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Canoe Trip Packing List

Algonquin Outfitters Can Help You Plan any canoe trip from start to finish. But if you wish to do your own planning sometimes a little check list can be of great help.

You may want to see our Planning a Canoe Trip page on our website, under Canoe Trips for more in depth information.

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The Canoe

- Kevlar/Carbon** - is preferable for open lake and some river travel where you will be portaging around the rapids.
- Royalex** - is preferred if your trip is going to be more river based and you may consider running some of the rapids (skill, knowledge & experience is required) instead of portaging. For full whitewater trips (eg Petwawa river in Algonquin's North East), float bags, thigh straps and whitewater instruction & training are suggested.
- Deep dish contoured yoke** - makes portaging more comfortable. A Yoke pad also helps.
- Painter lines** - ropes attached to either end of your canoe for lining your boat down rivers or to tie your boat off at shore. (always remove your canoe from the water when you are not using it, do not tie it to the shore as this could damage it)
- Bailing bucket or bilge pump** - to remove any water that gets in your canoe.
- 15m of floating throw rope**
- Whistle** - beables so it will work when wet
- Flashlight** - if you are going to travel past dusk (around sunset)
- Paddles** - 1 for each person, shorter wider blades for river travel, longer thinner blades for lake travel
- Lifejackets or PFD's** - A proper fitting, comfortable PFD is important. It's also important to always wear your PFD when ever you are in your canoe.

Canoe / Camping Specific Equipment

- Canoe pack** - these canoe specific packs are shorter and wider than backpacking packs and almost always hold over 100 litres worth of gear, about double your average hiking pack. They sit lower on your back so you can portage a canoe with them easily and fit easy into the canoe. Often they have handles to help you get it in and out of the canoe and side handles so someone can assist with getting it on your back. They also often have side straps to adjust the volume and paddle pockets so you can put a paddle on either side if your not portaging a canoe, keeping your hand free. They may or may not be water proof.
- Food barrel** - These are recycled shipping barrels that custom backpacking harnesses have been attached to. They are very water and critter resistant (although I wouldn't say they are bear proof). They come in 30l and 60l size and make great packs for carrying food for groups.
- Dry bags** - Many people look for a water proof back pack. I tend to just put all my gear than needs to stay dry (my down sleeping bag, cloths, tent, food, etc) in a dry bag. They come in many different shapes, sizes and even colours. You can now get dry bags that are light weight, compressible, or even transparent [Sea to Summit](#) line that we also carry.
- Pelican case** - You may also want to use a hard sided water proof case (Pelican Case) to protect gear like a GPS or camera.
- Canoe route map** - It may be obvious but it is important that you know where you are and where you are going.
- Water proof map case** - to protect your maps
- Compass or GPS** (extra batteries)
- Canoe / camp chairs**

Kitchen

- Pot set – stainless or non stick work well
- Pot gripper
- Plate/ bowl
- Cup
- Utensils – knife, fork, spoon, or the ever useful spork!
- Knife – or Leatherman
- Camp Suds (biodegradable soap)
- Portable Dish Sink
- Pot Scrubber
- Cutting board
- Cheese Grater
- Camp Stove
- Fuel Bottle w/ Fuel
- Extra fuel
- Lighter

- Strike any where matches in a match box
- Tinder

Living Space

- Tent
- Tent Attic (gear loft)
- Foot Print / Ground Sheet
- Sleeping Bag – With compression sack
- Camp Pillow
- Therm-a-rest (Mattress)
- Guide Tarp
- Candle Lantern

Clothing

- Toque!!!
- Hiking Boots
- Sandals
- Merino Wool Socks
- Zip off Pants
- Board Shorts
- Thermal Underwear
- Wicking Shirt
- Fleece Jacket
- Waterproof Breathable rain jacket and pants
- Hat and/or bandanna
- Swim Suit
- Micro fibre Towel
- Stuff Sack for clothes

Toiletries

- Tooth brush
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brush holder
- Camp suds (biodegradable soap)
- Face cloth
- Micro fiber towel
- Toilet paper
- Wet naps

Miscellaneous

- Pencil
- First Aid Kit
- Leatherman or Multi-tool
- Head Lamp or Flashlight
- Water filter or Purification system
- Water Reservoir
- Sun Screen
- Sun Glasses
- Bug spray
- Bug jackets and pants
- Waterproof Stuff sacks
- 50' of rope
- Bear spray
- Bear bangers
- Backpack that fits you!
- Camera
- Duct Tape
- Clock
- Emergency Lighter
- Sense of Adventure

Other Notes