

How To Have An Unforgettable Camping Vacation

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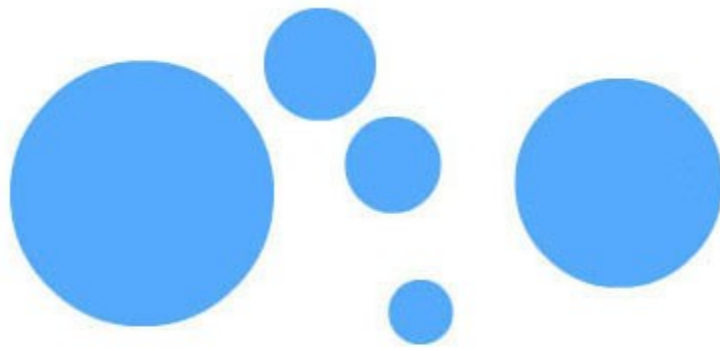
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Family Camping: Why Do It?

Taking the whole family out for camping is lot of fun. As a kid, my parents took me for camping throughout the length of the Eastern Seaboard. Spending time on the huge Atlantic Ocean as well as innumerable little water bodies, and even on the St. Lawrence Seaway was great fun.

Not only this, we also paid a visit to many of the states in the U.S. and provinces of Canada. My family is not that rich to afford all the luxuries but if we could go out for this exotic vacation, we owe that to camping. For all those who haven't given camping a thought, these reasons should be sufficient for you to consider it once.

The sole purpose why family camping is becoming popular by the day is that it is very cheap. Camping can bring down expenses on food and lodging by a big margin. To add to it, many camping grounds provide free or cheap means of recreation and entertainment facilities.

For those busy with the hectic life at home, camping is a time to relish as it brings the entire family together to spend quality time with. Most of the family holiday plans by the tourism industry offers destinations with targets the kids and parents mainly, so the entire family is barred from being close to each other. A primary reason for families to venture out together is to enjoy by burying their actual busy life for the time being, and camping is a better way to do it than most of the so-called family plans.

Also, camping will generate innumerable memories in the child's mind that he will carry with him till old-age. The experience of it on account of games, adventures, etc. will help you understand yourself and your child, and besides bringing the two closer, it will give birth to memories that can be cherished for life. Location for camping with the family may either be close to the home or at a distant place, but spending quality time with the family without any modern distractions will help develop the bond of the family.

Finally, three reasons stand out why you should consider family camping for your next vacation:

- it is a cheap means of a vacation
- it gives you a chance to spend a great time with your near and dear ones
- it will create everlasting remembering that will last for the lifetime

Family Camping: A Fun Experience

A trip or rather, in other words a camping trip with your own family can be dubbed as one of the smartest possible ways to get a pleasant package of unforgettable memories and ever-thrilling experiences together. This trip with your family can be turned into a good way of mingling with the people you love and getting one with the bliss of nature. This oneness with nature having an intimate involvement can be a great experience, which you will be unable to put into oblivion in your entire life span.

It is something that provides you with an opportunity of doing different things. It can be lived up to your expectation by merely sitting or having a kitchen time cooking marshmallows and s'mores. The way can be somewhat different as well like hiking or mountain biking either on the way or on the trails. A camping may also contain a fun-time through swimming or boating. Going on a 4-wheeling or dirt-biking can also be taken into consideration in case it suits your style.

Camping expedition is something that will make you enabled to have pleasant memories and well-knit bonds. Intimacy between lovers gets more prominent as the entire galaxy becomes newly fresh. The sweet sunlight that drops on the dew on the grass giving it a new glow will make you spellbound. When you will have the opportunity to spend time with your family being separated from the mundane world of electronics and sophisticated technology, you will get to invent some heartiest things about each other that you have hardly got any opportunity to be acquainted with.

You can also take an initiative to exploit the beauties of different terrain and areas in another state and as a result of which this sort of camping trip might be thought about. One also has to bear in mind that taking up a trip into a state park is going to cost money because of some facilities like electrical and water hook ups and for the facilities like showers and bathrooms too. But irrespective of the place of your camping - be it a land camping into the core of rustic life or luxurious state park camping, it might be taken into consideration to have a first- aid kit by you as it might prove helpful.

Bringing in some component of your family's favorite games might be a worthy idea in case you get struck in a rainy day.

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The most heavenly gift one can find in a camping trip is the fresh air devoid of any smoke coming from the sky-kissing building, which is certainly not the campfire smoke. The fragrance of wildflowers becomes nearer to you and it puts you in a state of trance.

Camping is something that is beyond any age barrier and also one of the most loveable gifts your children can be provided with. This, after all, then moves on to their children as bliss.

Family Camping: Your To-Do List

Are you one of those lucky folks who have just taken to camping and are on the threshold of going on their first camping trip, an exhilarating experience you will never ever be able to forget? For that first big trip, seasoned campers will be able to guide you as regards, equipments, camping spots etc, but one can manage even with moderate amounts of common sense and camping knowledge.

Research a little on the equipment you wish to carry. Take a reliable but light weight tent and a decent sleeping bag if you intend to spend the night outdoors. You will get loads of variety as far as material is concerned for both the tent and the bed. Other means of accommodation could be staying in motor vehicles or caravans or simply putting up in a motel.

Caravans or Recreational vehicles would be ideal for spending the night, but a decent quality SUV would also be spacious enough for two people to spend the night, being provided with water, warmth of the car, a stove or even a small TV for those who cannot do without one.

For first timers, cooking outdoor might seem a very adventurous proposition, but is also frightfully difficult, therefore make sure to invest in a good Coleman fuel stove or the two-burner propane stoves. Also carry lamps or a good number of LED flashlights, as they often come in handy.

You may or may not have to carry a GPS device with you, but it depends entirely on the camping spot you have zeroed in on, and its accessibility and cell phone connectivity etc. To avoid getting lost in the middle of nowhere, carry a GPS device anyway. Also if you are carrying a GPS device then do make sure to be familiar with its workings.

Pre planning your trip in advance is the wisest thing to do, for it might so happen that the camping spot you desire has already been booked in advance by others. Apart from availability of spots, be a little acquainted about the weather, the natural wildlife near the camping place. Also check if possible, if there are any poisonous plants or fungi that one should avoid.

Finally do not feel apprehensive about your first camping experience. As far as selection of camping spots is concerned, do not limit yourself only to the USA or whichever your native

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country is for that matter. BE confident in your abilities and set out, the whole world is your place to pitch a tent and camp. Canada has beautiful spots up in the mountains, near the lakes, European countries like Portugal or Greece offers a chance to bask in the brilliant warm sun, Germany offers the serenity, the peace of the Black Forest region, UK too is one of the hottest camping destinations, because of its diverse geographic condition.

So prepare your camping checklist, remember the basics, grab your backpacks and just set off.

Family Camping: Wildlife

It is great fun to go on a camping trip as there are many exciting adventures to look forward to, wonderful scenery, beautiful trees, etc. are sure to be all about your campsite. However, it is not only humans that you will find around your camping place. There could be other dangerous species there too.

On television, you might think that bears are cute. But they are no such thing in real life. Bears are animals you are likely to encounter around your campsite. All bears are not harmful, but it will be very difficult for a layman to tell the difference between one and another. Adult grizzly bears are thought to be extremely dangerous to human life, but it will be hard for you to differentiate between a black bear and a grizzly. Black bears are of a dark color, and grizzly bears can be any color from black to brownish yellow. You could try to distinguish between the two based on size, but even that is problematic as it is hard to tell the difference between an adult black bear and a young grizzly bear, as both are usually about five feet tall and weight between 250 to 500 pounds.

However, adult grizzlies are a lot bigger than black bears, weighing about 400 to 1200 pounds, and if they stand on their hind legs, they should be about eight feet tall. Black bears have long snouts and pointed ears, while grizzlies have concave facial features. A distinguishing feature of black bears is that they have a small, sort of triangular head. You can also tell that a bear is a grizzly if you see a big hump over its shoulders, which the black bears do not have. But finally, it is really not important how grizzly bears look, because if you do encounter one around your campsite, you will surely not be bothered with its identifying features.

Another animal which could turn out to be deadly is the wildcat which has a propensity for living in and around campsites and wild areas. They usually do not come into close confines with humans, but if they are hungry or are irritated by humans in some way, then they can attack quite fiercely.

Bobcats are small in size, but they possess extremely sharp teeth and claws, and are very powerful for their small size. The lynx is an animal quite similar to the bobcat and it has rounded tails and visible hair tufts on its ears.

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If you take your pet dog camping with you, then be very careful not to let it away from your sight. It could be allowed to ramble only in the close vicinity of your campsite. If it meets a wildcat, it will not back away, and will definitely be the loser in the fight.

Find out what wildlife is found around your prospective campsite, and take appropriate safety measures. Keep all food in odor tight containers and store the garbage away from the campsite.

Family Camping: Gear

One of the essential parts of making your camping trip successful is to have the right kind of camping equipment. When looking around for camping gear for the whole family, you will come across various types of family camping gear. Based on whether you will be going on a desert camping trip, a mountain camping trip, or a camping trip along the coastline, you might need unusual items of camping equipment.

There are many websites on the Internet which specialize in selling unique family camping gear items. It is possible for first-time campers to get overenthusiastic and buy a lot of stuff which they will never need on their camping trip.

Thus, before you surf the net for camping gear, you should first decide what area you'll be camping in, what kind of activities you'll be engaging in during your camping trip, and hence, what camping items you could need. You could come across some camping stuff which could seem pointless, like camouflaged tent and clothes, night vision goggles or a snake bite kit.

