

The Ultimate Guide to Summer Camping

An Introduction to Family Camping in Saskatchewan



PREFACE

When it comes to planning your summer activities, camping sure is one of the most attractive options out there. In fact, according to research conducted by the market research and consulting firm, Ipsos, camping is the [third-most-popular](#) activity for summer road trippers in Canada.

After all, getting away from your busy home life and spending some quality time under the stars with your family and friends can do wonders for your mental health and personal well-being.

From cooking your meals to pitching your tent to having fun participating in one of the numerous outdoor activities, there is never a dull moment while camping.

However, camping can be tough. It can be quite overwhelming for even the most experienced campers. Therefore, for someone who is a beginner, not knowing where to start planning for a camping trip is one of the most common pain points.

Here at CAA Saskatchewan, we understand your pain and know what our glorious province has to offer. Therefore, we've created this ultimate guide to help you ace the summer camping test.

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Chapter 1

Camping Basics



Different Types of Camping

From an extended trip across the wilderness with just a backpack to a weekend getaway at a full-service campground, there are a wide range of options when it comes to camping.

While it may seem overwhelming when people talk about the different types of camping, primarily there are two main types – front country and backcountry camping.

Front Country Camping, also known as “car camping”, is probably the most popular type of camping for families with young children. Front country campgrounds allow people to drive their vehicles right up to the campsite to unload and setup camp.

A distinguishing feature of a front country campground is that they often provide access to essential services like running water, restrooms, firewood, playgrounds and even showers.

Most front country campsites have electrical or water hookups for RVs and campers as well as disposal facilities and trash dumpsters. Individual campsites usually include a picnic table, fire pit and parking.

Front country locations can usually be reserved in advance and tend to be more crowded and attract a wider range of visitors than backcountry locations.

Backcountry Camping, is more suitable for experienced campers. [Saskatchewan Parks](#) refers to backcountry campgrounds as “areas are meant for the campers who enjoy a more rugged camping experience with limited or no services.”

Most of the time backcountry campgrounds are located in remote areas and typically can’t easily be accessed through roads. Campers are often expected to hike, bike, ski, or canoe to their campsite.

Backcountry camping is tougher than front country camping as people don’t have easy

access to their vehicles in case of an emergency or bad weather.

Knowing when your kids are ready for this wilderness adventure will depend on a lot of variables: their disposition, your own experience, trail conditions, weather, equipment, and so forth.

In summary:

Features	Front Country Camping	Backcountry Camping
Washrooms and electricity	✓	✗
Picnic tables and parking	✓	✗
Accessible through roads	✓	✗*
Needs to be hiked to reach	✗	✓
For beginners	✓	✗
Needs permits	✓	✓

* Some backcountry camps might be accessible through roads



Different Ways to Experience Camping

In Saskatchewan, we can break camping down into four main categories:

1. Tent Camping

Tenting is one of the most popular and economical ways in which families camp in Saskatchewan.



If you're a beginner when it comes to camping, setting up a tent can be a little overwhelming. However, once you overcome that hurdle (more on that later), tenting is a great way to experience the beauty of nature while spending time some quality time outdoors with your family.

2. Van Camping (Campers and RVs)

The second most common way for people to camp is in their campers and RVs (recreational vehicles).

While an RV is a motor vehicle that comes equipped with the luxuries of a mini home, a camper is a trailer that consists of basic house amenities and must be towed by a vehicle.



A house on wheels, as they're both commonly referred to, RVs and campers offer people a comfortable option to camp outdoors while not giving up on certain luxuries of living in a typical "home setting".

A big advantage of van camping is that people have a lot more flexibility while travelling.

Anywhere you park can effectively become a potential campsite. In doing so, however, please ensure that it is safe for you and is allowed by the law. Van camping keeps protected from extreme heat or cold, but owning and towing an RV or a camper can be an expensive affair.



PRO TIP:

Before purchasing a camper make sure to check your vehicle's gross weight or towing capacity to ensure it is capable to tow your camper. Exceeding the towing capacity can cause your brakes to fail or not perform at their best due to too much weight.

3. Backcountry Camping

Backcountry camping is a great way to experience the less-traveled wilderness. In Saskatchewan, there are designated backcountry campgrounds available where you can enjoy all the wonders of the backcountry with benefits of a few simple comforts (i.e., pit toilets, firewood, and bear caches).



Backcountry camping is best for more experienced hikers and campers since it involves a lot more effort. It involves spending a good amount of time hiking to a backcountry campsite and then setting up camp there. Preparation is vital, as you need to pack and carry all your essentials.

If you're looking for the purest form of camping where you can completely cut yourself off from your home life and the outside world, then this is the type of camping for you.



PRO TIP:

Always ensure that you plan your camping trip in the best way possible. Make note of the weather conditions beforehand and inform someone before leaving just in case of emergencies. Also, carry enough water to stay hydrated. Ideally, you should always carry 32 ounces or more of water with you in addition to a personal filtration system.

4. oTENTik Camping (Glamping)

If you're looking for a relaxing and easier way to experience camping in Saskatchewan, then oTENTik camping (also known as glamping) is the best option for you.



Exclusive to Parks Canada, the oTENTik is a spacious blend of a tent and an A-frame cabin equipped with beds and furniture on a raised floor. The Beaver Glen Campground, in [Prince Albert National Park](#), offers camping in authentic oTENTik tents.

Therefore, if you're looking for the experience of camping but don't want to spend time setting up the tent or hauling a trailer, then choose to stay in an oTENTik tent.

Best time and season to camp

In Saskatchewan, there are campgrounds available year-round to suit a wide range of camping styles.



"The best time to go camping is when you have the time to go. I don't think there is really a 'best time' unless you are trying to time your visit to specific geographical areas based on the natural changes that occur in that season."

- Jay Brown, SaskHiker



For beginners, take your first camping trip in the summers to get the best experience. The weather is nice, the firewood is dry, and the evenings are long.

Autumn can be one of the best times to visit Saskatchewan parks after the summer crowds have gone. Prepare for cooler nights and mornings with some extra clothing layers.

Chapter 2

How to Plan and Prepare for Camping



Finding the best campground

It's a no-brainer that everyone wants to find and choose the best campground.

However, the definition of "best" can differ from person to person. Depending on your personal preferences and the type of camping you want to do, your choice can change.

Keep your preferences in mind before you start planning a trip as most of your plans will be dependent on them. The following sections will throw more light on some of the important factors that you must consider.



Furthermore, choosing a campground also depends on the type of activities you plan to do. If relaxing with your family ones by playing board games is what you want to do then your choice will differ from those who want to spend their time hiking.

In addition to that, there are also other to consider like washrooms, proximity to playgrounds, proximity to water taps, electricity, and parking.





Check activities available

Knowing about the activities at a campground is important as it can help you better prepare for a trip. This becomes extra important if you're travelling with your family or young kids.

Some of the activities that campgrounds in Saskatchewan offer are hiking, boating, mini-golfing, biking, fishing, horseback riding, and many others. You can find more information about those in Chapter 6.

Before heading out, you must research all the facilities and amenities available at the campground so that you're not in for a surprise when you arrive.

Determine how long to go for

Knowing beforehand how long you intend to go camping is a good strategy when making plans.

1. It helps you better prepare by buying all the necessary supplies and gear you need.
2. It helps you decide the number of days you must book a camping site for. Since

camping is a popular summer activity in Saskatchewan, campgrounds are often booked way in advance.

3. Depending on the number of days you're going, you can estimate your expenses. The more days you go for, the more supplies you will need, the more it will cost you.
4. You can plan all the activities you want to do ahead of time so that you have more time to enjoy your trip once you get there.



