

canoe & kayak trip gear list

Canoe & Kayak Items

- Canoe or Kayak - You might even want to consider renting from an outfitter.
- Waterproof maps or maps with waterproof map case
- Compass - Learn to use it before you go
- Bow and stern ropes
- Bailer(s) with attachment clips
- Throw bag(s)
- Paddles and spare or alternative paddles
- Ties for spare paddles
- Tie down rope or straps for gear
- Duct tape - Yep, they even make special duct tape for watercraft
- PFD (aka life jacket), with knife, whistle, fire starter and leash attached

Personal Gear

- Waterproof small gear containers
- Waterproof portage packs, plastic barrels with harness, or dry bags for tent, clothes, food, etc.
- Waterproof fanny packs for survival gear/items to keep handy
- Footwear that won't come off in water
- Hiking boots - some portages can be ankle twisters (doubles for camp footwear)
- Sunhat or warm hat as appropriate
- Camp rain/wind gear if needed in addition to paddling clothes
- Synthetic fiber long undies (as appropriate for climate)
- Polyester fleece top and bottoms, (as appropriate for climate)
- Light quick dry nylon pants (zip off leg ones double for shorts)
- Quick drying light long-sleeve shirt
- Someone to tell you what to wear
- Socks - wool or quick dry
- Bug jacket and pants, if bugs are expected to be bad - check before you get there

Miscellaneous Personal Items - per person

- Earplugs (if camp companions snore)
- Bug repellent (or some Yukon Jack so you just don't care)
- Sunglasses or glasses lanyard
- Sunscreen and lip stuff
- Aspirin (big bottle if it's the first trip of the season)
- Toilet paper
- Personal wash kit, small towel
- Water bottle(s)
- Headlamp, batteries
- Pocket knife

Miscellaneous Personal Items - per group

- Sewing awl, needles and strong thread
- First Aid kit with band aids (lots for axe cuts, bear bites, etc.)
- Misc. emergency kit - signal mirror, flares, notebook, blankets, etc
- Plastic trowel for toilet

Camp Gear

- Tent - the lighter the better for portages
- Tarp, guy lines, stakes - unless you like trying to cook in the rain
- Sleeping bag and sleeping pad
- Food hoisting equipment - pulley and throw bag rope
- Dish washing items and biodegradable soap
- Water carrier, folding basin
- Water treatment/filtering device and spare filter for long trips
- Pots, cutlery, spatula, mugs, fry pan, dutch oven, kitchen sink
- Condiments
- Stove and fuel
- Waterproof matches or waterproof case and matches or lighter
- Plastic bag(s) for garbage - pack it out!
- Food

Optional Items

- GPS (with spare batteries) - Learn how to use it before you go
- Knee pads (installed in canoe or separate)
- Fishing gear (for when the bears eat your food)
- Pelican boxes or similar waterproof containers for cameras, etc
- Camp saw (or not if you're camping "low impact")
- Boat repair stuff - kept dry in waterproof bag or box
- Paddling gloves to suit conditions
- Camera, film, lenses, batteries, solar recharging unit
- Binoculars
- Therm-a-Rest type chair

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