



# Winter Backcountry Camping Checklist

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



## Snow Travel

- Backpack
- Daypack or ski pack
- Snowshoes
- Skis (*with skins*)
- Snowboard or splitboard (*with skins*)
- Backcountry ski poles or trekking poles (*with 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
- Oversized zipper pulls
- Two-way radios
- Binoculars
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## Clothing

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

- Map\* and compass\*
- Route description or guidebook
- Watch
- GPS
- Satellite messenger/PLB
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## 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*)
- Optional:**
- Camping pillow(s)
- Sleeping bag liner(s)
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## Kitchen

- Stove and fuel
- Matches/lighters + fire starter\*
- 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
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\*These items are part of the Ten Essentials systems.

