

DAY HIKING GEAR CHECKLIST

Having the proper equipment and clothing will ensure you have an enjoyable and safe adventure in the backcountry. Below is a list of items hikers should have in their daypack. The list is a recommendation only and should be adjusted based on weather conditions, outdoor objectives and personal preferences. Regarding clothing, think about dressing in layers. Your first layer should be shorts or lightweight pants and a synthetic t-shirt. If the weather cools, you will use the extra clothing in your pack.

IN YOUR DAYPACK

Clothing On Your Body		Clothing In Your Pack	
 □ Synthetic Shirt □ Synthetic Shorts or Hiking Pants □ Wool Hiking Socks □ Wide Brimmed Sun Hat □ Hiking Boots 		☐ Windproof Shell ☐ Rain Gear ☐ Extra Pair of Socks	
Navigation	Essentials	Food	Miscellaneous (Optional Items)
□ Compass or GPS□ Maps□ Headlamp/Flashlight	 □ Daypack □ First-Aid Kit □ Sunglasses □ Sun Block/Lip Balm □ Knife □ Watch □ Toilet Paper/Trowel □ Waterproof Matches/Lighter □ Water Treatment (purifier or tablets) □ Water Bottles with water 	☐ Food (bring extra food for at least one emergency meal)	☐ Camera ☐ Binoculars ☐ Hiking Poles ☐ Bandana ☐ Gaiters ☐ Insect Repellent
Suggestions for food which travels easily:			
☐ Peanut Butter☐ Tortillas	☐ Hard Cheese☐ Jerky	☐ Energy Bars☐ Trail Mix (nuts, seeds, dried fruits)	☐ Apples☐ Electrolyte Powder or Tablets