



Camping Tips & Tricks

REPAIR TRICKS

Duct tape can fix a lot of things such as a tent pole, a hole in your tent, or a hole in the canoe. A sewing kit can be used for rips in sleeping bags. Don't sew a tent hole because a stitch creates a water entry point.

COOKING TIPS

Think about cooking one-pot meals to reduce dishes and save on camp fuel. Instead of boxes of bulk foods, open packages and pack in bags or reusable containers. Freeze food ahead so it can store in a cooler.

A CLEAN TENT

To keep a clean tent, bring a small beach mat for shoes so they can be left outside. A small broom and pan makes for an easy clean-up job. Always keep the tent zipped closed to keep the bugs out.

SET UP TIPS

Choose a flat area away from trees and the fire pit. Consider the other camping equipment you are setting up. Leave space for tent lines. Look up and avoid being underneath trees with dead branches that could fall.

WILDLIFE

Keep dishes clean. Ensure the cooler and dry food is closed and sealed. Get rid of garbage daily. Keep food out of your tent, including pet food. Don't leave food for wildlife. Consider storing food in the car at night.

PACKING TIPS

Never put your tent away wet or it will grow mould. Clean stove with soap and warm water and let dry. Drain coolers, wash with warm water and let dry. Store camping gear in bins so you're ready to go next time.

Make sure children know the campsite name and number. Have a phone number for the campground so you know who to call. Bring a first aid kit. Make sure to drink lots of water to stay hydrated. Bring sunscreen and apply it regularly. "Leaves of three, let them be" is a good rule of thumb to avoid poison ivy.

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