PRO TIP:

When planning your very first camping trip, think about taking a shorter trip (1-2 days) to a campground that is closer to your home. Doing so will help you enjoy the trip more. Plus, if you forget something you can easily go back home and get it.

Booking your campsite

After you’ve determined your preferences, it’s time to book your campsite.

In Saskatchewan, campers can book campsites by visiting the [Saskatchewan Parks](#) online campsite reservation system. Here you can browse through the different available options before booking one.

Using the online system also allows you to filter out your preferences based on your

family needs, the type of site you’re looking for, and the different activities available at the park.

Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park



Camp-Easy
not available

Find Nearby Parks

RV/Trailer
available

View Details

Tent
available

View Details

Danielson Provincial Park



Camp-Easy
not applicable

RV/Trailer
available

View Details

Tent
available

View Details

Park Activities

- ☐ Biking (19)
- ☐ Boating (24)
- ☐ Comfort Services (24)
- ☐ Equipment Rentals (10)
- ☐ Fishing (24)
- ☐ General Activities (10)
- ☐ General Services (20)
- ☐ Golfing (15)
- ☐ Hiking (21)
- ☐ Horseback Riding (4)
- ☐ Recreational Activities (24)
- ☐ Scenic Trails (18)
- ☐ Sports (2)
- ☐ Water Sports (22)
- ☐ Winter Sports (11)

Site Types

- ☐ Double Site - Nightly Electric (4)
- ☐ Nightly Economy (6)
- ☐ Nightly Electric (22)
- ☐ Nightly Equestrian (1)
- ☐ Nightly Full Service (10)
- ☐ Nightly Non-Electric (18)
- ☐ Seasonal Electric (1)

Research your route beforehand

Even though everyone thinks about the location of their campground before booking it, it's still a good practice to research the route before you begin your journey.

You can check Google Maps for a quick route overview so that you're aware of the main driving route, plus all the additional routes in case the need calls for taking a detour.

It's also recommended that you download all maps on your phone so that you have offline access to them in case you lose network or are not able to connect to the internet.



PRO TIP:

Download the CAA mobile application that will help you find CAA Rewards partners and enjoy savings along the route to your campground.

Buy your park entry permit

For camping in Saskatchewan's provincial parks, you will need to purchase a valid vehicle entry permit. The permit is required to be visible on your vehicle while it is present inside a provincial park.

If you're planning to camp multiple times throughout the summer, we recommend purchasing Saskatchewan Parks' [annual park entry permit](#) as opposed to a single-entry permit.

Annual park entry permits help you enjoy any of Saskatchewan's magnificent provincial parks throughout the year.

Check out the Saskatchewan Parks website for more details about their [provincial parks fees](#).

Camping with kids



According to Annika Mang from [Born to be Adventurous](#) – a platform that inspires families with kids to get outdoors – finding the time to plan a camping trip with kids can be daunting.

However, taking the time out to plan one is completely worth the effort.

1. Make a list

Annika suggests that while preparing for a camping trip, families must make a list of everything they need beforehand. Doing so helps them stay organized and not forget to bring essential items.

2. Pack items of comfort

She further recommends that families must not forget to pack essential items that make kids, especially young ones, feel comfortable. These include special stuffed animals, blankies and nighttime stories.

3. Take plenty of snacks

As camping includes a lot of outdoor activities, and kids tend to be more active outdoors, pack a lot of easy-to-eat snacks. These will help you and your kids stay energized.

4. Pack individual bags

If you are camping in a tent, it is helpful for each person in the family have their own small bag of clothes. This is beneficial because it ensures that the items do not get mixed in the tent.

5. Have a camping bin

If you want to go camping a few times in the summer, Annika suggests having a camping bin that contains in it all the gear you need to bring. That way, you can just grab the bin and go on your camping trip whenever you want to. Plus, keeping your packing lists and food prep ideas also helps to avoid recreating them for future camping trips.

6. Be prepared for challenges

With young children, rainy camping trips can be challenging as they are not old enough to sit and read or play a board game. Therefore, to tackle such situations, parents must pack quality rain gear so that the kids can play outside in rain. Also, pack a few changes of clothes because, trust us, you'll need it.

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“Involve your kids during the setting up and taking down of the camping equipment process. True that it will be challenging, but it will also be a wonderful teaching moment. Start off by giving kids an activity to do or a snack to enjoy at the picnic table. Then proceed with setting up the tent. Then finally allow them to hang out in the tent while the rest of the campsite is being organized.”

-Annika Mang, Born to be Adventurous

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Camping with dogs

It's not uncommon for people to take their dogs camping with them. However, before doing so, ensure that you cover all your bases:

1. Pet policy at camps

The first and foremost step is to find out whether the campground you're planning to go to allows dogs. While most do allow pets, there might be some that have a strict no-pets policy.

Once you know that information, it's important to also understand the leash requirements that your chosen campground has. For example, some grounds might have a requirement that your dogs must always be kept on a leash when they're in the presence of other campers.

Finally, there's the issue of barking. While barking is a common thing that dogs do, in case your dog barks a lot, especially during the night when other campers are trying to sleep, it might be a problem.

2. Take a trip to the vet

While it's anyway important for your dog to be up-to-date on his/her vaccinations, it's especially important before you head out to camp as some campgrounds could have that as a requirement.

Camping outdoors can also lead to dogs getting fleas and ticks. Therefore, you should talk to your vet beforehand to discuss the risks involved and understand the options available so that you can make an informed decision.

Lastly, along with having identification tags, get your dog microchipped (in case you haven't already done so) before heading out into unfamiliar territory.

In the unfortunate event that you get separated from your dog(s), the microchip can be scanned at any veterinarian clinic to reunite you with him/her.

3. Pack the right supplies

If you're planning to bring your dog, then it's obvious that you'll have to bring his/her supplies as well in addition to your own. These include essential stuff like bowls, treats, towels, blankets, toys, waste bags, and leashes.

4. Bring lots of food

Sask Hiker, Jay Brown, has a few tips he recommends following while going for a back-country hike with your dogs. One of those is to take more food for dogs than what they normally eat. He says:

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“When I meal plan my dogs' food, I budget an additional 20% for their meals. I feed my dogs twice a day, once in the morning and again at night. I also bring enough for one safety meal in case we spend more time in the bush than expected. You never know when you might have to spend more time out on the trail and having this extra meal can go a long way in making sure everyone gets out in good shape.”

Jay Brown, Sask Hiker

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For more such cool For more such cool tips for camping with dogs, check out [Jay's blog](#).

5. Don't leave dogs unattended

Even though your dog might be impeccably trained, whenever you're camping out in the woods, never leave him/her unattended.

More than the safety of other campers, this is to ensure the safety of your dog. You never know how others might behave or what terrain lies out in the wild.

While hiking or walking, always keep your dog on a leash as an unleashed dog may aggravate a bear.



Chapter 3

Clothing and Camping Gear You Need



For a comprehensive Camping Essentials Checklist that you can print and carry, check out the appendix on Page 40.