However, supposing you are camping in the desert, then a snake bite kit could save your life. And if you're out hunting, then camouflaged tent, clothes as well as the night vision goggles could come in handy. Every item depends on its usage, and should not be ruled out just because it seems unusual. Even a whistle could be helpful at time, in case you happened to get lost. Then your family could find you by following the sound when you blew your whistle.

Nowadays, there are many unusual tents which are available in the shops. One innovation is the glow in the dark tent. This tent is perfect for camping. Everyone who has been out camping knows what a pain it is to go out for the bathroom at night, and then have no idea where exactly the tent is. Many minutes are spent trying to locate the tent which might just be around the tree on your left. The glow in the dark tent will help you locate the tent instantly at night. The manufacturers of this tent also say that the glow keeps bugs and insects away. This company has also come up with polka dotted tents for people who want to have stylish tents and want to be different from all the other campers. With innovative tents being manufactured by so many companies, some manufacturers are beginning to make tents which cater to the difficulties faced by people with disabilities.

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Disabled people often cannot go on family camping trips and some companies are trying to make innovative tents with the needs of such people in mind.

When you are shopping for family camping gear, you'll see many new and unique things. They might seem unnecessary, but they're sure to be helpful. But, since these unique things cost more than normal camping gear, do not buy a lot of them because you think you might need them sometime. Buy what you will need.

Camping With The Family: How To Have A Safe, Fun, And Inexpensive Vacation

Family vacations can be a wonderful way to spend quality time. Many families take their vacation during the summertime when adults can take a week or more off from work and children are out of school until September. There are many choices for families when it comes to vacation including:

- ◆ Amusement parks
- ◆ Visiting family
- ◆ State parks
- ◆ Tropical islands
- ◆ Beaches
- ◆ Camping

Of all of these choices, camping is usually the least expensive and the one that every family should try at least once. There are many ways to go on a camping trip. Families can:

- ◆ Camp in tents
- ◆ Rent a cabin
- ◆ Rent an RV

Each of these options are wonderful for families, but for different reasons. When planning a camping trip with your family, you should consider the following:

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- ◆ Ages of children
- ◆ Destination
- ◆ Time it will take to get there
- ◆ Activities for children and adults
- ◆ Time of year
- ◆ Budget for vacation

After considering all of these variables, you will have to make a choice as to how to camp.

Tents, cabins, and RV's each have their own pros and cons when it comes to family camping trips. If you have never camped in an RV, tent, or cabin, you may not notice the differences as easily. But for those who have a preference, they may be reluctant to try another. But you will need to think about what is best for your family and go for it.

Tents

Sleeping in a tent will require you to buy a tent that will be large enough for you, your family, and your belongings. You will also have to buy sleeping bags, padding, and other accessories that will ensure that you have a restful sleep. There are tents that have multiple rooms, which will offer more privacy.

Pros

- ◆ True outdoor experience
- ◆ Easy to assemble and take down
- ◆ Easy to transport
- ◆ Will protect you from rain and wind

Cons

- ◆ Limited room
- ◆ Can get cold
- ◆ Uncomfortable at times
- ◆ Need to buy additional accessories including padding, seam sealant, and rope

When looking for a tent for your family, you should consider the following:

- ◆ At least a four person tent
- ◆ Tent that can be assembled easily
- ◆ Tent with rooms or small porch area
- ◆ Tent that will last for a few years

If you plan on going on future camping trips, you should invest in a tent that is strong and durable. When your tent is not in use, it should be stored in a cool place that is dry so mold will not form.

Cabins

Cabins are a wonderful idea if you have a larger family or if you will be camping with another family. Cabins come in all sizes and can be found next to lakes, mountains, canyons, streams, or even near the ocean. You will enjoy staying in a cabin because you will be able to cook meals, eat inside on rainy days, and relax without having to worry about bugs.

Pros

- ◆ Large areas to live in
- ◆ Full kitchen
- ◆ Temperature regulated
- ◆ Privacy
- ◆ Rented all year round

Cons

- ◆ Can be expensive
- ◆ May have to reserve months in advance
- ◆ May not be close to activities

When looking for a cabin, you should look for the following:

- ◆ Proximity to bodies of water
- ◆ Number of bedrooms
- ◆ Indoor plumbing
- ◆ Age of the cabin

♦ Supplies that are included

In many cabins, supplies such as pots, pans, and other cooking supplies may be in the cabin. They are used by those who stay. You will not have to pack as much with you which will save time, storage, and money.

When you decide where you want to camp, you should see where the cabins are located. You may be able to rent a cabin by the week that is right next to a lake or stream. This is a relaxing way to spend a camping trip.

RV

Renting an RV and driving to a campground is how a lot of families are camping these days. Because of the additional room, kitchen, and bathroom available, families find RV's convenient and comfortable to travel in.

Pros

- ♦ Travel longer distances with children
- ♦ Save on hotel and food costs
- ♦ Comfortable for everyone
- ♦ Ability to take longer vacations
- ♦ Rent or buy

Cons

- ♦ Gas can be expensive
- ♦ Families may feel crowded
- ♦ Many campgrounds charge more for those with RV's

When looking to buy or rent an RV, you should consider the following:

- ♦ Find an RV that is large enough
- ♦ Make sure the RV has a bathroom and hot water heater
- ♦ Make sure that you are able to drive the RV
- ♦ Make sure the campground you want to visit allows RV's

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If you are thinking about traveling in an RV, you should keep in mind that you will be spending a lot of time in the RV traveling, sleeping, eating meals, and sitting in traffic. If your family gets restless easily, you may want to choose another way to camp.

Once you get to the campground, you should spend the majority of your time outside the RV so that you do not become bored. Find activities to do, sightsee, or take a chair outside and sit in the sun. After all, you came to the campground to be outdoors and enjoy nature. If you stay indoors, you will not get as much from your vacation.

Family Camping Activities

When you arrive at the campground, you will want to unpack and get settled. You will also want to plan some activities for you and your family to enjoy. Activities that families can participate in together include:

- ◆ Backpacking
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Local attractions

If you have young children that cannot walk yet, or teenagers, you will want to find activities that they will want to participate in. Young children are happy playing in their playpen or going for walks with their parents. Teenagers will want to see the sights, meet other teenagers, or spend some time alone. You will have to strike a balance with your teenager and schedule activities in advance and also give them time to be by themselves.

Backpacking

Backpacking with your family is one of the best ways to see the beauty of nature together. Depending on the ages of your children, you will only want to spend an hour or two in the woods. This will be enough time to see birds, animals, rocks, scenic views, and other magical sights that children and adults will enjoy.

Before leaving the camping area, you should pack the following:

- ◆ Lunch for the trip
- ◆ Extra clothing

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- ◆ Water
- ◆ Extra shoes
- ◆ Map
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Binoculars
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ Sunglasses
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ Hats
- ◆ Bug spray
- ◆ GPS handheld tracking device
- ◆ Cell phone

If your children have allergies, you will need to pack their medication as well.

After your backpack is packed, you should stop off at the campground office and pick up a map of different trails and roads that are in the area. If you are going to a state park, stop by the ranger's office and pick up a map.

Choose trails that are not too long or difficult. Most trails that are on state park property are labeled in terms of difficulty. Choose kid friendly trails that do not have sharp turns, steep hills, or rough terrain where they could trip and fall. It is important to hold hands when on the trails so that children will not fall.

While on your hike, you should talk to your children and share in the joy of what they see. If you will be passing a water fall or scenic overlook, you should tell them about it. Younger children are usually amazed by these natural wonders, while older children will appreciate being outdoors.

During your vacation, you will be able to take as many backpacking adventures as you would like as long as the weather permits. This is a great way to connect with your family, get some exercise, and see some of the beautiful sights that nature has to offer.

Fishing

Fishing is another activity that families will participate in together when camping. Many campgrounds are located near streams, lakes, or the ocean. Younger children and teenagers will enjoy using their fishing pole to catch fish for dinner.

The equipment that you will need for a fishing excursion include:

- ◆ Fishing poles

- ◆ Bait

- ◆ Hooks

- ◆ Fishing line

- ◆ Bucket

- ◆ Net

- ◆ Clothing

- ◆ Boots

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You may be fishing in salt or fresh water, and you will have to know which in order to bring the right equipment. Also, depending on where you fish, you may need a temporary fishing license. When you are searching for a campground, you should ask about fishing requirements. Children can usually fish for free in most state parks.

Young children who have not fished before will be a little nervous at first and will probably not want to help hooking the bait. You should get the fishing pole ready and show them how to cast the line into the water. You will probably have to cast the first few times until your child gets used to it.

Fishing is a wonderful way to spend a quiet afternoon or morning with that family. If you or your children catch anything, you will be able to cook the fish for dinner.

Canoeing

If you have children older than seven, then you may want to sign up the family for a canoe or rafting trip. These are day trips that will allow your family to spend some time on the water enjoying the scenery and wildlife.

Canoe trips may be arranged ahead of time so that you will not have to spend half the day reserving a canoe or reserving spots on a raft.

When on a canoe trip, you should bring the following:

- ◆ Dry clothing
- ◆ Sunscreen
- ◆ Hats
- ◆ Sunglasses
- ◆ Bug spray
- ◆ Snack foods

- ♦ Water proof camera

- ♦ Plastic bags

Even though on a canoe trip, you will probably not get too wet, having plastic bags on hand for your camera, sunglasses, and clothing will help keep them dry just in case. If you will be rafting, you will definitely get wet, so you should leave most of your belongings behind in lockers or in the car until you return.

Children enjoy canoe trips because they are peaceful and there are many things to see including trees, fish, birds, the sun, and other canoes and boats.

