

## Winter Backcountry Camping Checklist

Winter camping in the backcountry requires more—and slightly different—gear than a summer backpacking trip does.

# ✤ Snow Travel

□ Daypack or ski pack

□ Snowboard or splitboard

□ Backcountry ski poles

or trekking poles (with

□ Backpack

□ Snowshoes

□ Skis (with skins)

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snow baskets)

□ Crampons

□ Ice axe

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#### Avalanche Gear:

- Avalanche transceiver (1 per person)
  - □ Avalanche probe (1 per person)
  - □ Snow shovel (1 per person)
  - □ Slope meter
  - □ Snow saw

#### **Optional:**

- □ Handwarmers and footwarmers
- $\hfill\square$  Oversized zipper pulls
- □ Two-way radios
- □ Binoculars
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#### 西 至 Clothing

- Moisture-wicking long underwear
- □ Long-sleeve shirt
- $\hfill\square$  Insulated jacket or fleece jacket
- □ Insulated pants or fleece pants
- □ Rainwear (jacket and pants)
- $\hfill\square$  Winter boots and gaiters
- □ Socks (synthetic or wool)
- □ Gloves or mittens
- Warm hat or balaclava
- □ Extra clothes\*

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## Navigation

- $\Box$  Map\* and compass\*
- □ Route description or guidebook
- □ Watch

# Campsite

- □ Winter tent (*with guylines*)
- □ Snow or tent stakes
- □ Cold-weather sleeping bag(s)
- □ Well-insulated sleeping pad(s)
- □ Sit pad(s)
- □ Headlamp(s) (+ extra batteries)

□ Satellite messenger/PLB

□ GPS

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#### **Optional:**

- Camping pillow(s)
- □ Sleeping bag liner(s)
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- 三 Kitchen
- □ Stove and fuel
- □ Matches/lighters + fire starter\*
- $\hfill\square$  Cook set and pot lifter
- □ Cooking and eating utensils
- □ Dishes/bowls and mugs/cups
- □ Insulated vacuum bottles
- □ Biodegradable soap
- □ Pot scrubber/sponge
- □ Trash/recycling bags

### Ξ Food & Water

- □ Water bottle(s) and/or reservoir\*
- □ Insulated sleeves for bottles and reservoirs
- □ Water filter/chemical treatment\*
- □ Extra fuel + pot to melt snow\*
- □ Meals and snacks

## Health & Hygiene

- □ Hand sanitizer
- □ Quick-dry towel
- □ Toothbrush/toothpaste + floss
- □ Sanitation trowel
- □ Toilet paper/wipes and sealable bag (to pack it out)
- □ Menstrual products and urinary products
- □ Prescription meds (*if needed*)

### **Personal Items**

- □ Credit card and/or cash
- □ Cellphone
- □ Campsite permit (*if required*)
- □ Trail pass (if required)
- □ Notebook and pen or pencil

- □ Extra day's supply of food\*
- □ Cocoa/hot beverage mixes
- □ Animal-resistant food container(s)
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- **Tools & Repairs**
- □ Knife or multi-tool\*
- Duct tape and repair kits for pad/mattress and stove
- □ Tent pole repair sleeve
- □ Extra cord



□ First-aid kit or first-aid supplies		First-aid	kit c	or first-aid	supplies
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- □ Whistle
- □ Emergency shelter\*
- □ Two itineraries: 1 left with friend
  - +1 under car seat

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## **Extra Items**

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- □ Sunglasses\* (+ retainer leash) □ Sunscreen\*
- □ SPF-rated lip balm\*

□ Prescription glasses

- □ Sun hat\* □ \_\_\_\_\_ □ \_\_\_\_\_
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