutting surface
- Funnel
- Foil
- Egg holder(s)
- Biodegradable soap
- Pot scrubber/sponge(s)
- Collapsible water container(s)
- Portable or standing camp sink
- Drying rack
- Quick-dry towels
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**Food** (for more options, see our [Outdoor Kitchen checklist](#))

- [ ] Coffee
- [ ] Cereal/granola/oatmeal
- [ ] Eggs (freeze-dried or fresh)
- [ ] Breakfast bars
- [ ] Batter mix
- [ ] Syrup
- [ ] Butter/margarine
- [ ] Jelly/jam
- [ ] Bread/bagels
- [ ] Meat (fresh and jerky)
- [ ] Soup mixes/bouillon cubes
- [ ] Prepared or freeze-dried meals
- [ ] Cooking oil/spray
- [ ] Salt/pepper
- [ ] __________________________
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**Personal items** (Tip: To more easily locate gear, keep similar items in a single duffel)

- [ ] Toilet paper
- [ ] Sunscreen
- [ ] Lip balm
- [ ] Insect repellent
- [ ] Hand sanitizer
- [ ] Alcohol or antiseptic wipes
- [ ] Spare eyeglasses/contact lenses
- [ ] Mirror
- [ ] __________________________
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**Other items**

- [ ] Camera
- [ ] Camcorder
- [ ] Memory cards/film
- [ ] Binoculars
- [ ] Campsite reservation confirmation
- [ ] Maps
- [ ] Guidebook
- [ ] Interpretive field guides (flowers, insects)
- [ ] Star chart/night-sky identifier
- [ ] Pet tent
- [ ] Pet bed
- [ ] __________________________

**Fun stuff** (Search “toys” at REI.com for more ideas)

- [ ] Playing cards
- [ ] Rolling ice cream maker
- [ ] Kick-around foot bag
- [ ] Kites
- [ ] Geocaching materials (with GPS receivers)
- [ ] Paddle ball set
- [ ] Glow sticks
- [ ] __________________________
- [ ] __________________________
- [ ] Flying discs
- [ ] Puzzles (crosswords, etc.)
- [ ] Board games
- [ ] Water toys
- [ ] Electronic toys
- [ ] Boomerang
- [ ] __________________________

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