

For Patrol members only

Leaders and Guides will need more kit



Winter Backcountry Camping Checklist

Winter camping in the backcountry requires more—and slightly different—gear than a summer backpacking trip does.



Snow Travel

- Backpack
 - Daypack or ski pack
 - Snowshoes
 - Skis ~~(with skins)~~
 - ~~Snowboard or splitboard~~
~~(with skins)~~
 - Backcountry ski poles
or trekking poles (with
snow baskets)
 - ~~Crampons~~
 - ~~Ice axe~~
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- ~~Avalanche Gear:~~**
- ~~Avalanche transceiver~~
(1 per person)
 - ~~Avalanche probe (1 per person)~~
 - ~~Snow shovel (1 per person)~~
 - ~~Slope meter~~
 - ~~Snow saw~~
- Optional:**
- Handwarmers and footwarmers
 - Oversized zipper pulls
 - Two-way radios
 - ~~Binoculars~~
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Clothing

- Moisture-wicking long
underwear
- Long-sleeve shirt
- Insulated jacket or fleece jacket
- Insulated pants or fleece pants
- Rainwear (jacket and pants)
- Winter boots and gaiters
- Socks (synthetic or wool)
- Gloves or mittens
- Warm hat or balaclava
- Extra clothes*
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Navigation

- Map* and compass*
- ~~Route description or guidebook~~
- Watch
- ~~GPS~~
- ~~Satellite messenger/PLB~~
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Kitchen

- ~~Stove and fuel~~
- ~~Matches/lighters + fire starter*~~
- ~~Cook set and pot lifter~~
- Cooking and eating utensils
- Dishes/bowls and mugs/cups
- Insulated vacuum bottles **OPTIONAL**
- Biodegradable soap
- Pot scrubber/sponge
- Trash/recycling bags
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Campsite

- ~~Winter tent (with guylines)~~
- ~~Snow or tent stakes~~
- Cold-weather sleeping bag(s)
- Well-insulated sleeping pad(s)
- Sit pad(s)
- Headlamp(s) (+ extra batteries)
- Optional:**
- Camping pillow(s)
- Sleeping bag liner(s)
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*These items are part of the Ten Essentials systems.

