

# Minimalist Camping

## Packing List

*Tip: One of the simplest ways to pack for camping is in large, durable storage bins. They are sturdy, protect against weather, and are easy to keep organized. We split this list into "Bins", one for each area of the campsite, and then categories within that Bin. You may need to use more than one bin for each area.*

*Note: This list is set up for a family of 4 and a trip of at least 3 days.*

### Personal:

- Wallet
- Phone & Charger
- Reservation pass/ticket/etc.
- Sunglasses

### Tent Bin

- Flashlights - 4
- Headlamps - at least 2
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit

### Clothes:

- 4 outfits
- 2 pairs of pjs
- 4 pairs of socks
- Underwear
- Swim suit, sweater, coat, etc. (as applicable)

### Activities for Kids:

- Paper/sketchbooks
- Crayons/colored pencils, sharpener
- Playing cards

### Bedding:

- Air mattresses
- Air mattress pump (check the batteries!)
- Sheets and blankets or sleeping bags
- 4 Pillows
- 4 Pillow cases

### Toiletries:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Deodorant
- Tweezers
- Comb/brush
- Hair gel
- Hair ties
- Bug spray
- Sun screen
- Contacts/contact solution
- Glasses

### Shower Bag:

- Bar soap
- Travel-size conditioner
- Travel-size shampoo
- Razor
- Bath towel (one for each family member)
- Qtips
- Nail file

### Extra:

- Extra pair of shoes for everyone
- Small fan (for air flow and white noise at night)
- Nature/reference book
- Books to read
- Pool/beach toys (as applicable)

- Hiking gear (as applicable)

## Kitchen Bin

- Large knife
- Cutting board
- Wooden spoon
- Spatula
- Serving spoon - 1-2
- Tongs
- Can opener
- Measuring cup
- Plastic bags to store leftovers:
  - 2-3 gallon-size
  - 2-3 quart-size
- Colander (doubles as the fruit bowl during meals)
- Trash bags (preferably ones with ties so you can hang them in a tree) - 5
- Paper towels - 1 roll
- Dish towels - 2
- Oven mitts - 2
- Dish soap (in a small travel container)
- Wet wipes
- Sponge
- Pan scraper
- Bin for washing dishes (large plastic storage bin works great)
- Laundry soap (in a small travel container)
- Spray cleaner
- Coffee/tea
- Small french press (or your preferred coffee-making appliance)
- Travel mug - 1 for every coffee-drinker
- Salt
- Pepper
- Reusable water bottles - one for each person
- Plates (paper or reusable camping ones - we pack paper, because the used ones make decent fire-starter)

- Bowls (paper or reusable camping ones - we pack paper, because the used ones make decent fire-starter)
- Forks (plastic or reusable ones) - we pack 5 reusable ones
- Spoons (plastic or reusable ones) - we pack 5 reusable ones
- Butter knife (plastic or reusable ones) - we pack 2 reusable ones
- Roasting skewers (for marshmallows and hot dogs) - 2

## Cooking Appliances:

*Decide how you will be cooking your food. Do you prefer to use the campfire only? A camping stovetop?*

*For simplicity's sake and to avoid buying an extra appliance, we use:*

- Instant pot (can also use it to boil water for coffee)
- Electric griddle

## Extra:

- Electric kettle
- Citronella candles
- Extra dish towel
- Aluminum foil if you decide to bake something over the coals
- 1-2 serving bowls (we always get away without these, but they are handy)

## Campsite Bin

- Outdoor outlet splitter (ideally one that splits three-ways)
- Extension cord(s)
- Outdoor string lights (preferably the kind encased in plastic to prevent breaking)
- Duct tape
- Clothesline

- Clothespins - 10
- Dustpan and handheld broom for tent
- Doormat for outside the tent
- Towel for inside the floor of the tent (for dirty feet)
- Hammer
- Picnic blanket

**Extra:**

- Hammock
- Tarp

**Big Stuff**

- Tent
- Camp chairs
- Firewood (purchase bundles at a nearby gas station and supplement with what you find at the campsite)
- Gallons of water - 6