

Camping Checklist for the Maine Backyard Campout!

While you're getting ready for your family's backyard campout, use this handy checklist to make sure you don't forget anything important. The good news is that if you forget anything, it's right inside your door!

This is a comprehensive list, so you may not need every item — though it's perfectly fine if you do!

Campsite

- Tent (with footprint or ground cloth and tent stakes)
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pads or air mattress
- Camping pillow
- Headlamps or flashlights (and extra batteries)
- Camp chairs
- Camp table
- Lantern (and fuel/batteries if needed)

Camp Kitchen

- Camp stove and fuel OR grill and fuel OR firewood and safe fire location
- Matches/lighter/firestarter
- Marshmallow and/or hot dog roasting sticks
- Pots and pans as needed
- Cooking utensils
- Sharp knife
- Plates/bowls
- Mugs/cups
- Eating utensil
- Water bottles
- Cooler and ice
- Food containers or storage bags
- Trash/recycling bags

Clothing

- Quick-drying clothing appropriate for the weather—it may get chilly once the sun goes down!
- Rain jacket
- Sleepwear
- Footwear for use around the fire and campsite—you may want sneakers or closed-toe shoes.

Health & Hygiene

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Hand sanitizer

Campsite Extras

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Field guide (flowers, birds, insects)
- Books or reading material
- Games
- Night sky map/star chart

We recognize that some families may have a non-traditional campout, and that's great too! Perhaps you can set up a small tent inside your house, camp on the deck under the stars, or sleep on blankets and air mattresses in the living room. The important part of all this is to spend time together as a family, enjoying nature and one another's company. We hope you have a great time!