Clothing & Footwear

- Long and short-sleeved shirts
- Warm jackets
- Gloves, light toque
- Moisture-wicking socks
- Light fleece jackets
- Sturdy running shoes
- Quick-drying pants and shorts
- Sunglasses
- Wide-brimmed hats
- Pajamas and underwear
- Sandals and slippers
- Swimwear
- Hiking shoes and boots
- Rainwear (jackets, pants, boots)
- Tank tops

Shelter

- Tent (with stakes, guy lines, and groundsheet)
- Fire starters
- Clothesline, clips
- Foldable chairs and table
- Sleeping bags, pillows, quilts
- Mini broom, dustpan
- Battery-operated lantern
- Extra blankets
- Sleeping pads and air mattresses
- Extra batteries
- Sun/bug shelter
- Axe or hatchet
- Headlamp, flashlights
- Life jackets or personal flotation devices
- Tarp, poles, ropes
- Helmets when biking, whistles

Food & Cooking

- Portable water containers
- Camp stove and fuel
- Plates, bowls, cutlery
- Cooking utensils, knife
- Garbage and recycling bags
- Dish scrubber, towel
- Food cooler and ice packs
- Coffee pot
- Cups/mugs and glasses
- Cooking oil or spray
- Basin, bio-degradable soap
- Tablecloth, clips
- Matches, lighter
- Cutting board
- Water
- Cooking pots and pans
- Paper towels
- Snacks and other food items

Toiletries & First Aid

- Toilet paper
- Deodorants
- Cotton swabs
- Bug repellent, anti-itch cream
- Tweezers
- Shower caddy
- Hand sanitizer
- Body lotion and moisturizer
- Basic first aid kit
- Sunscreen, after-sun lotion
- Nail clippers
- Multi-purpose soap
- Biodegradable wipes
- Bandages and skin tape
- Rehydration tablets for water
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
- Medications
- Allergy medication or EpiPen

Personal Gear & Accessories

- Camping and park permits
- Portable battery charger
- Identification documents
- Phones and charging cables
- Cash
- Tablets and electronic devices

For Kids

- Toys, board games, cards
- Bikes and helmets
- Extra towels and shoes
- Binoculars
- Colouring book and crayons
- Blankets
- Books and magazines
- Portable crib
- Scavenger hunts
- Outdoor toys, balls, and/or frisbees
- Swimming suits
- Tablet, electronic devices
- Beach toys
- Camping bingo



Chapter 4

The Journey – Getting to the Camp



Take a road trip

Camping is about having fun with your family and taking a road trip is the first step in that adventure.

Getting to the campground can be a long drive that involves a few off-road routes as well. Therefore, your vehicle should be in the best of conditions before you embark on your journey.

Here are a few simple steps that can help you enjoy a smooth ride.

1. Inspect your tires

Tires are one of the most important parts of your car. Before taking a road trip you must check your tires' wear bars – the little rubber mounds in a tire's track.

The wear bars are good indicators of the condition of your tire treads. If you see that the treads of your tires have worn down to the same level as that of the wear bar, then that is a sign of trouble.



You should also keep tabs on your tire pressure using your car's internal monitoring system if it has one.

If not, remove the cap from the valve, place a good-quality tire pressure gauge on top of the valve, press firmly, and check the reading that appears. To find the recommended tire pressure for your car, check your owner's manual or look for a sticker inside the driver's door.

It's best not to inflate to the pressure listed on the sidewall of the tire itself because that number refers to the maximum pressure of the tire and not the recommended tire pressure for your vehicle.

Don't check your tires immediately after driving because the reading may be skewed due to an increase in heat and tire pressure caused by the friction from the road.

2. Check the oil

To check the level of oil in your car, wait until your car has been off for about 10 minutes. Then find the dipstick; pull it all the way out, clean off the oil with a paper towel, and place the stick back in its cradle.

Let it sit for a few seconds and then pull it back out. The bottom of the dipstick will have two markings or holes; the oil level should fall somewhere between them.



The oil should be light brown and viscous. If it's thick and black, get an oil change right away.

3. Check your lights

Walk around your vehicle and check that your front, tail, and reverse lights, along with your turn signals, are working. It's a good idea to check your high beams and fog lights as well if your car has them.

Another thing to keep in mind before taking a long road trip is daytime running lights (DRL).

There was a time when a dim instrument panel reminded motorists that their headlights weren't engaged. However, in most new vehicles today, the panel is backlit anytime the engine is running.

This leads some motorists to assume that their DRLs are also on. The problem is that in many vehicles the DRL does not include rear illumination.

Therefore, during lowly lit times—before sunrise, after sunset, and in bad weather—you can experience [phantom vehicles](#), which are vehicles that are virtually invisible from behind because their rear lights aren't turned on.

4. Ensure you have a good view

To enjoy the view and ensure your family's safety while driving, your windshield must always be clean. Make sure you clean your front and rear windshields thoroughly before driving.



You can also clean your windshields on the go by using your car's wipers and the washer fluid.

To check the washer fluid—and top it up if needed—locate your washer fluid reservoir under your car's hood. It has a diagram of a windshield and looks like a dotted umbrella.

Look for a marking on the side of the reservoir; if your washer fluid is below this line, lift the cap and add more fluid back to the fill line.



PRO TIP:

Keep an extra bottle of washer fluid in your car's trunk because there may be a lot of bugs hitting your windshield during your road trip.

5. Listen for strange noises

A major problem is often preceded by noise, like a squeak or a bang. Therefore, if you hear a strange or uncanny noise while driving your car, report it to your mechanic immediately.

You should also give your technician a heads-up if you notice an unusual smell. A small tune-up can go a long way on the open road and can make your trip a success.

6. Ensure safety while driving

Even though during summers the sun is out till late in the night, one still can't be cautious enough. Travelling with kids can be distracting, which is why it is important to stay extremely alert while driving.

While packing your car with your camping gear and other supplies, don't let those items block your view of the road. Make sure that you can see out of all windows and your rear-view mirror.

Finally, since in summertime there is always an increase in traffic and possible obstacles on the road, always be aware of your surroundings and ensure that everyone is always buckled up properly.

For more driver safety tips, check out CAA's [driver safety checklist](#).

7. Get a CAA Membership

And finally, what goes hand in hand with a trouble-free road trip is a [CAA membership](#).

For as little as \$8/month you can benefit from **uninterrupted roadside assistance** during your road trips and have the **freedom to explore more with confidence**.

It fits your lifestyle and travels with you and not your vehicle. This means that you're covered whether you're the driver or the passenger.



The best roadtrip buddy? Your CAA membership! **Roadside Assistance** takes the stress out of driving if you need a tow or help along the way. your membership helps you explore with instant savings at fun pit stops and eateries along the way: Save 15% at Pizza Hut and Marble Slab Creamery, or 10% at Original Joe's Restaurant & Bar. CAA also has your back even when you're in the passenger's seat as membership goes with you, not the vehicle. Get more road trip tips and membership info at [caaroadtrip.ca](#)

Fun activities to do on the way

While taking a road trip does sound fun, there might be a few people who don't look forward to it because of the long driving hours involved or the feeling of getting bored.

Here are a few ideas for some fun activities that you can do with your family while on the road:

1. Road trip bingo

For all bingo fans out there, we have some good news for you. We have created a special road-trip version of bingo for you to enjoy with your family while on the road.

Check out **CAA's Road Trip Kids Bingo** in the appendix on Page 42.

2. Listen to audiobooks

If you love reading books, then listening to audiobooks during a road trip can be a fun activity.

One of the biggest benefits of audiobooks is that your whole family can listen to them together and stay engrossed. You might even consider choosing a kids-friendly topic for an audiobook.

It's one of those very few activities where the driver of the car can also participate without having to divert their attention from the road.

3. Play games

We're sure if you Google the phrase "road trip car games" you'll be able to find a pretty comprehensive list of games that you can play while on a road trip.

Some of our recommendations for all-time classics are:

(a) **I spy** – A classic game to play if travelling with kids where one player (the spy) chooses an object within sight and gives others clues to guess what it is.

