



Packing For Your BWCA Canoe Trip

When packing, remember that durable, versatile, and comfortable is the most important thing! Lightweight or medium clothing that can be layered will be more versatile than a few heavy items. Try to pack items that will serve several purposes. Avoid cotton jeans, sweatshirts and sweat pants as they take time to dry and are very heavy when wet! Shoes should be good boots or sandals, quick drying, and give good arch and ankle support. And remember, at the portages, you'll have to carry everything you brought.

Items to bring:

- One full change of clothes
- Gloves and hats in the Spring and Fall
- Two pair of shoes – 1 pair for day and 1 pair for night.
- Several pair of quick drying socks – wool is good
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito Repellent
- Lip balm
- Swim wear
- Towel
- Personal toiletries
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Good pocket knife
- Camera
- Rain Gear – good rain gear can make for a much more enjoyable trip
- Fishing Gear - Light to medium action rods are good for the BWCA. Many visitors bring two piece rods since they are easier to travel with. Fresh fishing line is also important and should be 6 to 8 lb. test. Don't bring your full tackle box, remember, you have to carry it all! Put together a small tackle box with favorites or an assortment which will provide a good base for all fish species.

And last, but not least –

- A complete set of clean clothes to leave in your car to change into after you return to the lodge and take that nice hot shower!

If you are flying you can ship items to us before your visit. Please just let us know so we are expecting it. We can also ship them back to you after your trip.

Gear we rent or provide as part of outfitting packages:

- Kevlar, Royalex or Aluminum Canoe(s)
- Wenonah bent shaft paddles/Carlisle straight shaft paddles and PFD's
- Granite Gear or CCS canoe packs
- Eureka! Timberline Tent(s)
- Holofill Sleeping Bags
- Thermarest full length sleeping pads
- Cooking kit: nesting pots, griddle, skillet, utensils, plates, cups, cutting board, coffee press
- Primus collapsible camp stove and fuel
- Cleaning kit: towels, rags, biodegradable soap, scrub sponge
- Camp sink
- Katadyn water filter
- Eagles Nest hammock
- Sven Saw
- Map(s)
- First aid kit
- Toilet paper
- Matches
- Rain/Dining fly
- Crazy Creek Canoe chairs
- Bear rope