

Rock Climbing Checklist

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- Rock Climbing
 - Try indoor rock climbing before going on an outdoor trip.
 - Make sure all clothing is easy to move in.
 - Have a safety plan in place before climbing.
 - Know who you should call in case of emergency and have a group first aid kit.
 - Make sure you have good tight socks and liners, and good hiking boots.
 - Bring proper forms of identification.
 - On the trail, take note of landmarks in case something goes wrong and you have to backtrack.
 - Be sure to know where your start and end locations are.
 - Keep an accurate map of the trail with you.
 - Be sure that at least 2 other people (not in the group) know where you are and when you expect to back.
 - Be sure that your trip leader has your emergency contact information.
 - Know your group members names.
 - Never be afraid to ask the group to stop for a rest or to slow down during a hike.
 - If you are leading, bring 20% more quickdraws than you need.
 - If you are leading using trad, bring many different pieces for varying cracks.
 - If you are leading using trad, bring enough slings for the number of pieces of pro you expect to place.
 - Always have a backup rappel device, or an extra belay device.
- Essentials
 - Navigation - map, compass.
 - Hydration - water, container/bladder, and treatment method.
 - Nutrition - extra food for emergency.
 - Sun protection - sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, lip balm.
 - Insulation - hat and gloves, light weight jacket, extra layers.
 - Warmth - lighter/matches, fire starter or stove and fuel.
 - Illumination - headlamp/flashlight, extra batteries.

- First Aid - bandages, knife, medicine, duct tape, zip ties, etc.
- Shelter - tarp, blanket.
- Safety - harness, helmet, whistle (for emergency signals).