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Kayaking Trip Packing List

Algonquin Outfitters can help you plan a kayaking trip from start to finish. But if you wish to do your own planning sometimes a little check list can be of great help.

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The Kayak

- Touring Kayak** - There are many different types of kayaks, but the best ones for trips are touring kayaks. This style of kayak will have ample storage in bow and stern hatches (usually around 100+ litres), they are often longer (14-20 ft), thinner and often have some rocker to handle waves. They may also have a rudder or skeg.
- Spray Skirt** - it's main use is to stop water from entering the kayak through the cockpit. Nylon skirts are good enough for regular kayak trips but if you plan on being further away from shore or paddling in rougher water where you may be required to roll you may want to pack a neoprene skirt that will stay on your kayak even if your upside down.
- Cockpit Cover** - used to keep the elements and critters out of your kayak when your not using it. Kayaks are often damp after a day of paddling and I've found that spiders love their dark and damp interiors, a cockpit cover helps keep the creepy crawlers out of your kayak when it's on shore.
- Bilge pump** - to manually pump out any water that gets in your kayak.
- Throw Rope** - 15m minimum floating rope on a throw bag
- Whistle** - beables so it will work when wet
- Flashlight/headlamp** - if you are going to travel past dusk (around sunset)
- Kayak Paddle** - Kayak paddles come in many shapes and sizes, some of the best ones are made by [Werner paddle](#) and are constructed out of Carbon fiber with bent shafts for erogdynamic design.
- Paddle Leash** - a great way to not have your paddle drift away from your kayak.
- Lifejackets or PFD's** - A proper fitting, comfortable PFD is important. It's also important to always wear your PFD when ever you are in your canoe.
- Helmet** - if your going to be paddling around rocky shorelines you may want to bring along a helmet designed for kayaking

Kayak Specific Equipment

- Day Backpack** - Backpacks are next to useless with kayaks as they will not fit through most kayak hatches when full, so you have to empty them. A small one is useful though if you plan any land base day hikes while out kayaking. I would suggest just a simple 20-45L day backpack.
- Dry bags** - Many people look for a water proof back pack. I tend to just put all my gear than needs to stay dry (my down sleeping bag, cloths, tent, food, etc) in a dry bag. They come in many different shapes, sizes and even colours. You can now get dry bags that are light weight, compressible, or even transparent [Sea to Summit](#) line that we also carry.
- Deck Bags** - Another variant of the Dry Bag but one that is designed to lash to the deck of your kayak for additional external storage that may be easier to access than gear that is stored in your hatches. I often place items that I may want to get at while kayaking in a bow deck bag, You can also add 20-40L of storage to your kayak by using these waterproof deck bags. You should also realize that the more weight you place higher on your kayak (on top is higher for sure) makes your kayak more unstable, so caution should be taken.
- Pelican case** - You may also want to use a hard sided water proof case (Pelican Case) to protect gear like a GPS or camera.
- Route map** - It may be obvious but it is important that you know where you are and where you are going.
- Water proof map case** - to protect your maps
- Deck mounted compass and/or GPS** (extra batteries)
- Kayak Sail** - Yes there are sails for kayaks they either resemble an upside down triangle or a half sphere.

Kitchen

- Small pot set – stainless or non stick work well
- Pot gripper
- Plate/ bowl
- Cup
- Utensils – knife, fork, spoon, or the ever useful spork!
- Knife – or Leatherman
- Camp Suds (biodegradable soap)
- Portable Dish Sink
- Pot Scrubber
- Cutting board
- Cheese Grater
- Camp Stove
- Fuel Bottle w/ Fuel
- Extra fuel

- Lighter
- Strike any where matches in a match box
- Tinder

Living Space

- Small Tent - pack your tent in a waterproof bag and the poles separately and you'll fit it in your kayak that much easier.
- Tent Attic (gear loft)
- Foot Print / Ground Sheet
- Sleeping Bag – With waterproof compression sack
- Camp Pillow
- Therm-a-rest (Mattress)
- Guide Tarp
- Candle Lantern

Clothing

- Toque!!!
- Hiking Boots
- Sandals
- Merino Wool Socks
- Zip off Pants
- Board Shorts
- Thermal Underwear
- Wicking Shirt
- Fleece Jacket
- Waterproof Breathable paddling jacket and pants (doubles as a rain jacket)
- Neoprene paddling gloves
- Hat and/or bandanna
- Swim Suit
- Micro fibre Towel
- Dry compression bag for clothes

Toiletries

- Tooth brush
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brush holder
- Camp suds (biodegradable soap)
- Face cloth

- Micro fiber towel
- Toilet paper
- Wet naps

Miscellaneous

- Pencil
- First Aid Kit
- Leatherman or Multi-tool
- Head Lamp or Flashlight
- Water filter or Purification system
- Water Reservoir
- Sun Screen
- Sun Glasses
- Bug spray
- Bug jackets and pants
- Waterproof Stuff sacks
- 50' of rope
- Bear spray
- Bear bangers
- Camera
- Duct Tape
- Wire & splices, for rudder cable repair
- Clock
- Emergency Lighter
- Sense of Adventure

Other Notes