



Canoe Multiday Touring Checklist

Planning a paddle-camping vacation by canoe? Our comprehensive checklist includes required and optional gear, clothing, accessories and more. Note: This list is intentionally extensive; not every paddler will bring every item on every outing.



Canoe Basics

- Canoe
- Paddle (1 per paddler)
- Extra paddle
- Personal flotation device (1 per paddler)
- Extra PFD
- Seat
- Knee pads
- Yoke (with pads)
- Dry bags (for gear organization)
- Spray covers
- Weather/VHF radio
- Signaling devices (*whistle, mirror, flares*)
- Float bags
- Emergency floating throw line (*w/throw bag*)
- Bailer or bilge pump
- Sponges
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Camping Basics

- Tent, tarp or bivy sack
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Meals and snacks
- Cooler (*with ice*)
- Stove and fuel
- Cookset and utensils
- Dishes, bowls and cups
- Insect repellent (*plus headnet, if needed*)
- Toilet paper and sanitation trowel
- Hand sanitizer
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Packable lantern
- Credit card; small amount of cash
- Trip itinerary (*1 left w/friend + 1 under car seat*)
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Core Gear

- Maps and charts in waterproof case
- Compass
- GPS
- Matches/lighter/fire starter in waterproof container
- Knife or multi-tool
- Two-way radios
- Cellphone in protective bag
- Multifunction watch
- Headlamp or flashlight (*with extra batteries*)
- First-aid supplies (*see our First-Aid Checklist*)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Water bottles (*filled*)
- Water treatment method
- Backup water treatment (*e.g., halogens*)
- Energy food (*bars, gels, trail mix*)
- Beverages or powdered drinks
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Clothing

- Dry suit or top
- Paddling gloves or pogies
- Neoprene footwear
- Sandals
- Helmet
- Sun-shielding hat
- Hat or cap retainer
- Skullcap
- Bandana or neck gaiter
- Wool/synthetic cap or balaclava
- Moisture-wicking T-shirt
- Moisture-wicking underwear
- Rashguard
- Swimsuit
- Shorts or convertible pants
- Sun-shielding shirt (*long sleeves*) and pants
- Spray jacket or rainwear (*jacket and pants*)
- Synthetic vest or jacket (*for insulation*)
- Synthetic pants (*for insulation*)
- Synthetic gloves or mittens
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Tools & Repairs

- Sealant
- Bailing wire (*copper, small roll*)
- Nylon cord or bungee cords
- Putty
- Replacement nuts/bolts
- Repair/duct tape
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