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THE ALL-INCLUSIVE, OVER-THE-TOP, STRAP-IT-DOWN-WITH-A-BUNGEE-CORD

CAR CAMPING CHECKLIST

For the Happy Camper Who Wants Everything

Some campers are content to throw a pair of swim trunks into the backseat, strap a kayak to the roof-rack and declare themselves ready to go. I prefer to bring at least a tube of sunscreen, a bag of M&Ms, and the kayak *paddles*. Others find hauling their provisions in a pack on hunched shoulders more satisfying. I, on the other hand, prepare for all possible comforts when heading, in an overloaded station wagon, to a mountain campsite. Leave no bungee cord unstretched, no crevice unstuffed, no beach ball behind.

Hence, the all-purpose car camping checklist. I've scratched it onto note paper dozens of times, checked each item off as it was loaded and then used it to start the fire. May this one serve you well as the clouds roll in, the insects descend, and the marshmallows roast. Happy camping!

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Additional Items Not Included On the "All-Inclusive" List:

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A Roof Over Our Heads
- ☐ Tent/s (stakes and ropes)
- ☐ Tarp/s (poles)
- ☐ Picnic table tent or screen tent
- ☐ Ground cover

Sleep Tight . . .
- ☐ Sleeping bags
- ☐ Cots
- ☐ Sleeping pads
- ☐ Air mattress and pump
- ☐ Pillows w/pillow cases
- ☐ Blanket

Rustle Me Up Some Grub
- ☐ Matches or lighter (dry)
- ☐ Camp stove and fuel
- ☐ Small burner and fuel
- ☐ Firewood (local)
- ☐ Old newspapers
- ☐ Charcoal
- ☐ Collapsible water jug
- ☐ Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- ☐ Coffee pot
- ☐ Thermal mugs
- ☐ Creamer
- ☐ Honey, sugar, syrup
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Cooler and ice
- ☐ Pot and pan
- ☐ Griddle
- ☐ Metal skewers
- ☐ Long-handled griller
- ☐ Tongs and spatula
- ☐ Foil
- ☐ Pot holder
- ☐ Food and beverages
- ☐ Cooking oil
- ☐ Measuring cup
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Small cutting board
- ☐ Salt, pepper, spices
- ☐ Corkscrew
- ☐ Bottle opener
- ☐ Table cloth and clamps
- ☐ Catsup/mustard
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Paper cups and plates
- ☐ Plastic tableware
- ☐ Ziploc baggies
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Bear bag
- ☐ Bungee cords/rope
- ☐ Lemonade jug
- ☐ Lantern and mantels
- ☐ Lantern fuel
- ☐ Camp chairs/stools
- ☐ Crazy creek seats

"A Clean Campsite Is a Happy Campsite"
- ☐ Dish washing soap
- ☐ Pot scrubber or steel wool
- ☐ Dish cloth or sponge
- ☐ Dish towel
- ☐ Dish pan and drainer
- ☐ Clothes pins
- ☐ Clothes line
- ☐ Stuff sacks for dirty laundry
- ☐ Whisk broom
- ☐ Paper towels

Tools Of the Trade
- ☐ Leatherman or screwdriver
- ☐ Axe or hatchet
- ☐ Saw
- ☐ Folding shovel
- ☐ Rake

No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem
- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Jeans/pants
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Shoes:
  - ☐ Boots (hiking or waders)
  - ☐ Sneakers
  - ☐ Sandals or flip-flops
  - ☐ Water shoes
- ☐ Hat or visor (for shade)
- ☐ Jacket or sweatshirt
- ☐ Running clothes
- ☐ Rain gear or poncho
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Bathing suit

Personal Hygiene (Unscented)
- ☐ Toothbrush and paste
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Deodorant (unscented)
- ☐ Razor
- ☐ Shaving cream (unscented)
- ☐ Soap (unscented, glycerin)
- ☐ Comb and/or brush
- ☐ Shampoo (unscented)
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Kleenex
- ☐ Towel and wash cloth
- ☐ Beach Towels
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ First aid kit with bee-sting medicine
- ☐ Pain reliever
- ☐ Prescriptions, puffers
- ☐ Mirror
- ☐ Benedryl (liquid and cream)
- ☐ Contact lenses and solution
- ☐ Sun glasses
- ☐ Reading glasses
- ☐ Poison ivy soap

"There's Nothing To Do . . ."
- ☐ Fishing poles, tackle, bait
- ☐ Minnow bucket and net
- ☐ Frisbee
- ☐ Book or magazine
- ☐ Playing cards, games
- ☐ Puzzle books
- ☐ Drawing, knitting or craft supplies
- ☐ Pen and paper
- ☐ Football and/or soccer ball
- ☐ Bocci ball
- ☐ Basketball and/or volleyball
- ☐ Baseball and gloves
- ☐ Lacrosse sticks and balls
- ☐ Inner tube or raft
- ☐ Kites

Hiking, Biking, Boating
- ☐ Kayaks, canoe
- ☐ Paddles
- ☐ Personal flotation devices
- ☐ Dry bag
- ☐ Bikes
- ☐ Bike tools and spare parts
- ☐ Locks
- ☐ Helmets and gloves
- ☐ Air pump

Just In Case
- ☐ Campsite reservation form
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ iPod and car charger
- ☐ Camera and batteries, film or data cards
- ☐ Cell phone/s and car chargers
- ☐ Day pack or fanny pack
- ☐ Water bottle or hydration system
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Trail or plant books, star chart
- ☐ Tripod
- ☐ Survival candle, citronella
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ GPS receiver
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Waterproof matches
- ☐ Nylon cord
- ☐ Water purifier
- ☐ Survival whistle
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Head lamp and bulbs
- ☐ Weather radio
- ☐ Air horn (bear repellent)