

Car Tent Camping Checklist

The ultimate family car camping packing list

Shelter & Sleeping

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| ■ Tent (family-size, 4–6 person) | ■ Battery or hand pump (for air mattress) |
| ■ Tent footprint / ground cloth | ■ Pillows |
| ■ Extra stakes & guylines | ■ Extra blankets (for cold nights) |
| ■ Sleeping bags (per person) | ■ Canopy / screen tent (for shade) |
| ■ Sleeping pads or air mattress | ■ Hammock |
| ■ Fitted sheets for air mattress | |

Kitchen & Cooking

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| ■ Camp stove (propane 2-burner) | ■ Trash bags |
| ■ Propane canisters (2–3 extra) | ■ Dish tubs (wash & rinse) |
| ■ Lighter & waterproof matches | ■ Biodegradable dish soap |
| ■ Cast iron skillet | ■ Sponge & scrubber |
| ■ Camp pots & pans set | ■ Dish drying rack |
| ■ Cooking utensils (spatula, tongs, ladle) | ■ Paper towels |
| ■ Plates, bowls, cups (per person) | ■ Pot holders / oven mitts |
| ■ Silverware set | ■ Corkscrew / bottle opener |
| ■ Cutting board | ■ Measuring cups/spoons |
| ■ Chef's knife | ■ Coffee maker (percolator or pour-over) |
| ■ Can opener | ■ Coffee grinder (optional) |
| ■ Aluminum foil | ■ S'mores supplies (graham crackers, chocolate, marshmallows!) |
| ■ Ziploc bags (various sizes) | |

Food & Cooler

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| ■ Large cooler (60+ qt) | ■ Snacks (chips, crackers, trail mix) |
| ■ Block ice + bag ice | ■ Drinks (water, juice, sodas) |
| ■ Dry goods storage bins | ■ Condiments & spices kit |
| ■ Breakfast foods (eggs, bacon, pancake mix) | ■ Cooking oil |
| ■ Lunch items (bread, deli meats, pb&j;) | ■ Reusable water bottles (per person) |
| ■ Dinner ingredients (pasta, burgers, etc.) | ■ Waterproof cooler bag (day trips) |

- Fruits & vegetables

■ Fire & Lighting

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| ■ Firewood (or plan to buy at campsite) | ■ Lantern (battery or propane) |
| ■ Fire starter / fire starters | ■ Extra lantern fuel / batteries |
| ■ Lighter & long matches | ■ Headlamps (per person) |
| ■ Campfire grate (if not provided) | ■ String lights (solar or battery) |
| ■ Roasting sticks (extendable) | ■ Extra flashlights |
| ■ Fire gloves | ■ Candles & holders |
| ■ Bucket for water/sand (fire safety) | ■ Glow sticks for kids |

■ Camp Furniture & Comfort

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| ■ Folding camp chairs (per person + extra) | ■ Camp rug / outdoor mat |
| ■ Kid's camp chairs | ■ Footrest / ottoman |
| ■ Folding camp table | ■ Camping hammock with straps |
| ■ Tablecloth (weighted/clip) | ■ Shade canopy / EZ-up |
| ■ Cot (optional for off-ground sleeping) | ■ Bungee cords & rope |

■ Hygiene & Bathroom

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| ■ Toiletry bags (per person) | ■ Towels (quick-dry) |
| ■ Biodegradable shampoo & body wash | ■ Washcloths |
| ■ Toothbrushes & toothpaste | ■ Mirror (small, hanging) |
| ■ Deodorant | ■ Portable camp shower bag |
| ■ Razor & shaving cream | ■ Shower sandals / flip-flops |
| ■ Feminine hygiene products | ■ Nail clippers & tweezers |
| ■ Toilet paper (extra rolls) | ■ Lip balm |
| ■ Hand sanitizer (large pump) | ■ Laundry bag for dirty clothes |
| ■ Wet wipes / baby wipes | |

■ Clothing (per person)

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| ■ T-shirts / casual shirts (3–4) | ■ Rain jacket / poncho |
| ■ Long-sleeve shirts (2) | ■ Warm jacket for cold nights |
| ■ Pants / jeans (2) | ■ Swimsuit (+ extra for kids) |
| ■ Shorts (2–3 pairs) | ■ Hiking boots / trail shoes |
| ■ Underwear (5–7 pairs) | ■ Camp sandals or flip-flops |

■ Socks (5–7 pairs)	■ Hat (sun protection)
■ Pajamas / sleepwear	■ Beanie (for cool nights)
■ Sweatshirt / fleece jacket	■ Sunglasses

■ First Aid & Safety

■ Comprehensive first aid kit	■ Elastic bandage
■ Prescription medications	■ Eye wash solution
■ EpiPen (if applicable)	■ Sunscreen SPF 30+ (multiple bottles)
■ Ibuprofen / Tylenol / Aspirin	■ Lip balm with SPF
■ Antihistamine (Benadryl)	■ Insect repellent (DEET or Picaridin)
■ After-bite / hydrocortisone cream	■ After-sun lotion / aloe vera
■ Antacid / Pepto-Bismol	■ First aid manual
■ Moleskin for blisters	

■ Navigation & Camp Setup

■ Campsite reservation confirmation	■ Clothesline & clothespins
■ Park map & trail maps	■ Carabiners & gear ties
■ Compass	■ Duct tape
■ GPS or downloaded offline maps	■ Multi-tool / Leatherman
■ Mallet for tent stakes	■ Pocket knife
■ Work gloves	■ Paracord (50 ft)
■ Broom & dustpan (for tent/canopy)	■ Zip ties (assorted)

■ Kids & Family Fun

■ Kids' sleeping bags	■ Bug catching kit & magnifying glass
■ Night light / mini lantern	■ Nature journal & crayons
■ Kid-sized camp chairs	■ Books & audiobooks
■ Backpacks for day hikes	■ Favorite stuffed animal
■ Bikes, scooters, or wagon	■ Baby carrier (for infants)
■ Helmets (for bikes)	■ Pack-n-play / travel crib (for toddlers)
■ Frisbee, football, or volleyball	■ Diapers, wipes & diaper cream
■ Cornhole / lawn games set	■ Kids' sunscreen stick
■ Playing cards & board games	■ Kids' insect repellent wipes
■ Bubbles & sidewalk chalk	■ Life jackets (near water)

■ Pet Supplies (if bringing pets)

■ Dog food & portable bowl

■ Water bowl

■ Leash & collar with ID tag

■ Pet first aid kit

■ Tick remover tool

■ Dog waste bags

■ Pet sleeping pad or small blanket

■ Tie-out stake & cable

■ Proof of vaccinations

■ Electronics & Extras

■ Portable battery pack (high capacity)

■ USB charging cables

■ Car phone charger

■ Bluetooth speaker (weatherproof)

■ Camera + extra memory cards

■ Solar lights for camp ambiance

■ Walkie-talkies (for kids)

■ Small fan (battery-powered)

■ Portable weather radio

■ Extension cord