

Packing Recommendations – Canoe Trips – We do NOT provide or sell any of this equipment

The following are general guidelines. Please adjust as the (hot/cold) weather dictates and the length of your trip.

Clothing Recommendation #1 – NO COTTON. It is extremely heavy when wet & it takes a long time to dry out. Bring as much synthetic clothing as possible. It wicks moisture away from your body & dries much quicker than cotton.

Clothing Recommendation #2 – Bring a reliable & sturdy rainsuit. Plan on rain. And when it rains, a good rainsuit will help keep you dry, warm, & (relatively) comfortable.

Clothing

- Hiking Boots/Shoes
 - These should be sturdy enough to protect your ankles (especially during portages).
 - Expect to get your feet to get wet each & every day, so these boots/shoes should be made of material that will not retain water (& thus make them heavier).
- A 2nd Pair of Footwear
 - These are for evening (or camp) wear. You will want to get out of your wet shoes every evening.
- Socks- if you buy the smart wool socks or quick dry socks you can get by with drying your socks out each day to use over, otherwise bring enough for each day.
 - Again, expect your feet to get wet each & every day.
- 2 Pair of Pants
 - Quick drying material – such as Supplex or Nylon
- 2 Long-sleeve Shirts quick dry is the best to go with
- **Rain Suit – jacket w/hood & pants**
- Underwear
- Broad-brim Hat (e.g., baseball hat)
- Bug Jacket & Head Net (early season trips)
- Swim Suit
- Shorts
- Short Sleeve Shirts quick dry clothing is best
- Clean clothes for the trip home (leave in the car)

Early Spring & Fall Trips

- Fleece Jacket
- Wool Socks
- Long Underwear
- Stocking Hat, gloves for sleeping with
- Lightweight Paddling Gloves (biking gloves will work, too)
- Additional “as needed” layers

Extra Snacks

- Gum
- Hard candy
- Jerky

Personal

- Bug Repellent (something with DEET in it works best)
- Sunglasses & sunglass cord for around your neck
- Sunscreen, Chapstick, Hand lotion
- **Water Purifier**
- Flashlight & Batteries
 - A headlamp is highly recommended
 - Lantern for at night
- Camera & Batteries
- Toiletry Items (as odor free as possible)
- Bar of soap for cleaning up or Wipes
- **Towel** (for showering before & after trip)
- 1-Qt Water Bottle
 - A bottle with an attached cap allows it to be looped onto the backpack
- Hair bands, comb
- **BAG or Compression sack to put your clothes in while out on the trip**
- Pillow – small and packable
- Clothes pins to hang up wet items
- Carabiners heavy duty, to clip your water bottle on to your pack

Fishing/Tackle Box Ideas

- Rod & Reel, Filet Knife
- Small Tackle Box
 - no bigger than 11x7x2
- Clipper, Hook Remover, & Stringer
- ¼-oz Jig Heads
 - Live Bait or 4” Plastics
- Rapala’s
- Your own “special/secret” lures
- Small bungee cords (to attach your rod to the thwarts of the canoe while portaging)

Optional

- Compass
- Binoculars
- Live Bait Container
- Flask

Remember, pack smartly – everything that you pack will be with you during the entire duration of the trip – every pound counts.