(b) **Alphabet game** – Spot items on the road that begin with letters of the alphabet from a to z.

(c) **License plate game** – Look for out-of-province license plates on the road. The first person to spot five in a row wins.

(d) **Card games** – Even though the driver won't be able to participate, it's still fun for others.

(e) **Atlas game** – Start by choosing any random country, state, or city. Then the next person in line must name a country/state/city beginning with the last letter of the previous pick.

(f) **Name that tune** – Guess the names of the songs that play on the radio. The first person to name five songs in a row wins.

4. Watch a movie or a show

It's a good idea to carry tablets or other electronic devices with you during a road trip.

If the kids begin to get bored, you can allow them to watch a movie or their favorite TV show. Remember to download those shows for offline viewing in case you lose network connection.

Again, this is one of those activities where the driver of the vehicle will not be able to participate.



Chapter 5

Setting Up Your Camp



Pitch your tent

While the process of pitching a tent might look challenging to beginners, it can be mastered with patience and practice. Here are a few tips for pitching your tent:

1. Look for the flattest spot

When looking for a pitching spot, try to choose the flattest possible spot. Doing so will ensure that your tent is always stable and you're able to enjoy a good sleep.

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“A common mistake that people make is not looking for the highest spot at the campsite. Due to this, if they set up their tents at a lower spot then the area might flood up if, and when, it rains.”

-Jay Brown, SaskHiker

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If, however, you're not able to find a flat spot and are only able to find an inclined one, make sure that your head always remains on the elevated part of the ground.

Furthermore, always be prepared in case it rains as well (more on that later). Sask Hiker, Jay Brown, feels that's one of the most common mistakes people make.





2. Clean the area

Clean the area where you plan to pitch your tent. Keep an eye out for sharp rocks or twigs as those can damage the base of your tent. You can either remove them or move your tent to a better location.

It's also a good practice to be aware of the area surrounding your tent. If you notice a lot of fallen branches or twigs, it could be a sign that the trees nearby shed a lot.

Setting up a tent next to a puddle of water can attract bugs and flies, which is never pleasant. It can also mean that the area tends to flood up whenever it rains. Therefore, it might be better to pitch your tent elsewhere.

3. Stake your tent

Even though weather forecasts give us a good idea about how the weather will be for the duration of your camping trip, you never know when a sudden gush of wind might uproot your tent.

Therefore, always stake your tent irrespective of the weather conditions.

A tent stake is a spike made from wood, metal, or plastic that is used to hold a tent firmly to the ground. It can be hooked to a tent's ropes and then be pushed or driven into the ground to ensure stability.

4. Store things properly inside

Just because the tent will be your personal space, it doesn't mean that animals can't get in. Mice and other four-legged creatures can easily get into your tent to investigate what you have.

Therefore, store things like food and smaller items (lotions, toothpaste, etc.) properly because you never know what animals may smell and want to investigate.

Saskatchewan also has a healthy population of black bears who look for food in the summers and are attracted to new scents. It's for these reasons that campers often see bears wander through their campgrounds.

According to the Government of Saskatchewan, “bears lose their natural fear of humans once they have been fed by them. When bears start to associate their food with humans, they become a nuisance and a public safety concern.”



PRO TIP:

Avoid keeping food in your tent. Instead, store it along with other cooking items in your car or storage bins. Proper food storage, cooking methods, and garbage handling are essential for safe camping in bear country.

Set up your sleeping area

Once you have finished setting up the tent, the next step is to set up your sleeping area.

Begin with first inflating your sleeping pads and laying them down on the base of the tent. Depending on your preferences, you can also choose to purchase self-inflating sleeping pads.

Then it's time to place your sleeping bags on top of the pads. Once that is done, place your pillows at the head of the sleeping bag and have your clothing and other items stowed by your feet.

Keep a bag of necessary items like headphones, toiletries, phones, books, etc. next to your pillow for easy access when you're all tucked in.

Always stay dry and warm

While camping, it's important that you always maintain optimum body temperature. A great way to ensure that is to pack well when it comes to clothes.

Always have some nice warm clothing handy if the weather turns cool. Pack extra



insulated jackets as you never know when it might get cold at night or around the campfire.

In case your trip happens to be during cold or wet weather conditions, check out our detailed section below on Page 27 on how to tackle those conditions.

Online Availability	Campground	State	Has Sites With	Photo
Enter Date	Blackstrap Provincial Park	SK Map	15/30 	
Enter Date	Bronson Forest Recreation Site	SK Map	15/30 	
Enter Date	Buffalo Pound Provincial Park	SK Map	30/30 	

Electricity hookups

Even though the idea of camping means getting away from the hustle of everyday life and leaving the luxuries of home behind, living without electricity can be a big challenge.

The good news is that you don't have to. Most front country campgrounds in Saskatchewan offer campers the luxury of an electrical hookup so you can power smaller devices.

It's just a matter of finding out which ones do, and which ones don't. The Saskatchewan Parks' online camping system is a great source to get that information.

Lighting a fire

The first and foremost rule when it comes to building a campfire is that it must only be built at a designated fire pit that is well away from any type of plantation, grass, or trees.

In addition to that, always keep a bucket of water handy nearby as a safety measure.

To build the fire, you can either use some store-bought fire starters, old newspapers, or cardboard eggshell cartons as they easily help the firewood catch fire. Do not use anything made of plastic.

If you find kindling (small sticks or twigs) around your fire pit area, you can also use that to start the fire. Keep adding more firewood to the pit to keep the fire going as long as you want.

At the end of the night, whenever you leave the site, always be sure the fire is fully out.

To put out the fire, gradually start pouring water on the fire and stir the burnt wood around. You must pour enough water so that the fire is completely extinguished, but not so much that it floods the fire pit and makes it impossible for use in the future.

When it comes to storing firewood, always store it in such a location where it remains dry. This can be either under (or inside) your car or in a plastic bag.



PRO TIP:

Occasionally due to extreme fire hazards, the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport will issue restrictions on open fires in provincial parks and recreation sites. Always check beforehand with the park authorities about existing fire bans. You can also visit the Saskatchewan Parks website for info.



Food & Cooking

As obvious as it may sound, you must never cook food inside your tent. Always cook outdoors and always be prepared to cook under a tarp or in a covered area in case it rains.

There are two ways to cook food while camping:

1. Over the stove

In the case of front country camping, you can carry a portable cooking stove or a small portable barbeque with you and cook food almost similarly as you would at home.



In the case of backcountry camping, carrying a big portable stove might not be a possibility. Therefore, you might have to either carry a smaller portable fuel stove or just cook your food over the fire using a grill.

2. Over the fire

In case you're camping in the backcountry, you can cook your food in the open over a fire using a grill.

There might be some backcountry campsites where a grill might be present beforehand on the fire pit; however, it's always a good idea to carry your own portable grill as well.

When it comes to easy-to-eat food options, Annika Mang, from Born to be Adventurous, recommends the following food options for families camping with their kids:

Pasta with meat sauce – This has been their go-to food option. She suggests that you can pre-make the meat sauce ahead of time or freeze it to make it an ice pack for a few



days until you are ready to make the meal at camp.

Vegetable curries – Vegetable curries are also another easy-to-make option while camping as you will only need to use two pots and beans do not need to be kept cold.

In addition to these, she also recommends tacos, foil dinners that include sausages, perogies, vegetables, and hot dogs and kraft dinners.