Most canoe trips will only take a few hours. After you are done, you will be able to go back to the campground to rest. This is a good way to spend time outdoors and see other types of wildlife.

Swimming

If the campground you will be staying in has a pool, then your children will be able to swim everyday if they want to. You can also taking them swimming in lakes, streams, and the ocean. As with other activities, you will have to monitor your children often to make sure they are safe.

Items to bring when swimming include:

- ♦ Bathing suits

- ♦ Bath shoes

- ♦ Flotation devices

- ♦ Towels

- ♦ Sunscreen

Make sure that the campground swimming pool has a lifeguard on duty. If not, you should always accompany your children while they are swimming.

If you want to take your children to a lake, you will have to be on alert for the following:

- ♦ Snakes
- ♦ Mosquitoes
- ♦ Animals
- ♦ Algae
- ♦ Polluted water

While swimming in a lake seems very natural, they can be dangerous places because there are no lifeguards on duty, animals and other creatures live in the lake, and unfortunately, many lakes are polluted and should not be used for swimming purposes.

Swimming is a good activity for your family as long as you know they will be safe. You may want to take a first aid class so that you will be able to save your child's life before going on vacation.

Local attractions

Children and teenagers alike will enjoy a day of sightseeing. You should research places that may be of interest and ask your children for their input. While you do not have to spend all day going from sight to sight, if you choose one or two places to visit and stay for a while, you will have a great time.

When looking for attractions to visit, you should make note of the following:

- ♦ Distance from the campground
- ♦ Hours of operation

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- ◆ Reservations needed

- ◆ Family interest

- ◆ Gift shop

- ◆ Places to eat lunch

- ◆ Unique characteristics

Sightseeing is what many families do when they are running out of activities for their families. You should try to find attractions that will be of interest to your family. Don't spend time in place that are not interesting, this will only cause your family to become bored and stressed.

Try to make reservations in advance so that you will be able to plan the day and be able to see the attraction together as a family.

Mealtimes

Mealtimes should be fun and simple when camping with your family. There are many meals you can make that will make your children very happy. These meals should also be easy to clean up afterwards. When cooking, you may need the following:

- ♦ Fire wood
- ♦ Water
- ♦ Matches
- ♦ Help preparing salads and other sides
- ♦ Tablecloths
- ♦ Lanterns or candles

You should involve your family in the cooking process as much as possible. Children can stir pots, peel potatoes, make salads, set the table, and much more. Be creative and get your family involved in the entire process including the clean up phase.

Camping with your family is an inexpensive way to spend quality time with your family. The activities mentioned above will cost you very little or nothing depending on the equipment and supplies you already have.

When on a camping trip, it will be up to you to be creative and come up with games, activities, and meals for your family. This is a chance to find out more about your family and a chance to relax and share in their company.

Choosing how you will camp is the first step and probably the most important. If you do not want to camp outdoors, you should look into renting a cabin or RV. If you want, you can invite another family along when renting a cabin. This will cut costs and add to the fun.

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Enjoying the great outdoors is the hobby of many people. Share your experiences with your children so that they will want to camp with their families someday. You will enjoy watching sun sets, cooking great tasting food on the fire or grill, and you will enjoy watching your children discovering nature through activities such as backpacking, canoeing, and fishing. These are memories that they will have for a long time.

Great Picnic Locations

Would you like to have an adventurous picnic? If you said yes, you are without a doubt not alone. For many families around the world including the United States, Japan and China, there will be a huge number hosting or attending these picnics.

One of the reasons behind the large number is that picnics are not just for food, it involves getting together with family and friends and possibly playing some outdoor games and sports. It keeps the lines of socialization going.

Should you be the one hosting a picnic, you could be wondering where a wonderful location could be found to do the event. Should you be, this article will serve you well... in finding places and why they are good for this reason. There are five places to have picnics, although one may actually be indeed surprising.

Places to Host a Picnic

- One of the first places anyone thinks of is the park. Yes, this is always a really good place to sit out, relax, hang out with people and eat good food. Parks have a number of options available that make it a wonderful location. They have shade in the form of trees, most often times they have picnic tables and fun activities which include a pool or another type of water for swimming and even fishing. Where can you find a park? There are local parks in the neighborhood called public parks. There are even campground parks and state parks that people can utilize.

- If you know you would like water near your picnic, you can have a picnic next to the lake. It is possible to find state parks near lakes but it is also possible to find some land available to the public that would be perfect for a picnic. While it is likely these do not have restrooms or playground for children, it can provide you with a little seclusion and a wonderful view.

- Should you really want seclusion as a date for two or a double date, then a wooded area is a great place for privacy. This is ideal in a state or public park as well as a campground park. Wooded areas around your home could work too especially for ones you are familiar with. However, as nice as all that sounds, using your best judgment should be taken before this approach.

- One place people do think about from time to time, although may hardly ever do, is have a picnic in their own backyard. This is especially true if you want to have a picnic but want to stay a little close to home. Even though parks and campgrounds give opportunities to go swimming, boating or even hiking, this is best when dealing with young children. In order to help smaller children get acclimated to picnics, having a few "practice ones in the backyard can prepare them when the family goes out for the real thing later.

- This last one may not seem as perfect and serene to those mentioned above but it is one idea for when the weather turns unexpectedly. Have a picnic inside your own home. You can lay down a blanket in the family room, allowing you have your dream picnic inside. This is a good idea if the picnic was designed as a romantic encounter.

It is important that when you are deciding where to hold your picnic, you take into account how many you are inviting and who all will be there. Doing this can assure you will pick a location suitable for you and your guests to have a wonderful time.

Camping: Perfect For All Occasions

Are you ready to have a good time? Are you needing a vacation away from your stressful life? If you answered yes to both these questions, then have you ever thought about doing some camping? It's a nice activity that is relaxing and can be arranged for a variety of occasions.

- One special occasion is a family vacation. When the kids are on summer vacation and the parents take some of their own vacation time from work, a camping trip is a wonderful time to spend with families. These trips are very affordable compared with a traditional vacation to an amusement park or something close to that. With prices increasing, parents are finding camping a wonderful alternative. It doesn't matter if you have two kids or six kids, the price of camping does not go up.

There are so many things that can be done when you are camping...boating, hiking, swimming, fishing and many other things. Kids of any ages will enjoy the camping trip.

- Camping can also be used as an ideal romantic getaway for a couple. Why is this considered a getaway? Spending time in nature is a soothing vacation. For couples, many of them love the feel of outdoors and the romance that gets created from it.

Should this be the romantic getaway you want but do not know if you and your significant other want to camp out in a tent? Then before you finalize plans, do some research on your other options. In the United States, there are many rental stations for RVs for rent. There are also a few public campgrounds that do have cottages available for rent. To get the most out of your romantic camping experience, do the research before you go.

- Family reunions may be decreasing in their popularity but should you have one of these, taking a camping trip with the entire family can be fun. Of course, spending time with family like that can be stressful especially if you have a large family. The bad thing about this is the trip typically only last a few days. Many families are looking toward campgrounds for their family reunions.

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The activities at campgrounds are numerous. These activities include: boating, fishing, swimming and hiking. With a small or large family, it will not matter. Everyone can have fun doing at least one activity.

For the most part, campgrounds and state parks are pretty affordable and have camping rates that everyone in your family can handle.

- Finally, camping can be good should you just need a break from the hustle and bustle of the everyday life. Life is stressful and although it is fun to do camping with some friends, every now and then, a solo camping trip is needed to recharge yourself, even if it is just an overnight camping trip.

A very important tip that any person needs to remember is when camping out alone bring a cell phone with you all the time. Camping solo is nice but it can be dangerous too. Tell someone where you will be staying and when they should expect you to be back. A cell phone is helpful in two ways... should you be running behind, contacting your "contact" person about it can save them from having to call authorities and two, should you run into trouble, you can call authorities yourself.

These four occasions are just a handful of instances that may get you to thinking about taking a camping trip. Since camping is an affordable spare time activity that does not cost much money, why not get out there and take that trip?

Picnic Tables: What To Consider When Buying Them

Do you like to spend time outdoors in your own backyard? Do you enjoy cooking and spending time with friends and family? If so, it is likely, you have been hosting barbecues and holding picnics. If you have, then you may want to invest in a picnic table, if you do not already have one.

The first thought in your mind is to go to shopping and buy. Should this be your first time buying a picnic table, you need to make the most of your time and find one that really grabs your attention and satisfies your needs.

Remember that picnic tables say things about yourself. It is not only a spot for your guests and yourself to eat at. So what you get should compliment your style and your home. There should be many things to consider when really looking around before buying your very first picnic table.

Thoughts Behind Picnic Table Needs

Needs

- How can you find the perfect one? First off, it is important to contemplate exactly what your needs are and what will work great for you.

What do you think you will use the table for? This is important because it will have an impending impact on the choices you will make regarding your picnic table and the kind you buy. It will also impact how many you buy in the end.

Should you only be buying for recreational intentions in your own yard, then it could make it easier choosing if you are choosing for yourself and not buying a picnic table that is used for commercial reasons.

Size

- Size does matter when it comes to picnic tables and your family. It is a consideration that must be made when you are buying a picnic table. As if it is a joint effort, this factor works with the intended uses for the table.

For example, should your family be a big one or on a regular basis, you have many backyard get togethers that you host, it may be wise to get a large picnic table. However, getting more than one could work too.

Design

- The design of the table is also a factor that should be contemplated before being bought. Are you buying the table for yourself or your home?

