

# Gear List

## THIS LIST FOR:

- ☐ Day paddle   ☐ Overnight paddle   ☐ Expedition   ☐ Other

## Using this List

1) Make a copy of this page for each type of outing you'll be taking (above). 2) Fill in the circle for each item that you'll need for that outing. For gear that you carry that is not listed here, fill in one of the empty entry lines. 3) Save a copy as a master list. Before your next outing, make a new copy of the appropriate master and use as a checklist for that outing. As you pack the gear for each circle marked, check the square next to it.

### Essentials

- ☐ ☐ Kayak
- ☐ ☐ Hatch covers/lids
- ☐ ☐ Flotation
- ☐ ☐ Paddle
- ☐ ☐ Spray skirt
- ☐ ☐ Life jacket
- ☐ ☐ Whistle
- ☐ ☐ Float plan
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### Paddling Gear

- ☐ ☐ Pump
- ☐ ☐ Sponge
- ☐ ☐ Spare paddle
- ☐ ☐ Tow line/heaving line
- ☐ ☐ Short/contact towline
- ☐ ☐ Rescue knife
- ☐ ☐ Paddle float
- ☐ ☐ Inflatable device (Sea Seat, sponsons, self-inflating float)
- ☐ ☐ Sling
- ☐ ☐ Sea anchor
- ☐ ☐ Deck bag
- ☐ ☐ Helmet
- ☐ ☐ Cockpit cover
- ☐ ☐ Paddle leash
- ☐ ☐

### Navigation

- ☐ ☐ Chart
- ☐ ☐ Tide & current tables
- ☐ ☐ Chart case
- ☐ ☐ Deck compass
- ☐ ☐ Hand-held bearing compass
- ☐ ☐ Waterproof watch
- ☐ ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ ☐ Weather radio
- ☐ ☐ GPS
- ☐ ☐ Navigation tools
- ☐ ☐ Waterproof notebook
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### Signaling

- ☐ ☐ Whistle
- ☐ ☐ Cell phone & case
- ☐ ☐ VHF & case

- ☐ ☐ Aerial flares
- ☐ ☐ Hand-held flares
- ☐ ☐ Signal mirror
- ☐ ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ ☐ Smoke
- ☐ ☐ Chemical light sticks
- ☐ ☐ Rescue banner
- ☐ ☐ Dye marker
- ☐ ☐ Strobe light
- ☐ ☐ EPIRB
- ☐ ☐

### Accessible Personal Gear

- ☐ ☐ Glasses
- ☐ ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ ☐ Eyewear strap
- ☐ ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ ☐ Bandana/towel
- ☐ ☐ Water bottle/hydration system
- ☐ ☐ Energy bars
- ☐ ☐

### Stowed Personal Gear

- ☐ ☐ Wallet/pocketbook
- ☐ ☐ Cash
- ☐ ☐ Contact phone numbers
- ☐ ☐ Float plan copy
- ☐ ☐ Car keys
- ☐ ☐ Medications
- ☐ ☐

### Paddling/Immersion Clothing

- ☐ ☐ Wetsuit
- ☐ ☐ Dry suit
- ☐ ☐ Neoprene hood
- ☐ ☐ Neoprene gloves
- ☐ ☐ Neoprene booties
- ☐ ☐

### Clothing

- ☐ ☐ Knit hat
- ☐ ☐ Brimmed hat
- ☐ ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ ☐ Rain pants
- ☐ ☐ Rain hat
- ☐ ☐ UV-protective shirt

- ☐ ☐ Paddling shoes
- ☐ ☐ Synthetic undershirt
- ☐ ☐ Synthetic long johns
- ☐ ☐ Pile coat
- ☐ ☐ Pile pants
- ☐ ☐ Underwear
- ☐ ☐ Socks
- ☐ ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ ☐ Gloves
- ☐ ☐

### Shore Gear

- ☐ ☐ Space blanket
- ☐ ☐ Lighter
- ☐ ☐ Knife
- ☐ ☐ Bug dope
- ☐ ☐ Tarp
- ☐ ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ ☐ Trowel
- ☐ ☐ Water filter
- ☐ ☐ Water purification tablets
- ☐ ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ ☐

### Pastimes

- ☐ ☐ Fishing gear
- ☐ ☐ Fishing license
- ☐ ☐ Journal, pens, pencils
- ☐ ☐ Book
- ☐ ☐ Camera
- ☐ ☐ Batteries/Media (Film)
- ☐ ☐ Batteries
- ☐ ☐ Playing cards
- ☐ ☐

### Repair Kit

- ☐ ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ ☐ Epoxy
- ☐ ☐ Spare batteries/bulbs
- ☐ ☐ Multi-tool
- ☐ ☐ Cord
- ☐ ☐ Lighter
- ☐ ☐ Rudder spares
- ☐ ☐ Needle and thread
- ☐ ☐ Seam sealer
- ☐ ☐ Wire
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### **Bivouac Gear**

(Minimum for unexpected overnight)

- ☐ Bivi-bag
- ☐ Candle/lantern
- ☐ Hammock
- ☐ Tarp
- ☐ Fire starters
- ☐ Cooking pot
- ☐ Stove
- ☐ Water filter
- ☐ Water purification tablets
- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Sleeping pad
- ☐ Sterno-stove
- ☐ Camp saw
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