



# COMPLETE FAMILY CAMPING LIST

## 3 Day Family Trip - GEAR

- Canoe, Paddles & PFDs (Can be rented at most parks and marinas)
- Collapsible Wagon (Great for hauling kids/gear to walk-in sites, or over simple flat portages)
- Container for gear, clothes, toiletries & bedding. (eg. Large waterproof dry packs or Rubbermaid bins for car camping)
- Container for dry food (Barrel with Harness or Rubbermaid if car camping)
- Cooler (pre-freeze water bottles to save ice pack space in the cooler, and have cold clean drinking water)
- Tent, Vestibule & Footprint (or large tarp for underneath tent)
- Bug Shelter
- Sleeping Pads (We use 1 Family Size + 2 Regular Size for our family)
- Large Bed sheet (for sleeping pad)
- Sleeping Bags (We typically lay out a sheet on the sleeping pad and then use the sleeping bags on top as blankets)
- 2 Large Tarps (for rain shelter, covering gear at night etc)
- 2 Ropes (for tying tarp up to create a rain shelter, hanging food, towing a canoe, clothesline etc)
- 2 Bungee Cords (for attaching stuff to packs or keeping gear closed etc.)
- Lightweight Fold Up Chair/person
- Headlamps/Flashlights (\*Check batteries & pack extras. Handsfree options/lanterns ideal with kids)
- Booster Seat (lobster style is ideal for attaching to picnic tables)
- Table Cloth (wipeable)
- Plate, mug, bowl for each person
- Sippy Cups/Bottles for little ones
- Cutlery set for each person
- Lightweight Cutting Board
- Flipper, Tongs, Mixing/Serving Spoons, Bottle Opener (if needed)
- Sharp Knife x2 (Wrap knives in dish cloth with elastic around & put in a ziploc bag together before packing)
- Camping Stove with Gas Canisters (Even if you love to cook over the fire it's important to pack a stove in the case of rain, or a fire ban)
- Fire Safe Pots & Pans
- French Coffee Press
- Oven Gloves (or oven mitts)
- Eco Dish Soap (Not for use in lake)
- Dish Cloth & Drying Cloth
- Duct Tape
- Tin Foil (for using on grill when cooking veggies etc)
- Paper Towels (In a large ziploc bag to avoid getting wet)





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## GEAR CONTINUED

- Ziploc baggies (a few large & small, Useful for keeping things dry if it's a wet trip, putting your map into, or for leftovers)
- 2 Green garbage bags + 4 few smaller Kitchen catcher garbage bags for collecting garbage around site and covering things to keep dry if needed.
- Matches/Lighters (Packed in a ziplock bag to keep dry. I pack an emergency lighter and matches in our 1st Aid Kit too)
- Pelican Case for valuables eg. cell phones, car keys, permits, wallets

## TOILETRIES

- Eco-friendly shampoo (for shower, no soaps are safe for lake use)
- Hair Brush
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper (2 rolls, in separate large ziploc bags to avoid water damage + backup)
- Portable Fold Up Potty
- Sunscreen, Aftersun
- Bugspray, Afterbite, Bug Jacket,
- Tick Kit/Tick Remover
- Diapers + Wipes (easy hand/face/bum wipes)
- Swim towels (Turkish towels pack well)
- 2 Face Cloths
- 1st Aid Kit [\\*Grab my FREE downloadable list](#)

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Baby Carrier (eg. water carrier, backpack style, comfy carrier to rock/walk your little one to sleep in)
- Sleepsac
- Hammock
- Utility Knife
- Solar Heater Camping Shower
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Cards/Dominos/Travel Backgammon
- Waterproof Bluetooth Speaker
- Books
- Picnic Blanket, Sun Shade
- Water Toys, Puddle Jumpers
- Rainy Day Activities ([\\*Check out my ideas in Part 2 of Camping with Kids](#))

## CLOTHING

- 2 Bathing Suits & UV Shirts (or full pieces)
- 2 Pants
- 2 Shorts
- 3 T-Shirts
- 2 Long Sleeve Shirts
- 1 Warm Hoodie or Fleece (hoods are ideal for extra bug protection)
- 2 Socks
- 3 underwear
- Rain Coat & Pants (or full piece rain suit)
- Brimmed Quick Dry Sun Hat
- Sunglasses
- Wet Shoes (eg. Keens)
- Dry Shoes (eg. Running Shoes)