Bush pies – According to Saskatchewan Parks, *“bush pies are the best thing to make on the last day of a camping trip because they’re a perfect way to use up any leftovers you have.”*

Apart from these, other options include canned foods such as corn, beans, fruits, and soups. Options like sandwiches and finger food are also very handy and easy to prepare.

For a successful camping trip where you don’t run into issues regarding food, here are a few tips:

1. Prepare a meal plan

Before you embark on your camping trip, prepare a robust meal plan for you and your family that will help you understand the quantity and type of food you need to carry.

This will also ensure that you don’t run out of food while camping as your meal plan will take into consideration all the meals you plan to eat for the entire duration of your trip.

Save this meal plan along with your other lists for future reference when planning your next trip.

2. Think of a balanced diet

Just because you’re not eating at home doesn’t mean that you can’t take care of yourself. Your body still needs the right nutrients to be healthy, especially if you’re exerting extra energy outdoors.

While packing food, ensure that you cover all the basic food groups like proteins, carbohydrates, minerals, vitamins, and fats.

3. Pack emergency meals

Even though you already have a solid meal plan that tells you what and how much you need to eat each day, it’s a good idea to pack emergency meals or snacks as a contingency.

This will cover your bases in case of food spoilage or in case you have to stay out longer than expected.

4. Carry plenty of water

Keeping yourself hydrated while camping is of the utmost importance. Outdoor activities like hiking, trailing, biking, etc. take a lot of energy, and having plenty of water at your disposal is a good idea.

In Saskatchewan, there is no potable water available at the backcountry campsites. Therefore, campers must either carry plenty of water with them or have their own personal water filtration systems.

Camping in the rain

Here are a few tips and tricks on how to save the day and camp in cold and wet weather conditions.

1. Choose an elevated campsite

While choosing the flattest surface is a good tip for those planning to set up camps during normal weather conditions, choosing an elevated campsite is the best idea when camping in the rain.

The reason for that is quite simple. If it rains while you're camping, the water will always flow away from your tent and not create a puddle right outside.



PRO TIP:

Do not set up your tent right underneath a tree. The constant dripping of water might sound serene at first, but we're pretty sure it'll turn irritating very soon. Plus, there's also the grim chance of a branch breaking and falling on your tent in case of a thunderstorm.

2. Use a tarp over your tent

It's a good practice to carry extra tarps with you when you're camping.

Rainwater has the potential to create muddy conditions in front of your tent. Therefore, to save yourself from such circumstances, you can hang a tarp in a "A" angle over your tent.

Doing so will ensure that whenever it rains, the water slides down from either side of the tarp on the sides instead of accumulating in front of your tent and ruining your mood.

3. Make proper sleeping arrangements

In addition to having a tarp over your tent, also use one underneath your tent. This will safeguard your tent from flooding from the

ground below and allow you to sleep peacefully.

It's also a good idea to use more than one sleeping pad for your mattresses. This will help keep you warm by shielding you from the cold earth below.

Finally, there's also the option of using a bivy bag while sleeping. A bivy bag or a bivy sack (short for bivouac sack) is a single-person, small-sized shelter that provides an additional layer of protection.



PRO TIP:

Put your sleeping bag inside the bivy bag to give yourself some extra warmth and avoid any water from dampening your sleeping bag.

4. Have waterproof clothing

Carrying waterproof clothing options is a must if rain is going to be a big factor during your camping trip.

Not only does this help you enjoy your trip better by allowing you to move around freely, but it also helps maintain your body temperature in case you get wet or cold.

Ensure that you always carry good-quality rain jackets and pants with you. Such clothes, made of polyester and quick-dry synthetics, can dry up quickly in case you get wet. **Cotton clothes are a bad choice when camping in the rain because once cotton gets wet it stays wet.**

In addition to that, waterproof shoes and socks are highly recommended as well because walking all day with wet shoes might not seem to be a problem but will surely be a problem at the end of a long day.

5. Bring plastic or Ziploc bags

Let's be honest. Even if it's raining while you're camping, you do not plan to spend the entire time couped up inside your tent. After all, you came out for an adventure, and walking in the rain is just that.

The best way to enjoy a walk in the rain is to be prepared for it. Carry plenty of plastic or Ziploc bags with you so that you can save important things like your phones, IDs, and cash from getting wet.

Furthermore, also carry some big plastic bags with you so that you have the option to store your wet shoes, jackets, and clothes in them after a walk. Doing so will not dampen the tent interiors.



PRO TIP:

While inside your tent, store important items in plastic or Ziploc bags so that you're always protected in case your tent leaks from the top or floods from the bottom.

6. Take the right type of food

During camping in cold and wet weather conditions, you must always keep your body temperature warm. A great way to do so is to increase your intake of calories.

Having easy-to-eat food options is a good idea to not only keep your body temperature warm but also make you feel good. Who wouldn't feel good drinking a sizzling cup of hot chocolate after a pristine walk in the rain, right?

Apart from that, there are always easy-to-eat food options like granola bars, hummus and veggie sticks, nutty berry trail mix, stacked crackers, etc.

7. Bring plenty of games

When it's raining, you might want to be adventurous and think about venturing out, but let's face it – not being able to get out of your tent is surely a plausible scenario.

In such instances, don't let that dampen the camp mood. It's a good idea to carry plenty of games and other such items with you to turn a gloomy, rainy day into a fun-filled experience.



Cards are a great option to take with you as they're convenient to carry and easy to handle during messy, rainy situations. Portable board games are great too.

8. Carry extra clothes

Again, regardless of maintaining all the necessary precautions, you must be prepared to entertain the worst-case scenarios. In this case, let's assume that all your clothes get wet.

To tackle such a situation, it's always advisable to carry an extra set of clothes, more than what you would generally carry under normal camping conditions.

As mentioned before, it's imperative that you maintain your body temperature in cold and wet conditions and, therefore, always have dry clothes to ensure you're warm and safe.

9. Keep dry firewood handy

Having dry firewood handy at all times is a must while camping in the rain. The lesser the moisture in the wood, the faster it will catch fire. A campfire after the rain stops is a great way to enjoy camping.

Depending on the type of camping, you can be prepared accordingly. In the case of front country camping, you can store the firewood either inside your car or underneath it if the parking is covered. In the case of backcountry camping, store all firewood in a big plastic bag or under a tarp.



PRO TIP:

Buy firewood and store it in a plastic bag before you leave for the campsite because it might be possible that the firewood at camp is already wet when you arrive. Once at the campsite, you can grab the wet firewood and stack it near your campfire to dry while you use the purchased wood.

10. Have a positive attitude

Finally, the key to enjoying any bad situation is to always have a positive attitude.

The rain might play spoilsport during your trip but staying positive will always help you overcome bad experiences.

Having fun and spending time with your family is what the trip is all about and there are plenty of ways to do so. From camping activities to board games to scavenger hunts, the possibilities are endless.



Chapter 6

Things to Do During Camping



Fun activities to do

There are plenty of activities for you to engage in while camping. These can vary from those that require you to be highly active to those that are more relaxed.

Depending on what your preferences are, here are a few things to try:

1. Hit the lake

One of the benefits of camping during the summer is that you can enjoy taking a dip at a nearby lake. Take your kids for a quick swim but make sure that you do so in a safe manner.

Always use swim noodles or life jackets in case you're not confident in your swimming capabilities.

Apart from that, camping near a lake also opens the door for many water-related activities like fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, and paddling using a stand-up board.

You must maintain all the necessary safety precautions while participating in these water-related activities. Carry life jackets, wear proper swimsuits, and inform someone before you head in.