Picnic tables come in various sizes, shapes and styles. They even come in a huge range of colors and are made up of different materials.. such as wood, oak, cedar and whatnot. It should not be hard to find picnic tables with different formats. There are the standard tables that come one piece only. However, there are others that come with three pieces. Those tables have benches separated from the table.

Cost

- Cost is a factor that will need to be considered deeply when you buy a table. Once you start pricing the tables, you will see the prices widely vary. You may even see that the tables will depend on two central reasons. These are:

- where you buy your table
- style of table you want

Even if you have a budget, there is a picnic table in your price range. This will entail some research and a bit of price comparison but it not impossible to find quality priced affordable brand tables.

These are just a few reasons that should be contemplated before you go out right away and spend money on something you may later regret. Should you want to buy a picnic table to go in the backyard, really go over them to make your final decision. Look around and then decide...hasty decisions are usually bad decisions.

The Benefits Of Creating A Camping Checklist For Yourself

Do you want to go camping with friends, family and your romantic partner? Has this been an idea in the making or spur of the moment? Either way, one of the best things to remember is to prepare.

Have you begun packing for the event with the supplies you will need or the food you would love to bring with you? If you have not done so, it is time to make a checklist. Doing so will ease your stress level when trying to figure out if you have remembered something or not. A checklist is a huge benefit.

Before you create your own checklist, get an idea what a camping checklist is supposed to contain. Really... a list can contain most anything you want to have.

Most people use the list to be sure they have all the necessary items including food and clothing. This also helps in for packing up the right kind of camping gear. The list can also contain what kind of activities you would like to do while you are camping.

When it comes to the checklist, the main benefit it serves is making sure you and others helping you to pack are not forgetting anything that may be necessary for survival for however long you decide to camp out for.

First of all, if this is not your first camping trip and you know you forgot something last time, it is a good thing to get a checklist this time. With it being made in advance, you and your friends are assured to bring enough food, drinks, snacks, clothing and other special or much needed camping equipment. This can range from tents to sleeping bags.

It is very simple creating a checklist for yourself. When you start to work on it, there are two ways to do it.

- Start the camping checklist from scratch.

Sitting down, create a list of anything you would like brought and everything you would like on your next camping excursion. Keep the list handy so should anything be thought up, it can be easily written down.

- Also, online camping checklists can be used as a guideline. These are typically free to use and easy to print right from the website.

How can this work for you? Add to this list your own ideas of what you need and don't need. Most of the lists available on the Internet are generalized in nature so adding a bit of your personality flair. To even find this list, you will need to do an Internet search using the Yahoo Search Engine or Google Search Engine.

One of the more interesting things to do when trying to make out a camping list, is visualize what you would like to do and eat as well as fun activities associated with camping such as hiking, swimming or even singing. What will you be wearing should the weather be too hot or it gets colder?

Doing this can bring with it peace of mind that you will not forget a single thing you would like to bring including the "activities" you would like to do.

While you are doing this for yourself, you don't need to forget that others are going out on this camping trip with you. Getting together with them can stave off any chances of forgetting a single thing. Between all of you, there should not be a single thing forgotten.

Since camping checklist are pretty easy to make, there is no reason not to make one other than you just do not want to take the time.

What Are Dog Backpacks?

Many people have pets today whether it is cats, fish, birds, iguanas or even dogs. Yet, none of these animals except man's best friend can go along with the family on outdoor vacations and enjoy the fun the family does.

There are many things and places to go with your dog to camp, hike or just experience the great outdoors with other happening events. Many of these folks like to bring their dogs with them to have them carry some of the gear, which does indeed relieve the stress on their own backs. So if "Fido" happens to be a big dog and you are bringing him along on the next outing, look into buying him or her their own dog backpacks.

For as long dogs have been domesticated, they have been traveling companions to their owners. These dogs can carry a load that may seem too heavy to its owner by wearing a backpack. Dogs will also help in with the mundane things such as help bring groceries home. Other people may take their dog to a trip of some kind, especially camping or hiking. This is when its backpack comes in handy because it can carry items such as extra food and water for the four legged member, among many other things an owner would like to take.

For a dog that is relatively healthy, he or she can carry about a quarter of their body weight in gear on his or her back. This means for a large dog, it is possible they can carry 20 or so pounds.

People need to remember these are dogs and not all will take to the backpack in the beginning. It may take some training before they are okay with it in the long run

Training the Dog to Wear the Pack

How can you get a dog used to wearing a dog backpack? First, have them lie on their back so they are accustomed to the weight on it. Second, let them wear an empty backpack. This allows them to get used to the straps around their body. This may take some time but once they are used to it, put two bottles of water in the pack so the dog can feel what it is like to carry something in the backpack on the back.

It is vital that the dog gets fitted for the backpack. Like humans, dogs can become uncomfortable and maybe even injured if the pack is not correctly fitted. The same rules apply to most dog packs.

- Be sure straps are secure and comfortable; they need to be loose enough for one finger to slip through the band and the dog's body.
- Test backpack when dog is sitting, standing and lying down; the straps can change fit in these different positions.

There are some backpacks that have straps, which will go behind the dog's elbows. However, this is a very susceptible area and not recommended. It is possible to find a backpack that will fit a dog without the straps.

Hiking And Camping: The Perfect Combination

When a person talks about taking a trip whether it be alone, with friends or a romantic partner, they will need a place to have a holiday and activities to pass the time with. What will they do then?

However, for some people, they may not have decided where to go or what to do for their next trip. One thing to do for your next trip is try a bit of camping and hiking.

When you talk about going camping, more than likely you will also go hiking. The two are pretty much synonymous. Separately, both have wonderful activities but together, they are the perfect amalgamation.

You may be speculating as to why camping and hiking seem to go together. There are numerous reasons why these two go hand in hand. They are both a wonderful way to spend a vacation. Everyone should give camping and hiking a try for the following four reasons.

Hiking Trails in Campgrounds

As you already know, these two activities just seem to work. The major reason behind this is because hiking trails are typically found in campground and state park where people camp out at.

The reverse is also true when it comes to them working out together.

There are hiking trails in establishments often referred to as hiking parks. These hiking parks often have their own campground site.

Experts in both hiking and camping will pair the two without thinking them both a part. This is a sign that both activities just go together like peanut butter and jelly (which you can bring on the camping trip.)

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Designed For All Ages -

Camping and hiking are perfect for each other because both are designed for children and adults. This is important because families are always looking for ways to spend time together without the television set and other disturbances that take away from family time.

In the United States, hiking trails come in a variety of difficulty levels. It is possible to find trails just for beginners. These trails are idyllic for the younger children and the elderly.

Hiking and Camping Costs -

Another reason hiking and camping go together is the costs behind the both of them. Should you want to go camping, paying for it as well as the hiking fee... if there is one... can be a way to save money by combining the two activities. Should you make a corollary or, rather a reservation, at a public setting like a campground park, it is likely you will see a hiking trail... which you can do for free.

The reverse may also be true. Should you visit a hiking park and it takes you a while to hike, it is possible you can stay overnight at the park, free of charge.

All these activities depend on where you go and what the campground is like can be free. Do some research before embarking on you trip.

Hiking and Camping Arrangements -

Understand that hiking does not typically need reservations but to cover your bases, make them in case you decide to stay overnight especially at a hiking park or public campground. The earlier you make your appointment, the better because it gives you some choices as to where you can stay. The campground will typically let early birds choose their own spots.

So with everything you know about the two and why they go together, why are you not packing some food and some clothes and get started on your expedition? Talk with those who will be joining you, see how many will jump at the chance to do both.

Why You Should Create A Checklist For Your Next Hiking Trip

Are you thinking about taking a hiking trip for yourself, to get away from the every day stress in your life? Maybe you want to go with some friends or your family and enjoy some quality time with them.

If this is the case, be sure to make a hiking checklist to be sure you do have everything you need. If you haven't done this yet, you may regret it if you don't.

Reasons For A Hiking Checklist

Why should you make a hiking checklist for your next camping trip? The main reason is to improve your hiking trip. Suppose you want to bring something but it just does not make the trip. When you plan a trip, it is very stressful and often times, things that you want to bring end up being forgotten. By making this list, you can be assured that what you want is what you'll be bringing with you.

The second reason a hiking list is important is to go shopping by it. Should this be your first or even second hiking, then you need to know what type of things to purchase at the store. If you have problems remembering what to bring, it is just as likely that you forget even the simple things at the store. So make a hiking checklist for the store can help you get what is needed and even what you want. Do not forget to bring the list with you.

What is another reason to make a hiking list for yourself? Understand that making a list is easy to create, so why would you not create one? If you have done your homework or have been hiking before, then you know what kind of things you want to bring or need to bring along with you. For this reason, it would be necessary to compile a list together so you will remember everything to bring. It can be done in just a matter of minutes.

Have you ever made a hiking list before? If not, you are probably wondering how to start one. Imagine yourself on the trip. What do you see yourself wearing? What do you see yourself eating and even drinking? The easy questions have the hard answers unless you imagine yourself hiking. From this, you can build a checklist.

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Even though you can create your own list, sometimes you can draw a blank when trying to build one. Do some research and use the Internet to help your list along. You can find a large number of hiking checklist samples on the web. Some of these are often printable which means you can take them off the web, print them and use them as you go shopping. Make sure you look at that list well and add your own items to it.

The decision to make a list or not is really up to you. A hiking trip is a one to ensure that you have a good time. If you have a dull trip, it is likely you will not be going back anytime soon. This checklist will cover everything you need and everything you want to bring.

Just remember though if you are not making a list, you may not be as prepared for your hiking trip as you may think. Should you get hurt, will you have the supplies needed. What if it starts to rain, will you have what you need to keep a dry? It is important to make this list to have a good time and not worry.

