

ADVENTURES

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ADVENTURES IN THE ADIRONDACKS PACKING LIST

FOOTWEAR

- ❑ 1 pair of lightweight to midweight **hiking boots** with good ankle support
- ❑ 1 pair of **comfortable shoes** for general use
- ❑ 1 pair of water shoes, sandals with heel strap like **Tevas** or **Keens**, used for kayaking days
- ❑ 2-3 pair hiking socks: (wool or synthetic equivalent: **Smartwool**, **Bridgedale**, **Darn Tough**)

EQUIPMENT/ESSENTIALS:

- ❑ 1 pair **trekking poles** (required)
- ❑ 1 day **pack** (24-30 liters)
- ❑ Capability to 'waterproof' your backpack. Either a **rain cover** or a **heavy-duty plastic bag** to line your pack.
- ❑ 1 hydration system for hiking days: **2-liter water capacity**
- ❑ 1 **water bottle** (32oz) for kayak days
- ❑ **Sunglasses** (100% UV protection) w/**retention strap**
- ❑ 1-2 **bandannas**
- ❑ Small **Headlamp** or flashlight with fresh batteries
- ❑ **Ear plugs** (for a good night's sleep!)

CLOTHING

- ❑ 1 pair of comfortable supplex /nylon long **pants** for hiking (Zip-offs work well)
- ❑ 1-2 pairs of **shorts** (one should be quick-drying nylon)
- ❑ 2-3 Synthetic or lightweight merino wool T-shirts or short-sleeved **shirts**
- ❑ 1 long-sleeved, lightweight **shirt** for sun/bug protection, button up is ideal
- ❑ 1 pair lightweight long underwear **top** and **bottoms**-silk, wool or synthetic equivalent
- ❑ 1 medium-weight top layer: wool **shirt/pullover** or synthetic equivalent (A fleece or wool **vest** works well)
- ❑ 1 warm fleece/**down jacket**
- ❑ 1 rain **jacket** and rain **pants-waterproof**/breathable fabric like Gore-tex
- ❑ **Underwear** and nightwear
- ❑ 1 Pair wool, Capilene, or Polartec **gloves**
- ❑ 1 warm wool or fleece **hat**
- ❑ 1 **buff**
- ❑ 1 **wide-brimmed hat** or ball **cap**
- ❑ 1 **swimsuit**
- ❑ 1-2 changes of casual clothes to wear end of day

- ❑ Plastic, tupperware type container for lunch/sandwich
- ❑ Small dry bag

TOILETRIES (SMALL EVERYTHING)

- ❑ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ❑ Dental floss
- ❑ Hand sanitizer
- ❑ Shampoo/conditioner
- ❑ Sunscreen and lip protection (SPF 15+)
- ❑ Personal items (contact lens supplies, sanitary items, personal medications)
- ❑ Personal first aid/patch kit - Band-Aids, 1 safety pin, moleskin, Compeed (or blister bandages), ibuprofen

OPTIONAL

- ❑ 2 Pair synthetic, lightweight liner socks (if desired)
- ❑ Camera and film/memory card (extra batteries)
- ❑ Compact binoculars
- ❑ Paddling gloves
- ❑ Wristwatch/travel alarm clock
- ❑ Short gaiters
- ❑ Book, journal, pencil/pen
- ❑ Your favorite snack (snacks will also be provided)
- ❑ In addition to the normal packing list, please also remember to pack face masks (N95/KN95 recommended), a COVID-19 rapid test, and a small bottle of hand sanitizer

ADVENTURES IN GOOD COMPANY'S packing list includes items to help you be prepared for the various activities and conditions. It is not personalized, so please add the items that you require to travel safely and comfortably but remember – less is better! You may not use everything you bring; however, you need to come prepared for all possible weather. At the same time, you must be able to carry your own luggage, sometimes up and downstairs. Bringing a duffel bag or soft-sided suitcase with wheels, rather than a hard-sided suitcase, is easier for packing into the vans that will be transporting our luggage. **As space for luggage on our trips is limited, please do not overpack!**

DAYPACKS: Your daypack should be large enough to hold the following items: 2 liters of water, rain gear, lunch/snacks (for the day), sunscreen, warm layer (fleece pullover or vest), personal first aid kit, lightweight gloves, warm hat and personal items such as camera, etc. We recommend a daypack with a capacity of between 24 - 30 Liters (1450 - 1850 cubic inches) inches with a hip belt, padded shoulder straps, and 'lifters'. Line your daypack with a durable plastic bag to keep your belongings dry and/or have an elasticized pack cover that fits snugly over it. Before you leave home check to be sure that it is comfortable to wear all day and has sufficient space for all of your items. **Note: Fanny-packs and hydration packs are not large enough to hold all of the items you will need for the day.**

WATERPROOF BAGS: If you choose to bring waterproof bags for your daypack or for while kayaking, several companies make vinyl bags with good closures (Sea to Summit, Phoenix, Outdoor Research, Cascade Designs). Wide-mouthed plastic jars are good for first aid supplies and the like. Ziplock bags are handy for many uses.

FOOTWEAR: Well-fitting, sturdy boots or trail shoes are very important to your safety and enjoyment. If you plan to buy new boots, break them in by wearing them around town and taking some short hikes before your trip. For general hiking, lightweight or midweight cordura or leather boots with a Vibram sole work well. If you have weak ankles or are recovering from an ankle injury, get boots that come above the ankle– you'll find that this will give you more support in uneven or slippery terrain. Remember to waterproof your boots before the trip. Even boots billed as 'waterproof' need to be treated with a waterproofing product

CLOTHING: The clothing listed on the packing list has been chosen for your specific trip conditions and for its versatility for layering. **NO COTTON** for your active wear! It should all be made from synthetic/synthetic blends, down/down blends or wool/wool blends. Layering is the most practical and efficient method of insulating the body. Several layers of varied weight materials provide better insulation than one thick Layer of clothing. Also, adding or subtracting layers allows you to adjust to the temperature at your particular level of activity.

RAIN GEAR: You will need a parka or jacket made of a coated nylon or a waterproof/breathable fabric like Gore-tex, HellyTech, Membrane, H2No, or Ultrex. **Be sure it keeps water out.** Before making this important purchase, be sure that it fits you properly. It should be large enough to fit over all your layers. In particular, the hood needs to be effective. It should shield your face from the rain and turn with your head. Movement of your arms must not interfere with the hood. Put on your daypack; can you still raise your arms? Your wind/rain pants should be comfortable, allow enough room for your layers, and permit free movement of your legs (for example, can you crouch comfortably?). Partial or full-length leg zippers are useful for easily putting your pants on over your boots. An inexpensive plastic poncho will both leak and tear easily and is not recommended.

HYDRATION: Being able to easily access your water without assistance, so that you can drink frequently, is important to your safety and enjoyment. One method is to have a water bottle attached to your waist strap. Another option is to use a **HYDRATION SYSTEM** such as CamelBak, Platypus, and MSR bladder bags, which are collapsible water bags with a hose attachment that you drink from. The bags fit inside or outside your pack with the hose positioned over your shoulder so that you can access your water as you hike. Bladder bags can hold 1 - 3 liters of water.

TREKKING POLES: Trekking poles are required for this trip. Trekking poles contribute to your safety by improving your balance and stability, and to your health by saving stress on your hips and knees. If you are not familiar with trekking poles, [click here to read this blog post](#) that addresses the most commonly asked questions.

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