PRO TIP:

Since a lake can get cold fast on a hot day, keep an eye out for signs of hypothermia. Water draws the heat out of your body ten times faster than air. So, if your teeth start to chatter it's a sign that you must get out of the water and warm yourself under the sun.

2. Hiking

Hiking is one of the most common activities among campers that allows you to explore in-depth the scenery around your campsite while spending some quality time amidst nature.

Before heading out, check out all the different types of trails present in the park you're camping at.

This also includes information related to the total distance you will have to walk, the time it will take for you to complete the trail, and finally the level of difficulty of that trail.

Carry plenty of water with you while hiking as it's a good idea to keep your body hydrated. Plus, it never hurts to carry some easy-to-eat snacks like granola bars or protein bars to keep yourself energized.

Again, if you can, inform others of your excursion as a precautionary safety measure.



PRO TIP:

While on the trails there's a good chance that your cellphone coverage will be limited. Therefore, do not rely on your phone as a map. Also, review all wildlife-related information that the park authorities might have put out before starting.



3. Biking

Biking is another great way for you to explore the park. There are many cycling trails present near a campsite for you to check out. You can also just enjoy a casual pedal with your kids.

Maintain all safety precautions while biking on the park trails. Always wear a helmet, check the air in your tires, check your brakes and chain, and never stray away from the designated trails.

4. Play cards or board games

Playing board games or cards can be fun for the whole family to enjoy together while camping. Games like Uno, Jenga, Crazy Eights, and Go Fish are some popular options that don't take a lot of space.

There's also the option of keeping kids busy during downtime by keeping them engaged in their activity books which include reusable water painting books, Sudoku, or dot-to-dot books.

A key benefit of board games or card games is that they can be played indoors as well, which makes them a great means to have fun in case it rains.

5. Play a sport or an outdoor game

If you're camping in a group, you can take the opportunity to play a type of organized sport or an outdoor game. Some options include ultimate frisbee, disc golf, football, cornhole, etc.

Some campgrounds might even have dedicated playing areas like a volleyball court or a tennis court, which campers and their families can utilize to have fun during the day.

For kids to have a good time, you can also try your hand at mini-golfing.

6. Park Activity Kits

Some Saskatchewan parks might offer Park Activity Kits (P.A.Ks) to families. These can be found at their visitor centers. The kits of-



fer campers a safe way to explore and learn about nature and landscapes.

The kits include crayons, arts & crafts, DIYs, camping bingos, animal word searches, etc. There's also the option of engaging kids in scavenger hunts (check out the appendix on Page 41 for CAA's Camping Scavenger Hunt).

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“Little kids love having a pail, shovel, and water to play with at the campsite. On those really hot summer days, a small blow-up pool can be entertaining as well. Just make sure your campsite has water nearby that is accessible.”

-Annika Mang, Born to be Adventurous

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7. Check out the visitor center

Speaking of visitor centers, you can check out the park visitor center as well while spending time at the campground and learn more about the park and its history.

Plus, there might be displays about the different types of flora and fauna present in the park.



8. Read books

If your children can read, then a good book can also be a great way to pass the time.

Camping is supposed to be an escape, and for those who love it, what better way to relax than to read a book in the calmness of nature while enjoying the serene views nearby.

9. Cook

While camping, you may have a little more time on your hands when cooking as opposed to cooking at home. This can be a great opportunity to go all out and cook something big for your family.

You can also turn it into a fun-filled family activity where the kids can act as little helper sous-chefs.

Roasting marshmallows over the fire or making rainy-day s'mores is also a good way to spend quality time with your family.

10. Geocaching

If you're interested in finding hidden treasures, geocaching is the activity for you.



Geocaching is a modern-day treasure hunt, where people use their GPS (global positioning system) to find the unique natural and cultural heritage of the parks that they're camping in.

This is a fun and educational activity, especially for kids, where they use the latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates to locate the hidden "cache," which is a small box with a logbook to record their visit.

11. Bird watching or wildlife viewing

Seeing wild creatures in their natural environment is a big highlight while visiting campgrounds. In Saskatchewan, many parks offer you the chance to see different types of birds and wildlife animals.

These include red squirrels, stag whitetail deer, and birds like ospreys. An important thing to keep in mind is to be mindful while watching the wildlife and not disturb their natural habitat.

12. Stargazing

Finally, you can engage yourself in stargazing during the night. If you're camping in the northern parks of Saskatchewan, you can also catch a glimpse of the Aurora Borealis (northern lights).

Even if you're not able to watch the northern lights come out and dance, you can still enjoy the mesmerizing view that the twinkling stars in the sky have to offer.

Living in bear country

The American black bear is one of the largest animals found in Saskatchewan. During spring and summer, black bears frequently move around to establish new territory and look for food.

In most cases, a black bear will only threaten you and not attack. However, you must still always be careful and take the necessary safety precautions while camping and enjoying other outdoor activities.

According to the Government of Saskatchewan, in case you encounter a bear, do the following:

1. Stay calm

If you come face-to-face with a bear, your first instinct will always be to run away. It's natural to panic; however, DO NOT RUN because you won't be able to outrun the bear.

2. Slowly back away

Do not look directly at the bear. However, do not look completely away as well. Keeping the bear in your peripheral vision, calmly back away. If you must speak, do so in low tones.

3. Make a wide detour

In case you see a bear at a distance, do not approach it or try to get close and click a photograph. Make a wide detour and get away as far as possible.

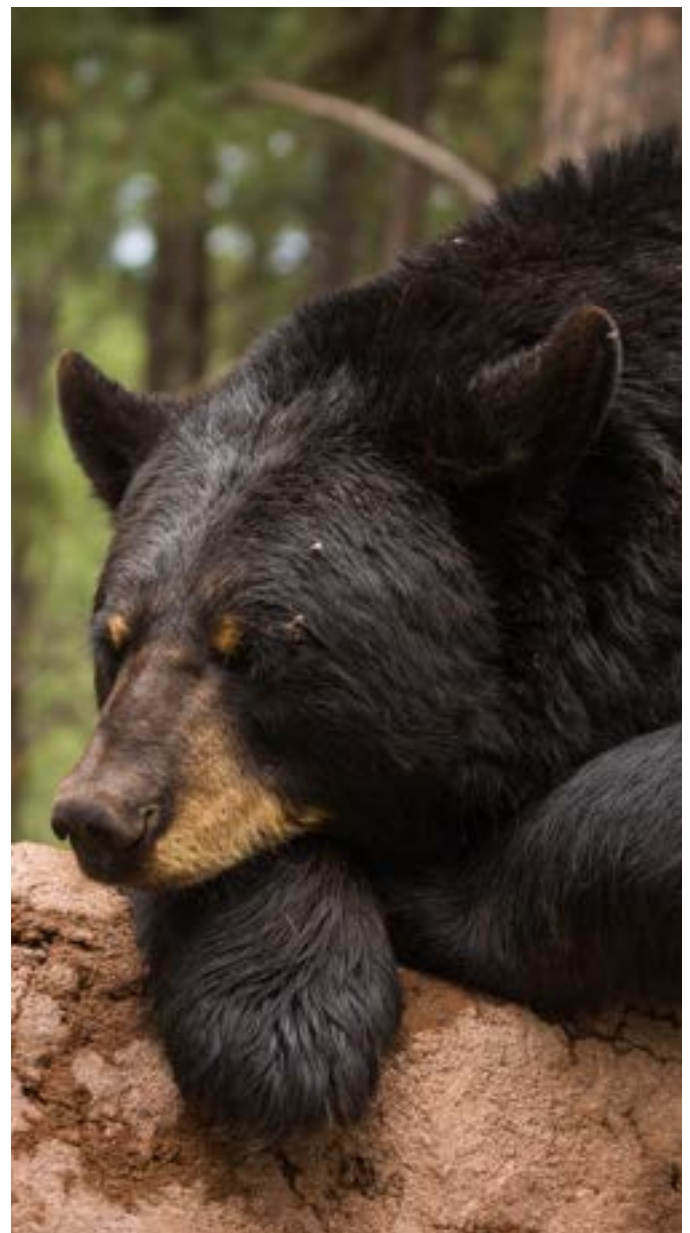
4. Find a tree or a rock

If the bear is approaching you, get behind a tree or a big rock so that it is between you and the bear. Please note that climbing a tree will not help because black bears can easily climb trees.

