



## Winter Snow Camping Checklist

**Note:** This list is intentionally extensive; not every person will bring every item on every trip.

### Ten Essentials (for safety, survival and basic comfort)

#### 1. Navigation

- Map (with protective case)
- Compass
- GPS (optional)

#### 2. Sun protection

- Sunscreen & Lip Balm
- Sunglasses

#### 3. Insulation

- Jacket, Vest, Pants, Gloves, Hat (See Clothing)

#### 4. Illumination

- Headlamp or Flashlight (Waterproof)
- Extra Batteries

#### 5. First-aid supplies

- First-Aid Kit

#### 6. Fire

- Matches or Lighter (Waterproof)
- Waterproof Container
- Fire Starter Flint (for emergency survival)

#### 7. Repair kit and tools

- Knife, Saw or Multi-Tool
- Duct Tape; Repair items as needed

#### 8. Nutrition

- Extra Supply of Food

#### 9. Hydration

- Water Bottles (Insulated) or Hydration System
- Water Filter or Water Treatment System

#### 10. Emergency shelter

- Hammock, Tarp, Reflective Blanket (Mylar)

### Beyond the Ten Essentials

- Backpack
- Daypack or summit pack
- Hammock and Tarp
- Snow or tarp stakes and guy-lines
- Drinking Water Bottle (Insulated)
- Ground Tarp (if needed)
- Sleeping bag (liner optional)
- Hammock Underquilt
- Sleeping pads
- Pillow or pillowcase
- Packable lantern
- Snowshoes
- Skis (with skins)
- Crampons
- Ice axe
- Trekking poles (with snow baskets)
- Multifunction watch with altimeter
- Signaling mirror (often on compass)
- Whistle

- Personal locator beacon (PLB)
- Avalanche transceiver (1 per person)
- Avalanche probe (1 per person)
- Slope shovel (1 per person)
- Snow meter
- Snow saw
- Meals (Dehydrated Packs)
- Energy food (bars, gels, chews, trail mix)
- Energy beverages or drink mixes
- Stove (Fuel Buner)
- Fuel
- Cook-set with large pot (melting Snow)
- Dishes or bowls
- Utensils
- Cups (measuring cups)
- Pot grabber
- Food-storage sacks or canister
- Para cord
- Backup water treatment (e.g., halogens)

### Clothing

- Base layer: wicking underwear
- Mid layer: insulating jacket/vest/pants
- Shell: rain jacket (or soft-shell jacket)
- Rain pants (or soft-shell pants)
- Dry clothing for camp

- Insulating hat, cap or headband
- Balaclava and/or face mask
- Goggles
- Gloves and/or mittens
- Waterproof over-mitts

### Footwear; Assorted Personal Items

- Insulated Boots
- Main socks, liner socks, spare socks
- Gaiters
- Camp booties
- Bandana or Buff
- Toilet paper + sanitation trowel
- Hand sanitizer + quick-dry towel
- Toothbrush and/or toiletry kit
- Notebook and pen or pencil
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- Permits
- Guidebook; interpretive field guide(s)
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Two-way radios
- Cell or satellite phone
- Music player with headphones
- Small amount of cash or credit card
- Trip itinerary left with friend + under car seat
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