

# CAMPERS' CHECKLIST

## The Essentials

Camping is not about having the latest gear, but having what suits you and your own camping style. There is however, a minimum amount of equipment you need to pack to ensure a safe and enjoyable camping getaway.

It is a good idea to create your own camping checklist by adapting the information provided here to your individual needs.

## The Basics

While quantities may vary according to the size of your tent, the length of your trip and the number of people in your group, your basic camping kit will comprise the following items:

- Tent, fly, tarp and spares
- Tent pegs, poles, ropes, spares and hammer
- Portable lights or lantern
- Fold-up table and Chairs
- Large (for storage) and Small water container (for personal use)
- Picnic rug or similar

All your camping gear should be checked before you leave. Clean it and check it again upon your return. Store all the equipment together, so when it's time to go again it is already packed and easily accounted for, saving you time and hassles.

## Sleeping Gear

- Sleeping bag, bed roll, stretcher, fold-up bed, air bed or mattress
- Linen, Blankets or doona pillows and Bedclothes

## Cooking Equipment

You don't need much cooking equipment. Most of your camp cooking and food preparation can be done using a simple kit:

- Portable stove & stand including grill or hotplate
- Pots, Saucepans, Billy and Plates and bowls
- Cutlery & Crockery
- Utensils - long fork, large slotted spoon and tongs
- Can and bottle opener
- Toast holder
- Waterproof matches

## Fireplace for cooking

Firewood and Fire starters  
Barbeque cleaning equipment  
Campfire tripod  
Axe and Extra matches

Note some areas don't permit fires, restrictions on the collection of firewood. Note total fire bans days

## Cleaning up afterwards:

Bucket or Portable sink  
Tea towel or Paper towels  
Scourers and Disposable wipes  
Detergent - biodegradable  
Plastic bags or garbage bags.

## **Personal hygiene and toiletries**

### **Your basics needs should be:**

- Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrush and Towels,
- Thongs (for showering)
- Toilet paper

### **In remote locations you may consider:**

- Portable shower and toilet
- Portable washing machine

## **Clothing**

### **In addition to your normal clothes, you should consider taking:**

- Regular footwear and Boots for bushwalking
- Rain gear, hat and spare clothing to kept dry
- Light long-sleeved shirt - sun protection
- Cold-weather clothing

## **Safety gear**

### **Safety is paramount. On any camping trip, it is important to pack these essential safety items and have them at the ready:**

- Torch
- Spare batteries for all appliances
- Mobile phone
- Mobile-phone car charger
- Maps
- Fire blanket
- First aid kit
- Compass

While you might think you don't need maps for navigation, it is important to have maps on hand. Road maps can help you explain where you have broken down. Bushwalking or topographic maps will help you if you get lost in the bush.

A fire-extinguisher is a vital part of your safety equipment, especially if you own a caravan.

For full details of what your first aid kit must contain, refer to Camping first aid