5. Defend yourself

In the unfortunate event that the bear attacks you and no escape is possible, DO NOT PLAY DEAD and try to defend yourself.

To know more in-depth about bear safety guidelines, download the official [living in bear country factsheet](#) from the Government of Saskatchewan website.



How to prepare for emergencies

A camping trip is supposed to be fun. However, mishaps can happen and therefore one must always be prepared to handle all types of emergencies.

1. Emergency facilities

Whenever you reach a campground, make sure to find out about the emergency services present there. Keep in mind where the nearest medical facility is and map out a route to it.

Being prepared beforehand and having important information about the available resources will reduce panic and help you save time in case of an emergency.

2. Travel plan

Before heading out to the campground, share your plans with a friend, a family member, or anyone else you trust. This way in case the need calls for it, they can alert the authorities.

Share your entire trip itinerary with them so that they can always know your exact location.

3. Keep your phone handy

There might be campers who choose not to



PRO TIP:

As soon as you arrive at the campground, check for cellphone service. Some remote camps might not have coverage and, therefore, it is better to know that before an emergency arises.

carry their phones while camping because they either consider it a distraction or want to fully disconnect from the outside world.

However, always keep your phone handy with you. This also includes the time when you engage yourself in outdoor activities like hiking, trailing, etc.

In case of an emergency, you can use it to alert the park authorities immediately.

4. First-aid kit

Always pack a complete first-aid kit before a camping trip. Remember to replenish it for missing essential items before the start of a trip. Plus, don't forget to pack your prescription medication as well. The best-case scenario of taking a first-aid kit is to be in a position where you either never use it or use it very minimally like an occasional headache medication or band-aids for small cuts and scrapes.



5. Check weather conditions

In Saskatchewan, severe weather conditions can often develop during the summers. Thunder, lightning, hail, and even tornadoes can develop quickly and have the potential to be extremely dangerous.

Therefore, before heading out to a campground, and even while you're there, keep an eye on the skies and keep checking the weather conditions at regular intervals.

To learn more in-depth about summer weather safety, check out the Government of Saskatchewan's website for their [provincial park safety guidelines](#).

Practice responsible camping

While camping, it's important to remember that there are other campers at the campsite as well.

Therefore, be responsible while camping and follow all the necessary etiquette so that everyone enjoys their time there. Some of the crucial things to note are:

1. Play music at low volumes

Camping is often an escape for people, who make trips to nature to get away from their busy everyday life. It's important to respect that and not disturb their peace by listening to music at loud volumes.

Campers should respect the "quiet hours" in a campground that are usually posted at the park or communicated through informational materials received at the campground entrance.

All music must be kept to a minimum and should not be playing while hiking on trails. Playing music while hiking can scare away the wildlife, which many people might be on the lookout for on their hike.

On the other hand, it's a good practice to constantly be talking with your fellow campers or hikers as loud noises can keep black bears away from you.

2. Keep all pets on a leash

Not everyone is a pet person. There might be campers who are either afraid or allergic to pets. Therefore, you must always keep your pets on a leash, unless there is a designated off-leash area.

Furthermore, be a responsible pet owner and always clean up after your pets. This ensures that the campsite remains clean, healthy, and pristine enough for everyone to enjoy their camping experience.

3. Respect privacy

A group campsite, as the name suggests, is a place where there are many campers in their respective tents. You must respect everyone's privacy and not peek into others' tents or their personal space.



Do not walk into their marked areas or click photos of their tents and campsites.

4. Don't disturb or damage nature

Always keep your distance from all forms of wildlife and follow the park authority rules while camping. Do not feed any animals and always make sure that you properly dispose of unused food.

It might be tempting to pluck flowers, but it is also equally important to not damage the flora present at the campsite. These include any type of plants, flowers, trees, or seeds.

5. Ensure fire safety

Whenever you build fires while camping, always ensure that you do so safely and securely.

Have a supply of water handy nearby and ensure that all fires are built in their designated spots (fire pits or rings) and

not anywhere else in the wild. Finally, always remember to put out the fire at the end of the night and never leave it burning unattended.

By keeping these tips in mind, you can do your part to create a memorable and safe camping experience for yourself, others at the campsite, and campers who will visit the campsite after you leave.

If you're ever in doubt about what's right or wrong, always remember to follow the seven Leave No Trace principles of outdoor ethics. You can read more about them in-depth [here](#).



Chapter 7

Things to Take Care of Before Leaving



Leave no garbage behind

The best way to end your camping trip is to make sure that you leave the campsite the same as you found it. If it's possible, you must try to leave it even cleaner than you found it.

This ensures that others that arrive after you will also be able to enjoy the same beauty.

Leave no type of garbage or trash behind. Even if you are in the backcountry, make an extra effort to ensure you leave no trash or non-biodegradable items behind. Non-biodegradable items made of plastic, for example, are harmful to wildlife and their natural habitat.

Remember to pack everything you brought

Remember to pack everything that you brought to the campground with you.

To ensure that you don't leave anything behind, it's a good idea to go through the same camping checklist again that you had used initially while preparing and packing for your trip.

Some of the common items that people tend to forget are – tent stakes, toilet paper, torches, toothbrushes, sunscreens, bug repellents, and water bottles.



Camping Essentials Checklist



Camping Essentials Checklist



Clothing & Footwear

- ☐ Long and short-sleeved shirts
- ☐ Pants, shorts
- ☐ PJs, socks, underwear

- ☐ Hiking shoes, boots
- ☐ Sandals
- ☐ Rainwear (jacket, pants, boots)
- ☐ Gloves, light toque

- ☐ Swimwear
- ☐ Wide-brimmed hat



Cooking

- ☐ Portable water container
- ☐ Food cooler, ice packs
- ☐ Camp stove, fuel
- ☐ Coffee pot
- ☐ Matches, lighter

- ☐ Cooking pots, pans
- ☐ Plates, bowls, cutlery
- ☐ Mugs, glasses
- ☐ Cooking utensils, knife
- ☐ Cutting board
- ☐ Paper towels

- ☐ Tin foil
- ☐ Garbage bags
- ☐ Resealable bags
- ☐ Basin, biodegradable soap
- ☐ Dish scrubber, towel
- ☐ Tablecloth, clips



Toiletries and First Aid

- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ Multi-purpose soap
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Biodegradable wipes

- ☐ Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Body lotion
- ☐ Cotton swabs
- ☐ First aid kit, bandages
- ☐ Medications

- ☐ Bug repellent, anti-itch cream
- ☐ Sunscreen, after-sun lotion
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Shower shoes
- ☐ Towels



Shelter and Gear

- ☐ Tent, stakes, groundsheet
- ☐ Sleeping bags, pillows
- ☐ Sleeping pads, air mattresses
- ☐ Extra blankets

