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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
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Camping Supplies Checklist

Print this list then check-off each item as you pack it for your camping trip to a Pennsylvania State Park. You may want to bring more stuff or less stuff, but this is a pretty complete listing for a camping trip.

Reservations

___ Make [reservations online](#) or call toll free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757) up to 11 months ahead of arrival date. To insure that you get a campsite, reserve a campsite or walled tent in advance.

Packing

___ Backpack, daypack, and/or fanny pack

___ Bags - Tent bag, grocery bags, etc.

___ Cardboard boxes if needed

___ Ice chest with ice

Lighting - Check batteries!

___ Flashlight

___ Spare batteries and bulbs

___ Lantern (gas or electric)

___ Spare lantern fuel and mantles

___ Matches (preferably water proof)

Shelter/Bedding

___ Tent

___ Tent rain tarp

___ Extra tent stakes

- ☐ Dining fly
- ☐ Plastic ground cloth for under the tent
- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Mattress or pad - Inflator for air mattress
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Space blanket

Medical

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Poison ivy block
- ☐ Poison ivy remedies
- ☐ Allergy medicines
- ☐ Pain relief pills like aspirin
- ☐ Tummy medicines (for diarrhea etc.)
- ☐ Tweezers for splinters
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Band-Aids and bandages
- ☐ Itch cream for bug bites
- ☐ Mole skin (to prevent blisters if you hike a lot)
- ☐ First Aid Kit (may include all the above items)
- ☐ Prescription medicines (if prescribed by your doctor)
- ☐ Extra pair of prescription glasses

Cleaning & Personal Items

- ☐ Bar soap (biodegradable)
- ☐ Washcloth

- ☐ Shampoo (biodegradable)
- ☐ Toothpaste (biodegradable)
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Comb or hair brush
- ☐ Razor (shaving cream)
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Case or bag to carry the above items to the shower house
- ☐ Bath towel

Equipment

- ☐ Ax (do not cut any living or standing trees)
- ☐ Bow saw
- ☐ Extension cord (if at campsite with electric hookup)
- ☐ Duct tape and/or electrical tape
- ☐ Hammer for pounding in tent pegs
- ☐ Rope
- ☐ Clothesline
- ☐ Clothes pins
- ☐ Whiskbroom to clean table and tent site

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Compass and area map
- ☐ Fishing pole and gear (+ license & bait!)
- ☐ Beach chairs
- ☐ Camping chairs
- ☐ Safety pins

- ___ Cellular phone w/extra battery and car adapter
- ___ Camera w/good battery and extra film
- ___ Camcorder w/good battery and extra tapes
- ___ Money, credit card, ID
- ___ Books, radio, cards, games, toys, etc.
- ___ Sports equipment
- ___ Citronella candles
- ___ Binoculars
- ___ Field guides for identifying wildlife
- ___ Park mini-map (get one when you arrive)

Clothing

Dress for the season

Bring warm clothes in case the weather turns cold

Don't forget these special items

- ___ Wide-brimmed hat to block the sun
- ___ Jacket - As weather dictates; Eskimo style, mackintosh, windbreaker, etc.
- ___ Rain gear
- ___ Poncho - Doubles as emergency tent/lean-to
- ___ Shower shoes
- ___ Hiking boots
- ___ Work gloves
- ___ Swim suit

Repair Kit

- ___ Hammer
- ___ Pliers

___ Duct tape

___ Screwdriver set

Cooking

___ Stove with fuel & lighter or charcoal and lighter fluid & grill for BBQ

___ Newspapers for lighting a campfire

___ Firewood

___ Frying pan with lid

___ Cooking skewers (for hot dogs, marshmallows, etc.)

___ Pot or sauce pan with lid

___ Can opener

___ Tongs

___ Coffee maker & filters

___ Pot lifter and/or pot holders

___ Tablecloth

Dishes

___ Plates - Partition tray/plate is nice

___ Mugs/cups

___ Knives, forks, spoons

___ Kitchen knife

___ Mixing bowl

___ Spatula

___ Scrub pad

___ Dish pan for washing dishes

___ Container for water

Consumables

- ☐ Paper towels & napkins
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Plastic Bags
- ☐ Aluminum Foil
- ☐ Dish soap (biodegradable)
- ☐ Water bottle, to carry while hiking
- ☐ Water jug to fetch water from the pump or faucet

Food & Drink

Bring whatever food you wish, but remember that you will have limited space for food that needs to be refrigerated. Make sure that you have adequate cooking dishes and utensils to prepare what food you bring. Outdoor appetites are usually large so be prepared!

Be sure to store food in a safe location to keep animals from your food. Keep food in a car trunk or in the interior under a blanket, or hang your food between two trees.

Fresh fruit and vegetables do not need refrigeration and need minimum preparation

Kids will want to cook over the campfire so bring hotdogs and marshmallows (and graham crackers and chocolate for s-mores)

Don't forget condiments;

Salt, pepper, spices, sugar

Ketchup

Mustard

Mayonnaise

Have a safe and enjoyable camping experience!