



Everglades National Park Canoe Pack List

Canoeing Everglades National Park is a unique experience, and it is made even more enjoyable when you are well equipped. Having the necessary gear to protect you from the elements while allowing you to be comfortable maximizes your experience in the backcountry. Weather this time of year in the Everglades can be mild to hot with daytime temperatures averaging in the upper 70's but low 90's is not impossible. Nights in the more protected interior areas are warmer and can stay in the 60's. Beach campsites offer cooler breezier nights usually in the 50's. Good protection from the open water, sun, and mosquitos is necessary for this trip. Since we will be camping on chickees (wooden platforms over the water) and sand, free standing tents are required. Make sure your tent has all the tie outs attached since you will not be able to stake it out on the platforms. Good solid stakes for the beach sites are also recommended. Inflatable sleeping pads are highly recommended as well. Moisture wicking, water resistant material will be beneficial for this trip. Polarized sunglasses offer great protection while giving you good visibility in the water. Dry bags to put all your gear in is required as well.

The list below represents the required gear to travel safely and comfortably through the Everglades. When packing extra personal items please keep in mind spacing in the hulls and weight that you will have to paddle. We will be travelling in sea kayaks with limited hull space for gear. Think of this as a backpacking trip on the water! Because of the travel distance, Big Wild Adventures will not be able to provide guests with rental gear packages for this trip. Guests are required to have all items on this list.

Clothing

- River Shoes for the boat; ones that will stay strapped to feet even in some shore mud
- Camp shoes
- 2 or 3 pairs of underwear
- 1 pair of lightweight base layers; top and bottom
- 1 pair of long water-resistant pants
- 1 or 2 pairs of water-resistant shorts
- Swim trunks
- 1 or 2 water-resistant t-shirts
- 1 water-resistant long sleeve t-shirts or sun hoodie
- Lightweight fleece pullover or another lightweight jacket for evenings at camp
- Rain jacket and Rain Pants
- 2 pairs of camp/sleeping socks
- Sun hat
- Stocking hat
- 2 or 3 bandanas
- Lightweight pants for wearing around camp
- Sunglasses; neck holders recommended
- Camp towel
- Paddling gloves

Other Items

- Dry bags able to hold all your camp gear
- Small dry bag or zip locks for personal items while in the boat
- Tent; must be free standing; lightweight and one that allows airflow recommended
- Sleeping Bag (jungle bag style recommended)
- Sleeping pad; inflatable pad highly recommended
- Mess kit (coffee cup, bowl, spoon)
- Headlamp/extra batteries
- Pocket knife (optional)
- 2 Nalgene water bottles or camelback water system for the boat
- Camp chair
- Camera
- Binoculars (optional)
- Toilet paper; pack enough!
- Personal toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, lip balm, personal meds
- Sunscreen; pack enough!
- Insect repellent; pack enough!
- Hand sanitizer; pack enough!