

45 ESSENTIALS FOR CAMPING

THE "OH CRAP, TURN AROUND I FORGOT..." ITEMS

- **TORCH** - grab a couple just in case
- **BUG/FLY SPRAY** - because bugs just love camping
- **BARBECUE LIGHTER** - nothing worse than having to ask the teenagers in the campsite beside you if you can borrow their lighter anytime you want to start the fire or heat up the barbie
- **SPARE BATTERIES** for radio, phone etc.
- **FIRST AID KIT** including sunscreen
- **CITRONELLA CANDLES/MOZZIE COILS** - or another device to keep the bugs away at night
- **CHARGERS** - phone chargers, camera chargers, iPad chargers
- **TENT** - it's not camping without it
- **INFLATABLE MATTRESSES** - unless you are happy to sleep on the floor
- **ESKY** - store all your cold food in an esky and use large containers to keep your dry food safe on the ride
- **TABLES & CHAIRS** - for cooking and eating al fresco
- **FUEL AND A BBQ** - some campsites have BBQ's but many people prefer to bring their own

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FOOD ITEMS AND SUCH...

- **FOOD** – we can't tell you what to buy; but don't forget to hit the shops before you go!
- **DRINKS** – again, not our place to say but on my list is always a bottle of Baileys, a few bottles of wine and beer for the hubby
- **ICE** – gotta keep the wine cold (oh yeah, and the food!)
- **COOKING POTS AND PANS** – use old ones or look into getting a cheap camping set from KMart. Camp ovens are also very handy!
- **CUTLERY** - plastic will do but you may want to bring a couple of good steak and cutting knives, especially if you are eating meat
- **PLASTIC CUPS**
- **WINE GLASSES** – and wine to drink with them.
- **CHOPPING BOARD**
- **PLASTIC DISHES AND PLATES**
- **CONTAINERS FOR LEFTOVERS** – no need to waste food when camping. Eat those leftover steaks for brekky in the morning paired with a few runny eggs
- **COOKING ESSENTIALS** – oil, salt, pepper and spices to match the meals you have selected

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- **RUBBISH BAGS** – Rubbish bags can also double as a dirty laundry basket or a holder for the extra dirty, extra muddy clothes that can't be salvaged and will need to be washed at home
- **DISH DETERGENT**
- **A FEW CLOTHES**
- **WET WIPES**

BEDTIME ROUTINE ESSENTIALS

- **TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES** – because no one likes the three-day slime on their teeth
- **SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER & SOAP** – depending on where you are camping you may not be able to take a nice warm shower but you can still clean off in a river if you are really roughing it
- **TOWELS AND FACE CLOTHS**
- **CLOTHING** – again, this is up to you to pack but make sure you plan for all weather conditions, from hot sunny days (ahem hats!) to cold rainy nights.

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BEDTIME ROUTINE ESSENTIALS

- **DEODORANT AND MAKEUP** (but who needs makeup when camping?)
- **SLEEPING BAGS AND/OR SHEETS**
- **PILLOWS** – yes they take up a heap of space in the car but it's so nice to have your own pillow when camping. It's one of those luxuries I just can't sleep without.

THE FUN STUFF

- **SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARD**
- **FISHING GEAR** – and don't forget the bait, unless you plan on catching your own
- **OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT** - balls, bats, bikes, boogie boards, and anything else you can fit in the car!
- **INFLATABLES** for the pool or river
- **GOGGLES & SWIMMERS** – pack a couple of swimming tongs as your kids will most likely be in and out of the water all day
- **INDOOR ACTIVITIES** in case it rains – cards, board games, etc.

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FINALLY, KEEP THESE ITEMS INSIDE YOUR PURSE...

- **SUNGLASSES**
- **LIP BALM**
- **WALLET** – because you are 100% going to need to buy something for the ride there or back.
- **PHONE** – and camera if you don't use your phone
- **TAMPONS AND PADS** – if need be. And even if not, it's always a good idea to have them, just in case.