

Everglades Back Country Camping Check List

Personal

- drybag/s for all personal gear
- clothes (hot and cold weather clothes/long sleeve white cotton shirt for sun)
- tevas/swamp-tromp shoes/socks, some like clean dry galoshes for camp
- hat with good wide brim
- sunglasses with neck strap
- sunblock (good and strong since you have no shade all day while you paddling)
- toilet paper/hand trowel/small Ziplocs
- head lamp
- repellent with deet for mosquitoes (Deep woods Off)
- repellent with oil base for noseemms (Skin-so-soft)
- head net/bug suit
- hand lotion (great after a hard days paddle in the saltwater)
- towels
- fishing line/hooks/bait
- camera/film/memorydisc
- binoculars
- book you would like to read
- small dry box (easy quick access stuff i.e. camera/binoculars/sunblock/powerbars/GPS)

Kitchen

- md/lg hard-sided container for all kitchen gear
- cooler/s
- water in hard-sided containers (1 gallon per person per day)
- prepare all food (remove extra packaging, slice, dice, pre-cook and portion out for meals)
- ice only lasts a few days so plan your menu accordingly
- stove (& spare i.e. Sterno)
- propane/gas/fuel
- lighters/matches/waterproof matches (& spare)
- oil/butter
- condiments
- pots/pans/silverware
- plates/bowls/cups
- cooking utensils/cooking knives
- knife sharpeners (metal file/sharpening stone/diamond board)
- dish soap/small sponge/scrubby
- small Ziplocs
- garbage bags (empty coolers work great for trash storage and raccoon proofing)
- kitchen rags
- hand sterilizing towels
- kitchen equipment sterilizer (10% bleach solution)
- cast iron griddle
- treats (Kalua/mango salsa with scoop chips/chewing gum, peanut butter granola bars)

Camp

- drybag/s for camp gear
- tent (noseeum-proof screens)
- tarp (place under tent not to extend out any further than tent foot print)
- sleeping bag
- sleeping pad/Thermorest
- camp pillow
- camp lamps
- tarp (cover from sun and rain on beach and ground sights)
- rope different length (tarp lines/raccoon-proofing coolers , kitchen and trash)
- camp chair
- camp table
- hammock (not much practical use but can be used some places for relaxing)

Boat

- paddles (& spare)
- lifevest
- bailer
- rope different length and thickness (boat tie-downs/dock-lines/tow-lines)
- compass (& spare)
- charts (complete set of for your trip)
- G.P.S.
- large sponge (for keeping boat clean and dry)
- machete

Safety

- trusted friend/relative (to notify Rangers Station if you do not call on your arrival date)
- extra food & water in case your forced to stay out longer due to weather or accident
- first aid kit (rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, iodine, bandages, sterile wraps, anti-histamine, Imodium AD, sunblock, lipbalm with sunblock)
- spare batteries (for all electronics/lamps)
- spare lighters/water proof matches
- all tools required for emergency repairs or adjustments
- duct tape
- whistle
- emergency strobe
- flares
- weather radio
- cell phone (limited service around Flamingo & Everglades City w/ Cingular & some others)
- E.P.E.R.B.

General

- extended weather forecast
- permit (only in person at Flamingo or Everglades City no more than 24hr. in advance)
- tide chart (be aware: may vary greatly from actual due to wind speed and direction)
- complete coordinate list to all camp sites