

AcadianXU Gear Recommendations 2020

Gear System	Type	Brands	Notes
Packing	<i>Backpack</i>	Osprey Granite Gear (UL) Gossamergear (UL)	Pack size is dependent on trip length. For a 3 to 6 day hike a 60 L or larger pack is preferred. Look for good suspension with a breathable back. Should support hydration system.
	<i>Daypack</i>	Osprey	Hydration system is key.
	<i>Compression/Stuff Sacks</i>	Sea to Summit	These will protect your gear within your pack and help to keep it organized. Waterproof.
	<i>Pack Cover</i>	Osprey REI Co-Op	Make sure the cover fits completely around your pack when fully loaded.
	<i>Kit Bags</i>	Osprey	These are handy to organize small items in your pack
Shelter	<i>Double Wall Tent</i>	REI Co-Op Big Agnes Nemo Kelty Sierra Designs	1 man tent is recommended but a 2 man is nice if you prefer the extra room. Pay attention to the total weight.
	<i>Single Wall Tent & Tarps</i>	ZPack (UL) Six Moon Designs (UL) Tarptent (UL) Mountain Laurel (UL) Gossamergear (UL)	These are lightweight options for ultralight hikers. They are prone to condensation. They require advanced skill levels to pitch and use effectively.
	<i>Bivy</i>	REI Co-Op Outdoor Research	These are hot and stuffy. Can be claustrophobic. Virtually no living space.
	<i>Hammock</i>	Clark Products Dutchware ENO Hennessy Warbonnet	In order for a hammock to be an effective shelter you need to have a complete system that is comprised of a Waterproof tarp, a Top-quilt or sleeping bag, The Hammock itself with built-in or separate bug mesh, a Under-quilt or sleeping pad, and a Suspension system
Sleep System	<i>Sleeping Bag</i>	Big Agnes Marmot REI Co-Op Nemo Sierra Designs Feathered Friends (UL) Enlightened Equipment (UL)	20-degree rating is preferred. Major differences are between down or synthetic. Each has its benefits.
	<i>Sleeping Pad</i>	Therm-a-Rest Klymit Nemo Sea-to-Summit	Pay attention to thermal rating. Also note the durability. A leaky pad during winter camping can suck.
	<i>Camp Pillow</i>	Sea to Summit Klymit Nemo	Should be small enough to fit inside your bag.

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Cooking	<i>Canister Stove</i>	Soto MSR Snow Peak	Simplest option.
	<i>Canister System Stove</i>	Jetboil	Convenient integrated system. Most efficient.
	<i>Alcohol/Solid Fuel Stove</i>	Trail Designs (UL)	This is the most lightweight option. Not as efficient as the others.
	<i>Cookware</i>	GSI Snow Peak Toaks	Titanium works best. Size is based on your needs.
	<i>Utensils</i>	Snow Peak Sea to Summit	Need to be lightweight with a small footprint. I prefer one with a long handle.
Health, Hygiene & Safety	<i>First Aid Kit</i>	Adventure Medical Kits Surviveware	Size of kit is based on duration of your trip and number of people in your group.
	<i>Wipes</i>	Dude Wipes Sea to Summit	Must be biodegradable.
	<i>Water Filter</i>	Sawyer Katadyn Platypus	It is the most efficient method but is only effective against large pathogens but not effective against viruses. I prefer a gravity fed filter as opposed to inline.
	<i>Sunglasses</i>	Kaenon Costa Del Mar	Ensure they have UVA and UVB protection.
Personal Gear/Tools	<i>Gaiters</i>	Outdoor Research Rab	Great for mud and snow. Style is based on personal preference.
	<i>Trekking Poles</i>	Black Diamond Leki	Need to be durable and dependable. Don't buy cheap, they WILL break.
	<i>Camp Chair</i>	TravelChair REI-Co Op Big Anges	The lighter the better. Not a necessity.
	<i>Head Lamp</i>	Black Diamond Petzl	Having a locking mechanism can save your butt. Pay attention to Lumens and battery life.
	<i>Multi-tool</i>	Leatherman Gerber	Doesn't have to be overly fancy. Just needs to be light and have the basics.

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Navigation/ Electronics	<i>Radio</i>	Motorola	Used for communicating with other members of your team. Need to be weatherproof and at least splash resistant.
	<i>Battery Pack Charger</i>	Anker	The more charges it has, the heavier it will be so find a balance. Keeping it in a protective case with all the necessary wires is ideal.
	<i>Solar Power</i>	X-Dragon BigBlue ECEEN	This option is dependent on weather so be weary. The larger the solar panel the more efficient it is.
	<i>GPS</i>	Garmin	These are nice to have and are durable. However, a well-protected phone can be a viable option.
	<i>PLB & Satellite Messaging</i>	Garmin Spot	This is a must and could save your life one day.
	<i>GPS/Altimeter Sports Watch</i>	Garmin Suunto	These are a great tool and convenient when on the move. I have tested the Garmin Fenix for 5 years and it has never let me down.
	<i>Compass</i>	Suunto Silva Brunton	You want a baseplate compass specific for wilderness navigation and preferably with adjustable declination. Having an attached sighting mirror is a nice option but not essential
	<i>Maps</i>	USGS Topographic National Geographic Trail Maps	Keep in mind when using NatGeo Maps that the scale is not consistent from map to map. When orienting using their maps adjust your measurements accordingly.

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