Why The Hiking Staff Of A Hiking Park Should Play A Role In Choosing A Hiking Trail

Have you ever wanted to go on a hiking trip? If so, have you chosen the trail you would like to try or the hiking park you'd like to visit? If you haven't narrowed down any choices or even looked yet, then it may be time to start looking at your options.

When you first start looking at your choice of parks, you may look at the type of hiking trails the site has to offer. Are the trails a bit easy or are they hard to walk? Determining your skill level on hiking is very important to avoid getting an injury.

After you looked at the trails themselves, you need to begin looking at the trails. You may want to inquire about the hiking staff that are employed by the park of your choice. By doing so, you can get a feel about what the campground is like. If an employee cares about their park, they'll care about the customer.

Many people may wonder why it's so important to check out the hiking staff. The reason for this is mostly optional when you base what hiking park you will be visiting. Yet, it should be something you want to check into.

There are several reasons why you should look at the hiking park staff or even just the particular trail they cover.

One reason behind checking out the staff of your park's choice is the staff should play a pivotal role because of your safety. At least one member of the hiking staff should be employed as a maintenance crew member. These are individuals who walk through the park checking out every single trail. They will spot and repair dangerous items they may come across.

For example: a hiker notices a tree branch in their path. When the maintenance crew is notified, they will go and get rid of it.

You may not think about it but a trail that has a maintenance crew is important. Why is this? Hiking trails are dangerous especially if they are not maintained regularly. Why? Because they are not only dangerous but the trails can be deadly. So when you are choosing a park to visit,

make sure you find out if the park is heavily kept up. Should you be unable to determine this yourself, get some feedback.

In some parks, there are also security personnel who are also called security guards or security officers. While a hiking park does not usually need a security guard, they would be good to have in case of any problems. These security guards do not always patrol the grounds but having them on the site is just as important: a feeling of safety.

For safety's sake, choose a hiking park that does have their own security guards/staff. While hiking is a fun and an exciting time, remember, it can be scary too. Especially if you are not used to the trail or a complete beginner.

Should something bad happen, having on-site security personnel that can respond quickly could mean the difference between life and death.

These security guards can also thwart some individuals who have intentions of committing crimes, such as robbing hikers or assaulting them. They can keep an eye on them and arrest them should they cause problems.

It is your decision on which hiking trail you will visit and which park you would like to visit. You should really take your time to consider everything about the park, including the park staff. Knowing the information about the staff can give you some sense of security and some peace of mind.

How To Find A Campground To Camp At

Are you ready to go on a camping escapade? If so, then you're going to have to look for public campgrounds you care to visit. These campgrounds are also called campground parks.

Should this be your first time to enjoy a camping trip, then you may thinking how you can find a campground to stay at. There are several ways to do this.

- One way that you can find a campground will no doubt have many options for you to choose from. This involves looking in your local telephone book. With the phone book, you will find the names of several campgrounds and their contact information. Not only would you find camps locally to do some camping at but you will get familiar with the surrounding campgrounds as well. It's important to write down the ones you are interested in and what they charge if they do.

- While the local phone book is a good utilization tool, getting recommendations is a good idea. Camping is a very popular activity so there is a good chance a family member or some of your friends have been camping. If some they can give you places to choose from, what they liked about it, what they didn't. They can tell you what kinds of activities were available and they may be able to give you all the contact information you need to get in touch with this campground.

- If a local campground is not what you want, how can you find out about campgrounds in other states? Use the Internet and do a search in one of the many search engines. By placing "campground parks" many hits will show up. You can modify the search if you know where you would like to go Usually city, state or even zip code.

This booming technology is an awesome way to find campgrounds and get familiar with all they have to offer. They may even have pictures about their park posted on the website. This gives you an idea.

Somewhere on the website will be contact information such as location and phone number. Maybe even a fax number. A price list for the park's campsites may even be on website.

- One other way on the Internet is to look at online phone books or business directories. These allow you to find business directories in a particular area with their contact information also showing. These resources will allow you to find particular businesses by specific area.

- By keeping your eyes open, you can find a campground park to camp out at. Sometimes a great campground is discovered quite by accident. Should you be out driving, keep a lookout for interesting park you would like to visit.

Many of these sites are seen in plain sight such as an advertisement on a billboard or highway sign. You can stop in and visit while requesting information. If you saw the information on the billboard, call the number posted to get the information you need. You can also do an Internet search about the park in question when you reach your destination or home.

As you can see, there are five different ways to find a campground to camp at. When you are camping you can also do many activities.

Word of advice: When you look for a campsite, think about who all is going to be joining you and plan accordingly. Do you have kids who are only toddlers? Then make sure to stay away from lakes or rivers if need be. Take your time when searching for a place to relax at.

How To Make The Most Out Of Your Next Camping Trip

Have you ever thought about going camping? Should you be interested in it like other campers, then you are thinking about spending more than one day, camping out. This means you are thinking about it as a trip instead of just camping.

However, extended trips give ways to times of boredom but there are steps that can be taken to get the most of the camping trip.

It is advisable to know what your intended plans are before going out on the camping trip. Are you planning the trip as part of a family getaway or are you using the trip as a romantic escape? You should know what the answer is because it can make a difference on how you deal with and make the most of your next camping excursion.

No matter what the vacation is for, there are many ways to enjoy the time without getting bored. By taking advantage of the activities the site has to offer, there should be no reason to be bored.

In the United States, campground parks have more than just camping for those who spend time there. Many of them have lakes where you can boat, fish and swim. It is not uncommon to find hiking trails as well. An admission fee is common for campground park. By doing this, you are paying to enjoy the amenities the park has to offer. Due to this reason, take advantage of all the park has to offer.

Start thinking about your own creative trip and what you wish to do. For example, you want to spend time with your family, bring some board games or even outdoor equipment for sports. This could make your children happy so let them plan part of the trip. Give them say so in what should happen. This makes them feel a part of the trip before it happens.

Many people say that they can plan for things without worrying about something going wrong but to make the most from your camping trip, plan for the unexpected. What does this mean?

Whenever people go camping one of the things they look at include the weather channel or the Internet weather guide to get an idea what it will do. Most people see that it will not rain so they

go on camping. While they are there, they might be surprised to get a rain shower or even a lightning storm. This can catch anyone off guard but not to the would-be planner.

If you have a reservations and you know its going rain, you may still want to continue your plans. If so, bring additional supplies such as board games, perhaps a technology entertainment system like PSP or portable DVD player. It might be wise to bring some sandwiches and chips, perhaps a bag of cookies too, in case the rain, rains out your camping cook-out on an open flame.

Should you have clear weather, then eating outdoors should be something you experience especially barbecues. Most campgrounds do have fire pits and offer wood for people to cook at their site. (This may cost extra depending on where you go as some places charge.) There may also be picnic tables available but if not, bringing an extra blanket can help.

Sure, there are fast food restaurants nearby and maybe if a great fancy restaurant but why would you want to eat something you can get at home? The whole idea of camping is to do something that you cannot do every day.

If you know what you want out of your camping trip, you can have a good time.

Choosing School Backpacks

While parents are nervous for their children who are just beginning in kindergarten or even preschool, the kids are getting wound up in the purchase for their first backpack. Many people consider this a rite of passage! One that many children won't soon forget.

Backpacks come in an extensive assortment of colors, themes and styles. It really boils down to deciding which backpack works for child. By starting early, parents and students have more to choose from at a reasonable price. This is one way to discover the ideal backpack.

When it comes to school backpacks, the younger children have many choices to go through. Many cartoon characters are on the backpacks. For girls, there are book bags with the Disney Princess line of flower and a butterfly design. One small design flaw for these is that they are pastel in color and can get filthy pretty easily. Cleaning will need to be done quite often to keep them looking good and new.

For boys, there are skateboard versions to action figures and characters on the backpack. Cleaning these bags, is a bit easier because the colors are not as vibrant.

Should you be choosing a book bag for either genders in the littlest age group, parents will want a bag that is well done and made and very durable. Should it look as if the bag will fall apart before the child's second semester in school, it is not a buy that should be made. This is even more true if the child's favorite character is on the bag.

The older children, those in high school and even college, do have plenty of alternatives when it comes to school book bags.

Nowadays, these styles come equipped with a laptop carrier. They can even place other electronic devices that have become very important to high school students. One such device is a calculator. Though not used often in high school, some teachers do allow them.

For college level students who walk on a large campus and live on the campus, it is important that these back bags can carry most of their books should all their classes be held right after the

other. Some of these styles include backpacks with wheels (a welcome relief to those who walk a great distance or have a bad back).

Many high schools do not like the rolling design backpack because it can destroy their floors. They also do not fit well in the school lockers. The bags at this stage normally costs more and more money should be spent on it to be sure it does not rip or tear while the students uses it. Typically, students at this age level take much better care of the bag.

Backpacks are a wonderful tool to keep your child's supplies, books and assignments organized.

What To Consider When Choosing A Campsite

Have you decided on a campsite for your next camping trip? Have you decided what kind of adventure you are looking forward to? For some reason, if you have made up your mind to go camping but have not picked a place to go visit, then this may be the time to do so. Studying up on the different places can help you narrow down where you would like to go.

During the months of June, July and August, camping is a very popular activity/ family vacation for people to get together whether it is for a weekend, a week or more. So before the summer months get here, it is a really good idea to have a place in mind and reserve your camp spot on the campsite park of your first choice.

Why Choosing Campsites Early Works Best

For most campground sites, park officials will allow those individuals who reserve early to choose where they would like to camp at. This includes spots near the water or hiking trails or even with a fire pit and picnic tables. While some do not practice this, a big number of campgrounds do to keep repeat visitors. Either way, the earlier you call in to reserve your spot, the more spots you have to choose from for your vacation.

