

Winter Camping Checklist

Clothing (No cotton) – Clothes in 1-gallon freezer Ziploc bags

- Base (Wicking) Layer:** Synthetic underwear and “long johns”. Ideally 2 pairs.
- Insulating (Warming) Layers:** (wool or polar fleece) vest or sweater, coat, insulated snow pants or ski pants.
 - Shirt – long sleeve synthetic or wool.
 - Sweater – pull over. Polar Fleece or wool.
 - Pants (2) – synthetic type such as BSA Switchback pants. NO blue jeans.
- Outer (Weather) Layer (waterproof).**
 - Snow/rain pants
 - Insulated coat. A second thinner coat suggested.
- Insulated hat/cap for daytime
- Wool cap or beanie for sleeping
- Balaclava or scarf
- Gloves – insulated, water proof. Additional pairs recommended as back up – should be warm, waterproofing desirable but not required.
- Gloves liners or thin gloves.
- Rubber gloves – thick, heavy duty, reusable (e.g. designed for home cleaning chemicals). If glove liners will be worn, be sure to get large enough gloves. Neoprene rubber gloves (Big 5) are superb!
- Socks
 - Thin pair. At least 3 pairs.
 - Thick, insulating pair, plastic bag. At least 3 pairs.
- 2 “Newspaper” plastic bags – just in case inside of boots get wet.
- Boots – Insulated and waterproof.
- Gaiters (required) – (Note: In-pant gaiters or drawstrings at the top of boots are insufficient to prevent snow from entering the boots).

Personal Gear

- Duffle bag (no external frame pack)
- Sleeping bag. Synthetic recommended; 20 deg. or lower rated. (If down-type, must keep dry!)
- Sleeping bag liner (if bag is not rated to 10-15 degrees).
- Sleeping pad. Closed cell foam (best) or Therm-a-rest.
- Extra sleeping pad. 3+7 ft x 24 inch wide of “Mylar-covered Reflectix insulation”.
- Plastic tarp. 8 feet x 10 feet
- 3-4 “trash compactor” plastic bags for keeping gear, sleeping bag, etc. dry.
- Sun glasses (or ski goggles)
- Sun screen. SPF 30 or higher
- ChapStick
- Hand Warmers (Grabber or equivalent brand). 2 pair.
- Mess kit (plate, bowl, cup, silverware)
- Toiletry kit, washcloth and/or small towel, toilet paper.

10 essentials

- Pocketknife; First Aid Kit; Extra Clothing; Rain Gear; Water Bottle; Flashlight & Spare Batteries/Bulb; Trail Food; Matches & Fire Starters; Sun Protection; Map & Compass

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