- ☐ Foldable chairs
- ☐ Sun/bug shelter
- ☐ Headlamp, flashlight
- ☐ Tarp, poles, rope
- ☐ Clothesline, clips
- ☐ Lantern

- ☐ Fire starters
- ☐ Mini broom, dustpan
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Multi-tool
- ☐ Axe or hatchet
- ☐ Life jackets



Personal

- ☐ Water bottles
- ☐ Sunglasses

- ☐ Campsite reservation
- ☐ Park pass
- ☐ Phones, charging cables

- ☐ Portable battery
- ☐ Cash, IDs



Children

- ☐ Portable crib
- ☐ Outdoor toys, ball, frisbee
- ☐ Colouring books, crayons

- ☐ Beach toys, blanket
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Scavenger hunt
- ☐ Books or magazines

- ☐ Tablet, electronic device
- ☐ Cards and games
- ☐ Bikes, helmets

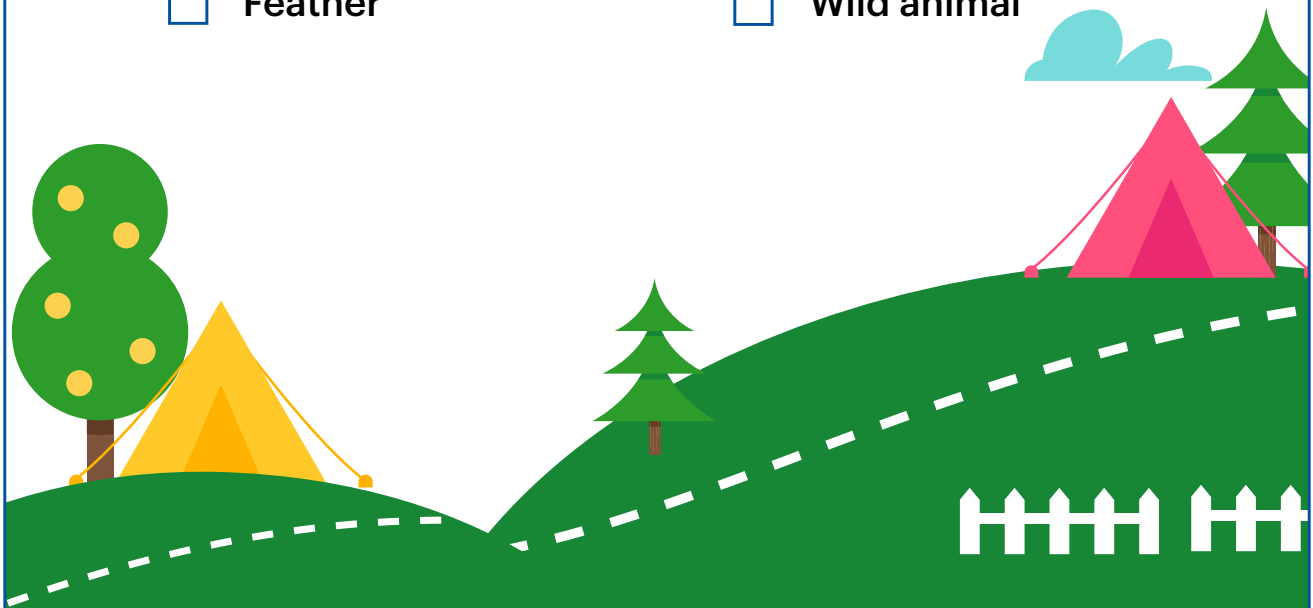
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Camping Scavenger Hunt



Camping Scavenger Hunt

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| ☐ RV | ☐ An insect |
| ☐ Campfire | ☐ Moss |
| ☐ Acorn | ☐ A chewed leaf |
| ☐ Boat | ☐ Lantern |
| ☐ Wild mushroom | ☐ Thermos |
| ☐ Animal tracks | ☐ Canoe |
| ☐ Wildflower | ☐ Campground map |
| ☐ Feather | ☐ Wild animal |



Road Trip Bingo



Road Trip Bingo

Card 1

RV 	Horse 	Cow 	Semi-truck 	Boat
Church 	Tim Horton's 	Rider gear 	Barn 	Hay bales
Field of Canola 	Airplane 	Free	Telephone lines 	Bridge
Body of water 	Stop sign 	Gravel road 	Construction sign 	Grain bin
Tractor 	Canadian flag 	Wind turbine 	Gas station 	Saskatchewan flag



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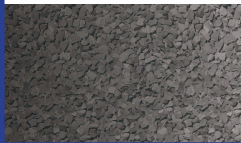
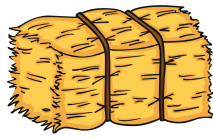
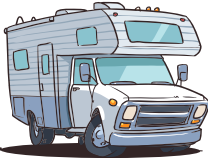
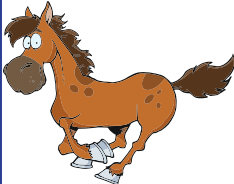
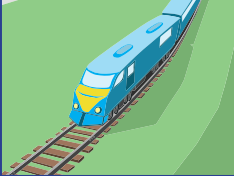
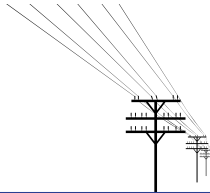
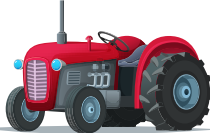
Card 2

Airplane 	Gas station 	Barn 	Semi-truck 	Grain bin
Saskatchewan flag 	Tim Horton's 	Tractor 	Cow 	Hay bales
Wind turbine 	RV 	Free	Telephone lines 	Canadian flag
Body of water 	Stop sign 	Gravel road 	Construction sign 	Boat
Rider gear 	Bridge 	Field of Canola 	Horse 	Church



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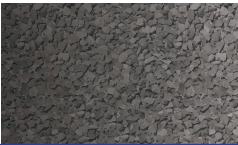
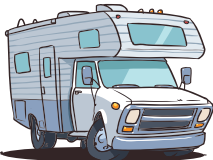
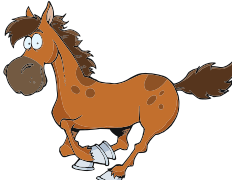
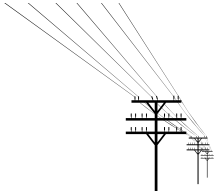
Card 3

Body of water 	Stop sign 	Gravel road 	Construction sign 	Grain bin 
Church 	Tim Horton's 	Rider gear 	Barn 	Hay bales 
RV 	Horse 	Free	Semi-truck 	Boat 
Wind turbine 	Railroad tracks 	Cow 	Telephone lines 	Canadian flag 
Field of Canola 	Airplane 	Gas station 	Tractor 	Bridge 



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Card 4

Semi-truck 	Boat 	Gravel road 	Railroad tracks 	Cow 
Field of Canola 	Airplane 	Gas station 	Barn 	Hay bales 
RV 	Horse 	Free	Body of water 	Stop sign 
Wind turbine 	Construction sign 	Grain bin 	Telephone lines 	Canadian flag 
Church 	Tim Horton's 	Rider gear 	Tractor 	Bridge 



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Card 5

RV 	Horse 	Cow 	Semi-truck 	Boat
Church 	Tim Horton's 	Rider gear 	Barn 	Hay bales
Field of Canola 	Airplane 	Free	Telephone lines 	Bridge
Body of water 	Stop sign 	Gravel road 	Construction sign 	Grain bin
Tractor 	Canadian flag 	Wind turbine 	Gas station 	Saskatchewan flag