You are probably speculating about what is considered a "perfect" campsite because the reality is nobody has the same ideal feeling. It really depends on what a person is needing and what a person is expecting.

While what you want may be combined with some other aspects of a camping trip, it is possible to use those ideas to your advantage.

When looking at the perfect campsite, there are three dynamics that should be considered: Size, Who's Going and Things To Do.

Who Is Going Camping With You

When you are going camping, think about who all is going with you. Should you be camping with children, you need to be sure the campsite is safe. If you have really young children, then perhaps you need a site away from water or hazardous hiking trails.

You should find a site that has playgrounds and other things suitable for young children. Get a spot that is located near these places for the safety of the children.

What You Want To Do During Your Trip

When you choose a campsite, it is vital that you choose one that is to your preference. If you are a water lover, you may want to spend your time boating, fishing or even swimming so getting a place close to the river or lake would be handy.

However, should you prefer a bit of hiking with everything else available, try to get a site closest to the campground's hiking trails

Campground Sizes Do Matter

If you decide to camp out with your motor home or have multiple tents, then you may need to choose a campsite that offer these spots. Before you agree to any camping site, be sure you know if the site is big enough for everyone in your party.

If it seems the size of the party outdoes the size of your ground, everything is going to feel cramped and it certainly will not be any fun.

After studying up about camping and all the garb that goes with it, do you still feel like it is something you wish to do? If so, then choose the spot that works for you and those who will be joining you.

Where You Can Buy Your Camping Gear And Supplies From

Have you got everything you need to go on your camping trip or vacation? Have you prepared all you'll need including the camping gear or other camping supplies? If you haven't done so, this will be something you are going to want to do soon.

If you have never been camping before and still need the camping gear supplies, you could be hesitant about where you should buy all these things from. There are a number of choices/stores to choose from.

Do you know the difference between camping gear and camping supplies? There is a difference! Camping gear refers to items essential in camping...tents, sleeping bags, hot plates and so on. While camping supplies is used to describe food, toilet supplies and much more. So when you go searching for these items to purchase, you will know that there is indeed a difference between them.

- Where can you buy camping gear? Camping gear can be bought at numerous locations that sell these items. They are sold offline and online as well. Yet, one of the best places to get your camping gear are stores specializing in sports. Sport stores are focused on products of the sport nature. These products range from baseballs to baseball bats, to basketball and the basketball gear and even camping gear like tents, sleeping bags to name a few. If you think you would like to go fishing while you camp out, then you can purchase a fishing pole too at the sports store.

Why are these stores so popular when searching for camping gear? They are popular because they have a wider selection of products to choose from. Although if you need a wider collection, then online sports retailers will do the trick.

- Another place to buy camping gear are department stores. A large number of these types of stores will have tents, sleeping bags and other camping gear pieces you will need for sale. The selection in these stores is not as extensive as those sold in sports stores. However, the prices on these stores' camping gear will be quite a bit lower. You can also say that department stores are known as the one-stop shopping center because they sell numerous things. This means you can get the camping supplies, like food and whatnot, from these stores.

- Camping supplies can also be bought at grocery stores. This is nice because these stores mainly focus on food. You will have a wider variety of food and drinks to choose from. Many of which are great for camping escapades. Some local stores, in the summer months you can find camping snack displays set up which makes it easier to find what kind of food you should bring. Don't forget that long with food and drinks, you will need to bring toiletry items that you will find useful on the trip.

- As stated in earlier articles, a large quantity of camping pieces are sold online. If you want the best deals or a greater product selection, using the Internet is your best bet. Even if you do not buy your products online, you can get an idea of what the product is like by reading the consumer reviews.

So as one can tell, there are numerous options when you are in the market for purchasing camping gear and supplies for the next time you want to go on a camping trip or vacation.

Most importantly, before you start spending money on unnecessary items, make a list so you know you will have everything you need while you are on your expedition.

Camping Equipment Catalogs

When buying things for a camping trip, camping equipment catalogs are proven useful and efficient especially when you don't have time to go on a store.. Usually camp equipment catalogs are printed for it for easy viewing purpose. The Camping Equipment Catalogs is certainly aimed at a camping market that is young and just starting. Today these catalog have every item that you can possibly think of that is related to camping. The glossy and bulky catalogs are now passé. The newest trend nowadays are the on line ones. These on line ones are complete and the choices in equipment has a wider range. The Internet has become a popular source for this type of catalog. The number of Camping Equipment Catalogs found on line are slowly increasing.

Camping has become a favorite past time whether one is single, with a partner or even the whole family. It is considered as a number one activity. It is time for bonding and fun in the wild. When camping, the equipments you bring can make or break the whole trip. The on line Camping Equipment Catalogs are of great help especially if one is too busy to buy on a real store. It is also a good help because these Camping Equipment Catalogs have buying guides or articles that sometimes go with every item. There are also testimonial from other campers that might have used the items.

Due to the popularity of these on line stores, it has created niches for a specific type of camping. It could be outdoor, rv and so on. It is now easier to look for equipment because the on line catalog can match specific needs. Different types of hiking boots, tents and sleeping bags are all available in Camping Equipment Catalogs.

These catalogs have become competitive among each other. They have added different leading manufacturers so that you can be guaranteed to have a nice camping trip. Some on line Camping Equipment Catalogs are giving away promos and discounts depending on the holiday it may fall in. You can be amaze at how much one catalog can have a different options for any specific needs. The Camping Equipment Catalogs have forms and all you have to do is to input what you need. These camping equipment catalogs are one thing that you need when get ready for a camping adventure.

Be sure not to leave behind any camping supplies. Camping supplies are things that should never be forgotten when going on a camping trip or adventure. If going on a camping trip making a list of the things to bring is the first thing to do before anything else. Having a checklist is a good way not to forget about anything when going on a camping trip to avoid hassles. The camping checklist can come in handy when packing for the perfect camping holiday. It can make your life easier and can lessen the prone of forgetting something important and essential. This camping supplies list can now be the point of reference when deciding to go on a trip again. It can come in handy. After every trip, you can either add or delete some of the things that might be needed or not needed.

If you have a long list, remember that camping supplies can be classified depending on the use of the item. You can also divide it in a way that is easier for you. It can also help you organize your things when you are packing for the trip. One way of classifying your things is based on the purpose of the item. Example group together camping gears like tent and sleeping bags. Another thing are clothes like hiking boots, thermal jackets and more. Camping supplies include first aid kit, cooking supplies and equipment.

For camping supplies it is important to consider the type of camping activity you will join liking hunting, fishing or indoor. Different camping adventures calls for different camping supplies like a fishing camping supplies is different from hiking camping supplies. An example of a scenario is cooking fish in the grill that you brought for the camp. This will not be useful if you want the fish to be cooked on fire. Fishing camping supply may need knives and other things.

For safety a first aid kit should not be forgotten. It can come handy and essential because sometimes accidents can happen without warning. It is considered a very important camping supply. Before heading towards the outdoors look into the first aid kit and make sure that has the proper materials and enough stocked. Some of the things that should be inside the kit are gauze, antiseptic, scissors, wipes, hydrogen peroxide, knife, medicines, small knife, saline solutions among others.

Aside form first aid kits another camping needs that is essential are the cooking supplies. It includes a portable stoves, burner, pots and others. An aluminum foil is one of the alternative when you are traveling light. Remember a simple meal can take you a long way on your trip. Camping supplies are really factor in any camping trip.

Family Camping: Activities

If you are tired of the wearisome routine binding your urban existence try taking a short camping trip just to rejuvenate yourself. Camping is a great way to relax your mind and ease out of the demands of city life.

However, it is hardly an individual experience and should preferably be shared with others, be they your friends or your family. Try persuading your children and the rest of your family to share your camping trip along with you, and see how they double your joy.

If you are taking your kids out camping you will have to provide them some activity to keep busy. Unlike adults kids do not usually like lazing around and are always bursting with energy. If the children have nothing to do they will nag and complain and turn your trip into a misery. Don't let such a fate befall you, stay prepared with the right activities to keep them satisfied instead.

Look below for activity ideas,

1. Send them out for a swim - No matter where you are camping you are bound to have a lake or at least a brook in close quarters. Send your kids off to swim their lungs out in these and explore the bounties of nature for themselves. If you are camping in a commercial campsite you might even be lucky enough to find a pool for your kids to go swimming in. But whether it is a natural or a man-made lake, as long as it is all right for your children to swim in them you know that they'll stay occupied.
2. Take them out biking - Camping is all about discovering nature and engaging in physical activities, and what better way of combining both than going out biking? When cycling around with your children make sure you have a map and a first aid box close at hand, so that you don't continue to worry about getting lost or ending up hurt and can instead concentrate fully on the breathtaking view alone.
3. Arrange treasure hunts - Keep your kids on their toes by planning innovative adventure games for them. Trust us, this plan is a sure hit with kids of all ages. Simply build a scavenger hunt exercise around a few riddles and clues and see how they stay glued to the search for hours. While planning the hunt however make sure you keep yourself confined to a secure area, preferably free from plants such as poison ivy, oak, sumac etc.

4. Build a campfire - Now, let's face it, no camp trip is complete without a few campfires. Of course if you are like most parents you'll probably think children have no business in the campfire building process, but we would beg you to differ. Building a campfire, together as a family can be an enriching experience in itself and to keep your kids deprived of it would be to rob them of half the fun of the outdoors. So even if you don't think they should be handling fire try and include them into the process in some way. Ask them to join in and provide help for easier jobs, such as the collection of twigs and logs. Once you build the campfire (with their help of course) enjoy its warmth and laze around it with your roasted mallows and hotdogs.

