

Equipment checklist for Family Camping in the Parks

Basics

- Tent (with floor size large enough to allow 25-30 sq. feet per person)
- Ground cloth smaller than tent floor
- Dining tarp (large enough to completely cover picnic table area and with 30' of light cording at each corner)
- Sleeping bags (with stuff sacks)
- Foam pads or air mattresses
- Cots
- Lantern (with case - spare mantles & generator)
- Fuel (funnel if using liquid fuel)
- Flashlight (1 for each person)
- Spare batteries
- Rain Wear
- First aid supplies

Kitchen Supplies

- Stove
- Cookware (preferably nesting pots)
- Griddle or fry pan
- Coffee pot
- Grate for open fire cooking (provided in some campgrounds)
- Pot gripper and/or pot holders
- Spatula
- Serving Spoon or ladle
- Knife for food preparation
- Tongs
- Plate and or bowls
- Can opener
- Cups (including measuring cup)
- Flatware
- Dishwashing supplies (soap, scrubbing brush or pad)
- Paper towels
- Plastic garbage bags
- Plastic freezer bags (for leftovers)
- Aluminum foil
- Matches in waterproof container
- Coolers
- Water container (2.5 to 5 gallon)

Food

Choose your menu to suit your own taste. Keep in mind ease of preparation. Consider these basic staples:

- Salt/Pepper/Seasonings
- Coffee/Tea
- Instant Cocoa
- Cooking oil
- Butter/Margarine
- Peanut butter
- Flour or corn meal for fish
- Soups
- Sugar

When possible, repackage above items in plastic bottles and jars to keep dry and maintain freshness

Miscellaneous Items

- Duck tape or nylon repair tape
- Insect repellent (spray or lotion)
- Sun screen lotion
- Firestarters
- Hatchet or folding saw
- 50 foot utility rope
- Warm wool sweater or pile jacket (you may need it)
- Personal toiletry articles
- Toilet paper
- Leash for pets

Optional Items

- BBQ grill
- Charcoal/lighter
- Folding lawn chairs(compact as possible)
- Screen tent (replaces dining tarp)
- Duffel for packing clothing and personal items
- Camping pillows (inflatable or stuffable)
- Day pack
- Books/magazines
- Toys and games for kids
- Playing cards/board games/lawn games
- Freezer packs (instead of or in addition to ice)
- Pie irons/hot dog forks
- Compact hammock
- Canteen or water bottle for day trips
- Fishing equipment
- Field guides (flowers, birds, trees, etc.)
- Clothes pins
- Camera gear
- Binoculars