

CAR CAMPING 101:

Car Camping Tips for Beginners



Make sure you're ready to hit the road!



We've created a trusted go-to packing list to ensure you're set up for success every time you hit the open road. So leave those cumbersome tent-poles, and lumpy rocks behind, join the car camping revolution and sleep in the comfort of your vehicle this summer.

Packing List

Here is our handy list of what to pack so that you never have to worry about forgetting your sunscreen again.

Bare Essentials

- O Luno Air Mattress
- O Sleeping Bag or Blankets
- \bigcirc Head Lamp
- \bigcirc Water and Water Bottle
- \bigcirc Snacks

Comfortable Camper

Kitchen

- Cutting Board
- \bigcirc Portable Two Burner Stove
- O Plates, Bowls, Utensils
- \bigcirc Paper Towels

Tech

- \bigcirc Batteries
- O Ambient Night Lights
- \bigcirc Portable Phone Charger
- O Bluetooth Speaker
- Flashlight or Lantern

Extended Stay

Hygiene

- \bigcirc Face wash
- \bigcirc Face towel
- \bigcirc Brush or comb
- \bigcirc Lotion
- \bigcirc Razor and Shaving Cream
- 🔘 Lip Balm
- Mirror

Site Supplies

- Map and/or Compass
- O Solar Power Charger
- Clothing Repair Kit
- O Tent Repair Kit
- Nylon Cord or Rope
- O Multi-tool or Pocket Knife
- \bigcirc Axe, Saw, or Hatchet
- \bigcirc Work Gloves
- 🔘 Small Broom

- Clothes and Shoes
- O Toilet Paper
- 🔘 Trash Bag
- \bigcirc Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- \bigcirc Sunscreen

Hygiene

○ Towel

○ Sun Shower

○ Hand Sanitizer

○ Baby Wipes

○ Deodorant

Shampoo and Soap

O Clothesline and Clothespins

- O Insect Repellent
- O Nightstand Organizer
- First Aid Kit
- O Duct Tape
- O Multi-Tool or Pocket Knife

Miscellaneous

- ⊖ Camera
- \bigcirc Pillow
- Lighter
- Fire Wood
- Outdoor Chairs
- O Mosquito Nets
- \bigcirc Sunglasses

- Kitchen
- \bigcirc Can, Bottle, Wine Openers
- 🔘 Kitchen Storage Bin
- \bigcirc Large Plastic or Metal Bowl
- O Mesh Bag
- \bigcirc Aluminum Foil
- \bigcirc Charcoal and Lighter Fluid
- 5-Gallon Water Jug
- O Pot Holders
- \bigcirc Coffee Pot of Tea Press
- \bigcirc Cooking Utensils
- O Measuring Cups
- Dishwashing Bins (2) or Collapsible Sink
- O Resealable Bags
- \bigcirc Water Purifier

Miscellaneous

- Hammock
- O Playing Cards
- Frisbee
- Gummy Bears
- \bigcirc Board Games
- Binoculars
- \bigcirc Journal
- 🔘 Video Camera
- O Camera Memory Card
- O Guidebooks
- Gummy bears!

Questions?

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WHAT GEAR DO YOU RECOMMEND? Our Top 6 Gear Recs

The most important part of car camping is your sleeping arrangement. Without it, your adventure can turn into sleepless nights and all day back pain.



Turn the back of your car into a comfortable bed in minutes with the Luno Camping Air Mattress.



In the summertime, 40-degree sleeping bags generally work well. In colder temperatures, invest in a 0-20 degree sleeping bag.



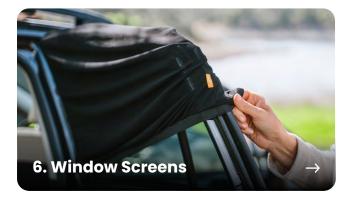
Skip bringing your pillow from home and bring a compact travel pillow instead.



The Crush Light Chroma Collapsible Solar Lantern is waterproof, collapsible, and can last up to 35 hours.



The Seatback Organizer has designated zones for all of your travel & camp essentials.



Enjoy the crisp, cool evening air with plenty of privacy and none of the bugs.



HOW DO I FIND WHERE TO CAMP? Top 5 Campsite Resources

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1. HipCamp

Online booking platform where campers, glampers, RVers, and outdoor enthusiasts can find unique outdoor stays on private land.

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2. Freecampsites.net

If you're looking for a free place to car camp, check out freecampsites.net. The interface isn't remotely modern, but the user-generated dataset is enormous and consists of thousands of campsites.

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3. The Dyrt PRO

If you're a road trip regular, we recommend The Dyrt PRO. For less than a tank of gas, you'll get access to downloadable BLM and Forest Service maps. The Dyrt PRO also offers maps of cell service–a must for remote workers operating off hot spots–and road trip maps to help you find great campsites along your route.

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4. iOverlander

Desktop-friendly maps are helpful when you're at home and planning your route, but it's key to have a mobile solution when it's late and you're looking for a place to crash. We like iOverlander, which also consists of usergenerated campsites, parking spots, and reviews.

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Want to camp on a budget?



HOW DO I OFFSET THE CARBON FOR MY TRIPS? Buy Road Trip Carbon Credits

Let's face it - unless you have a fancy EV whip, driving creates emissions and that creates carbon and carbon has a negative impact on the environment. Thankfully there are some really great organizations we've partnered with to offset the carbon impact of driving. By using our carbon offset tool, you can actually make your trip carbon positive to ensure this planet is getting more than we are taking.

OFFSET YOUR ROAD TRIP



Still not sure about car camping?

HERE ARE SOME FUN VIDEOS AND ARTICLES WE'VE PUT TOGETHER FOR YOU



YOUTUBE SERIES

Car Camping 101

Our comprehensive video guide to all things car camping and what we've learned over the years.



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Top 10 Beginner Hacks

We compiled the best hacks around to get you on the road with confidence.

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How to Leave No Trace

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