Family Camping On A Budget

Nowadays everything is just so expensive and it is very hard to afford a vacation for the entire family. While some completely forget the idea of a vacation altogether, others save up the whole year to afford a week at a resort or a beach. However, if you spare enough thought and meticulous planning to the affair, then any family can have an enjoyable trip. All the family members, both parents and children, should sit and chalk out the budget for a camping trip. It's fun and not at all stressful. A few simple pointers can go a long way in transforming dream into reality.

The very first step of the camping trip is to get hold of all the necessary gear and paraphernalia. In the event that you already don't possess any camping gear, you must start watching the advertisements and paying visits to local stores selling such equipment. Try to purchase the gear in the off-season when you can get some fantastic deals. Planning early can therefore prove to be immensely beneficial you can even surprise your family by producing the camping gear during the holidays! If you have gone camping before and just want to check out whether you and your family enjoy it then it maybe a good idea to borrow the equipment from somebody for one trip, thus saving money.

An excellent option for cost cutting during your camping trip is to pack food from home and carry it along. It should last for a long time and should easily fit into your vehicle. Thus there will be no expenditure at the groceries or the open-air markets for a recurrent expense like food of course there must be some variety in the food that you are carrying, keeping in mind individual preferences and needs. For instance, camping with a young child means carrying essential baby items like diapers and baby food that may command a much higher price at the stores near your camping ground.

Shopping around in the stores surrounding your camping ground may be an option. Most of the camping grounds open to public have a similar price range of \$8-\$16 for a single night and is usually inclusive of restrooms and other facilities until and unless you have chosen a tough camping trip for yourself. Also many of the camping grounds have a plethora of activities lined up for their visitors and if they do then it is wise to enjoy and participate in these nature hikes, craft time, and evening events. They keep in mind the theme of the great outdoors and are almost always included in the camping fee itself. Camp grounds are relatively inexpensive

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alternatives even to all other budgeted holidays and have tremendous possibilities.

Careful planning and thought can lend the aura of a resort holiday to a budgeted camping trip. Money does not always provide a good time.

Family Camping: Choosing The Best Chair

Now, it doesn't matter whether you choose to laze around by the warm campfire or stay glued to your seat fishing at the neighboring lake, either way you'd want a good seat and what can provide you with a better seat than a nice big comfy camp chair? The outdoors becomes double the fun if you have the reliable support of a sturdy ol' chair, which will watch your back while you take full advantage of the natural surroundings and simply relax.

If you are looking for a camping chair get ready to be spoilt for choice. A large number of manufacturers, including some of the biggest names in outdoor equipment sell camping chairs today. Usually camping chairs are foldable apart from being both tough and lightweight. Today however you will also find a number of fluffy, inflatable camp chairs and even the occasional rocking camp chair (!) provided you look around long and hard. If you are traveling with a family look for a chair and table set to make sure that dining outdoors is a memorable experience.

Deciding on the kind of camping chair that you want for yourself can be tough, but take a closer look at the sort of camper you are and you'll know what chair you need. Ask yourself how you are most likely to spend your time while camping? Are you the kind who'll stick around the campsite for the majority of the trip? Then why not choose a simple deckchair? A deckchair will not just cost you less but also keep you adequately snug. Think you'll be reading next to the beach or spending the getting a good tan? Well, then go for a high back sling chair. Want to hang around right by the pool? Try a lounge.

There are really is a large variety of chairs to choose from when it comes to the right seat for camping. Even if you consider yourself to be amongst the more active participants of a camping trip and think that most of your time will be spent away from where you have camped, even then it's most likely that you will need a camp chair.

This is because there is nothing more comforting than a nice, soft chair waiting at the end of every adventure or a long hard swim or even a lung burning cycle ride. In such a scenario you'd be best advised to find yourself an adaptable chair, which will come fitted with a variety of practical elements such as say an ashtray or a cup holder etc. The oversize quad chair by Coleman is a perfect example of such adaptability. It comes thoughtfully fitted with a cooler for you to keep your drinks chilled in and is hence a great choice for relaxing, whether you are

fishing in the nearby pond or grooving to a tune at a concert.

One of the crucial factors you need to consider while choosing a camp chair for yourself is how much it is likely to weight and how far you'll have to carry it.

Obviously if you are planning to camp far away you'd be best advised to find yourself a lightweight chair rather than one that weighs 10 pounds! Also, take into consideration the climate of the area you are off to camp at. Remember; if you are likely spend to spend a lot of time camping next to the sea you'd better find yourself a waterproof chair.

Unlike what you might think your camp chair's functions will not stay confined to your camping trips alone. If they are comfy and sturdy enough they will make an appearance during all your outdoor activities. So go ahead and buy a camp chair for your whole family today, we promise your money won't go to waste.

Family Camping: Cookware

If you are on your way to a camp you ought to keep yourself prepared with at least a few essential cookware, after all you will need to cook and eat even while enjoying the outdoors. The best cookware you can carry to a campsite are those that are small and portable, you don't want to carry unnecessarily heavy stuff and make your backpack difficult to bear. Special camping cookware, such as those that nestle within each other comfortably are quite popular nowadays and effectively handy.

Before choosing your cookware you will have to decide upon the kind of material that will work for you. Choose from stainless steel, titanium, cast iron and aluminum, each of them has their own special benefits so look for the one that seems to suit your needs the best. If your budget is high and you are looking for non-stick appliances then try aluminum. If you are looking for something a little more durable go for cast iron, it will last you long provided you take good care of it.

However, while aluminum cookware is light cast iron pots and pans tend to be heavy and cumbersome, so technically they are not the right choice for a campsite.

Apart from cookware you will also need utensils and cutlery to survive in a campsite. Of course how many and what kind of these you will need will depend on the sort of food you are planning to cook. If you want to keep it simple go no further than the simple spoons, knives and forks but if you intend to make things a little more elaborate try getting a set that includes everything including spatulas, tongs, measuring cups etc. If you are worried about how you will be storing these articles don't sweat, you can even find folding utensil sets in today's market! In case budget is an issue go for plastic utensils, these are not only cheap but also quite effective.

Here are a few tricks to make sure that you don't need too much cookware while camping.

Firstly, try and take care of most of the pre-cooking details in your home kitchen before you set up. Chop the veggies, make the sauces and neatly wrap them up in tightly sealed plastic bags or even small containers. This way you won't need to carry those cumbersome cutleries, those knives and forks and cutting boards and spoons all the way to the campsite. Carrying cutleries can be an awful pain, especially because they need to be cleaned immediately after being used

and let's face it who wants to clean dirty spoons after a hectic day and a hearty meal?

Secondly, try and stick to traditional camp recipes. There is a reason why camps have a certain specific menu and it involves nothing more than the utter ease with which they are usually cooked. You won't need heavy cookware or even too many cutleries for these, simply carry a few aluminum foils. Cooking in aluminum foil is as easy as it gets, and the result is both tasty and healthy.

Family Camping: A Path To Wellness

Everybody wants a change. Everyday life often becomes strenuous and utterly boring. To revitalize therefore one ought to allow himself/herself a break. A break can be of various kinds, you can either take a holiday and relax at home or engage in some invigorating activity or hobby, which will fill you up with renewed energy. You can also try a bit of camping, that way you will be able to both get away from daily life as well as enjoy the proximity of nature.

Not long ago camping was considered a rugged sport, what with no proper sanitation facilities, sleeping bags and food cooked roughly over open fire it was not everyone's idea of 'fun'. With time however camping has become far easier than it used to be and hence more and more people are trying it out today.

Camping isn't just one thing; rather, it is a combination of a large variety of outdoor activities. You can be hiking, fishing, swimming, biking or even rock climbing while camping. Camping itself is of various types, you can be bicycle touring, canoe camping or even backpacking and you'd still be camping.

Nothing besides your extreme love for the outdoors can drag you and your family out on a camping trip.

Camping is a beautiful, romantic and adventurous activity which will bring you closer to nature than your urban existence might have allowed you to be. Camping is a series of mornings amongst breathtaking views and nights amongst the gentle buzz of grasshoppers, it is days after days of the smell of grass and the cool gurgling of brooks. If you love nature nothing besides camping can turn your affection into an affair.

Even if you are fond of your urban comforts camping can still be fun for you. With time camping has become easier and easier and today almost anyone can join in on a trip and enjoy themselves. Even kids can camp as easily as adults today. It is not odd therefore that more and more schools and other educational institutions are taking their kids out to camp and engaging them in similar outdoor activities today. Being out in the nature can be liberating, even for kids, many of whom hardly get the chance to see it up close. Classrooms confine a student's mind but nature with its open arms allows them to spread their wings and enjoy freedom in its purest

form.

Apart from teaching them about the gifts of nature camping also coaches kids about the various hardships of life and shows them how to care and share. Camp is also the best place to learn all about teamwork and unity, new places, new activities and about sheer hard work.

Camping is thus so much more than just a hobby or a mere recreation it is all about finding the right way to goodness and enhancement and peace of mind, no matter what your age. So if you are feeling tired and simply want to get out pack your backpack, get your family or friends and simply head for nature, and see how camping changes you forever.

Family Camping: A Great Way To Bond

Camping helps a lot in developing an attachment towards your family as you spend a considerable amount of time with them while out on your trip. Kids who go on summer camps have an awesome time away from parents. They enjoy themselves as well as stay in close contact with nature. Camping offers a lot of enjoyment through entertaining activities ; it is also extremely exciting.

