# Off-Road Camping Checklist

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**Camp on durable ground, use existing fire rings and pack out all trash. Water amounts are on the water storage guide.**

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| Done | Category | Essentials | If you have space |
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| [ ] | Shelter and sleep | Tent or other shelter, sleeping bag rated for the nights, sleeping pad, pillow | Awning, cot, extra tarp |
| [ ] | Kitchen | Stove and fuel, cookware, utensils, a cooler or fridge, trash bags | Camp table, wash basin |
| [ ] | Water | Water containers and a way to treat water | A tap or pump for a large container |
| [ ] | Power and light | Headlamp, lantern, spare batteries, phone charger | Portable power station, second battery |
| [ ] | Waste and hygiene | Trash bags, toilet kit as local rules require, soap, hand sanitizer | Portable toilet system |
| [ ] | Recovery and tools | Traction boards or a rated recovery strap, shovel, tire repair kit and compressor | Winch and rigging |
| [ ] | Safety and navigation | First aid kit, offline maps, fire extinguisher, a trip plan left with someone | Satellite messenger, two-way radio |
| [ ] | Clothing | Layers for the lowest temperature, rain jacket, sun hat | Camp shoes |

## Sources

**Ready.gov: Water**
https://www.ready.gov/water
Guidance on how much drinking water to store. Checked November 12, 2026.

**Tread Lightly!: Principles**
https://treadlightly.org/education/tread-principles/
Principles for responsible off-road travel and camping. Checked November 12, 2026.

**A general checklist, not advice for one vehicle. Check your own equipment against the maker's manual and ratings.**