

Packing Tips

It may be raining when you arrive, and your luggage may sit in the rain for awhile before you can cover it (while you are putting up a tent, for example). If possible, line your luggage with a big garbage bag (or two bags, side by side) and keep everything inside the garbage bag to prevent it from getting wet.

Fold, then roll all clothes and towels for packing. They take up much less room, and arrive less wrinkled.

Luggage

Roll your sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and pillow in your groundsheet (as small as possible) and tie with rope.

Once you have assembled all the rest of your gear, find luggage that it can fit into with little extra room. A duffle bag or backpack is recommended. Remember, once you get there, you need to have room in your tent for whatever you bring with you.

Clothes

Use resealable bags to organize clothes. Keeping your clothes in resealable bags keeps them clean, waterproof, easily identifiable and organized. Either:

- Keep all socks together in one bag, underwear in another bag, etc.
or
- Put one change of clothes per bag (socks, underwear, T-shirt, maybe shorts)

Sealing sweatshirts and pants into resealable bags is also a good idea.

Bring along a few garbage or plastic grocery bags to hold dirty laundry.

Toiletries

Pack as many of your toiletries as you can in a cloth bag or organizer so you can easily find what you need, and it all stays together.

If you are bringing large bottles of shampoo, for example, pack them separately in a resealable freezer bag (in case they leak) since they will not fit into your toiletries organizer. Small bottles of shampoo should be packed in resealable bags, then put in the toiletries bag. **ANYTHING THAT MIGHT LEAK AND MAKE A MESS, SEAL IT IN A BAG.**

Soap should be brought in a plastic soap container.

Bring a hand towel to use for drying your face and hands in between showers. Travel towels for showers take up much less space, hold more water, and dry more quickly than cotton towels.

NOTE:

Keep your rain gear at the top of your bag so it is easy to get to, in case it is raining when you arrive.

Keep your flashlight, hand towel, toiletries and pyjamas near the top of your gear so they are easy to find the first night.