Family camping:

United States offers a lot of spots for camping. There is no absolute requirement to go to far flung areas for camping. Use the Internet to look for locations that are close to your place and you can have a memorable camping trip with your family in and around that spot.

As soon as you have selected your camping site, start preparing all that you will carry with you in order to have a great and also a secure trip. Stuff in the tents and the sleeping kits- when out camping you should not miss out the experience of sitting around the fire, cooking your meal and also listening to varieties of scary tales or maybe indulging in some games. Carry materials you need in case of an emergency or an accident like a survival kit or a first aid box. They can be bought from any pharmaceutical shop or a sports shop. Maintain a list of goods that you need to carry with you, strike off the object name one by one as you put them in your baggage.

Do things that all the members of your family will participate in. Indulge in long walks and also hiking- these are great ways of looking around the place and also enriching your knowledge about natural life. Carry nature and wildlife guides and they will help you identify creatures of the place and the plants too. Take binoculars , camera and a magnifying glass with you.

Converse about the various creatures that you have seen while in your trip . Use your guide to find out the features of these animals and also their utility in the food cycle or otherwise.

Fishing can be an interesting activity while camping. It is comforting as well as exciting and you can also dine on the fish you caught. Other water sports like swimming and canoeing can also be thrilling and you can indulge in them as long as you ensure your safety by wearing life vests.

Children on camping:

You can send your kids on summer camps that are held all over the country - they let you be by yourself for some time and also provide your children with a lot of entertainment and excitement. It also enriches their knowledge and awareness about the wildlife. Summer camps are quite reasonable ; the games and other workshops are presided over by adults and teen counselors. Summer camps allow the children to participate in a variety of games and other interactive sessions and these help them to develop their personality , encourage group participation and also it allows the space for the budding of friendships.

Often children's summer camps consist of races, swimming, canoeing. The children are encouraged to play games with obstacle courses as they enhance the team spirit and also keep the children fit as well as healthy. Camps , often, take the children out on nature tours where myriads of plants and animals are identified and inspected. Hence the children get to learn much about the surroundings and also about the significance of Mother Nature. The children might indulge in pottery, art and wood work as indoor activities. Evenings can be spent around the campfire , cooking and listening to a variety of stories.

Camping is an amazing way to develop your tie with your family. Children get to interact with many others and hence new friendships foster. Camping also increases our knowledge about our environment. For fun in summer , go camping - whether with family or children on summer camps, it is a thrilling and an informative way of spending your vacation.

Family Camping: Checklist

The correct camping stuff and gear must be carried along and this forms the most essential part of your camping trip. Here is a list of all that you should carry with you on your family camping weekend. However, your list of materials might alter as according to the spot that you have chosen as your campsite, the weather and the kind of camping conveniences available. For backpacking, kayaking, canoe camping or any form of camping which requires gear weight, look into our lightweight packing ideas.

Lodging and bedcovers as well as other bedding requirements are of primary importance to your list. A canvas for the ground and a sleeping bag might be your only requirement but for family camp excursions you will need a couple of proper sized tents, tent stakes (carry extra stakes with you too), hammer and a stake puller. You can use oilcloths or tarpaulins, a little larger than the floor of your tent to cover the floor of your tent, such that mud and dust do not accumulate. Carry a broom and a small mat, if possible. This will help you to keep your tent clean and tidy.

A great number of choices are available when selecting your bedding and sleeping material. However, you can also put in air mattresses or camp pads, for example the Coleman Rest Easy pad, sleeping bags, pillows and blankets into your list of materials to be carried. You may choose to take a Coleman shelter with you so as to keep away from the high temperature and also keep your food free from dirt and dust.

One of the most essential things on your checklist is the clothes that you need to pack. Obviously the garments you carry will be in accordance to the weather of that place and also the things that you intend to do. Put in 3 sets of clothes, something to sleep in, a jacket, a sweatshirt, and a rain gear if your trip is just for the weekend. Long pants socks as well as hiking shoes are essential if you want to go hiking. For swimming and other water related activities, carry your swimsuit, sandals that you can put on the beach and also head gear. Use the laundry conveniences that are offered by most campgrounds if your camping trip is long. This will allow you to carry only a couple of sets of garments with you.

It is important to maintain hygiene and sanitation when out on a camping trip. Do not forget to carry all the toiletries that you require. Keep your toiletries in portable, waterproof cans in case

your campsite has shower conveniences or you can also carry few of the numerous kinds of Coleman camp showers. Put in soap, deodorant, dental care products, hair care and the other required medicines.

You can pack your camping stuff in rubber totes or rugged duffel bags. Each person can pack their own tote and shower bag so as to simplify the luggage process. Rain materials, swimsuits, towels, camping games, and beach toys should be packed in a distinct, separate carrier as they are not too frequently used.

Use the laundry bag to keep the unclean clothes away from the good ones. The laundry bag is also helpful in the bathhouse. Take a bath towel, washcloth , sponge.

Also, if possible, carry a change container with quarters and you can use this in certain showers and laundries.

Family Camping: Tents

For a delightful and cherished vacation with family and friends one should opt for Camping. Camping trips allows you to spend a great amount of time with your near and dear ones and also calms as well as soothes you. Look into these camping trip tips if you want to enjoy a beautiful and contented camping vacation with your loved ones:

A rainfly is absolutely essential. It is a tarpaulin that spreads over the tent top, thus making your tent water- proof. Often tents come with a rainfly that coats the tent along with the windows and doors. However, the windows can be opened for air circulation and also does not let the water seep in.

Spread a groundsheet on the floor of your tent such that water, dirt or pointed, prickly substances like sticks and rocks do not hurt you. You can use a plastic canvas as your groundsheet. Check that your groundsheet canvas is the of the same shape as your tent and also a trifle smaller in comparison to your floor space such that water does not accumulate by the sides of your tent.

In case you have recently bought your tent or your tent has been lying around unused for quite sometime , the do put up your tent and examine it. Confirm that the line of stitching and the edging are all in perfect order. Also see that you are not leaving out either the poles or the stakes. Apply a good seam sealer on the tent's stitching annually. If the tent has endured a rain shower , then you can squirt a water repellent on the outer surface of the tent.

When camping, it is advisable that you choose a nice, even ground where you can set up your tent. Do not camp either on sandbars or in regions that are prone to flashfloods. Also , avoid pitching on submerged, deeply drawn tracts of land or even huge dents as is these plots are sites of water accumulation and this water will seep in thorough the floor of your tent.

When pinning your tent to the ground, use a mallet that is specially made for driving tent stakes or a hammer to make sure that your tent stands firmly on the ground.

Aluminum posts are usually very strong as well as powerful and thus, are known for their sturdiness and resilience. Hence they become the first option when one chooses to camp on

gravel campsites that are so often found on campgrounds. Do check that your tent is firmly pinned to the ground and then hit the sack. Check the posts everyday.

If you plan to go camping in summer, then refrain from camping in spots that are close to stagnant water depots. Accumulated water is the breeding place of mosquitoes and other biting insects. In case you choose to opt for a screened shelter like the Coleman Insta - clip Screenhouse , that , too , would be a good idea as the screened shelters keep you away from creepy, crawly creatures, as well as from the rain and the sun.

The sheltered tents are perfect for mealtimes, also if you want to sit indoor and yet enjoy the surroundings.

Carry a whip or a broom with you on your trip. It is necessary for you to maintain the inner part of your tent spick and span, clear of gravels and other dirt. A doormat or a piece of carpet can be put outside your tent such that all of you can dab your feet on it and then get into the tent.

Once your camping vacation is over, clear your tent of all mud and dust and then pack up the dry tent. Pull out the posts and poles with the help of some special stake puller or a small ring of strung rope. Do not forget to put back the stakes and the poles into their rightful bag spaces.

Family Camping: First Aid Kits

When you start preparing for your camping trip, quite a few salient things strike your mind. Right from airing out the tent to listing grocery items, one must also get hold of maps and explore the local areas. Mostly the fun aspect engages your attention. However, safety is also a very important issue. A necessity for first aid might arise. Being outdoors for a period of time might lead to an emergency and that call for immediate safety measures and rescue. For maximum precaution safety should be approached through the three “E”s.

Equipment: A first aid kit is the first and most important step. It can be purchased or the basics can just be assembled together. A great number of websites are dedicated to give you directions for the same. One such pointer is making a large kit and storing it in your car. A Larger box containing all sorts of medicines maybe useful for keeping in the car but not practical for carrying around during hiking or backpacking. Obviously carrying the larger box is not feasible so only the absolute necessities must be carried.

Education: Don’t allow things to fate. Imagine hypothetical emergency situations. Good hikers take all sorts of precautions for every such possible situation. A first aid course can go a long way in providing such education. YMCA and Red Cross are agencies that provide this service to the community at large. Getting lost, being exposed to adverse weather, having to experience insect bites, campfires etc, can all be leading to potentially dangerous situations. Morbidity shouldn’t be ruining your trip, but try discussing these imaginary situations while traveling to ensure that if these arise, you would know how to tackle them.

Experience: Looking for emergencies is not a pleasant option, but you might actually d some basic things to get practical knowledge. If you are a parent and if one of your children undergoes some slight injury then administer first aid yourself and let you other children witness the process. Of course this calls for the facts that the hurt child permits this, and the conditions are apt. Usually first aid courses are practical knowledge oriented and teach the administration of basic procedures like CPR and bandaging. If you have experience of first aid then you can take adequate precautions by ensuring that those traveling with you avoid potential danger, but it’s wise to do this gracefully.

Family Camping: Planning The Trip

Planning the nitty-gritty of a camp trip from beforehand can prevent you and your family from immense stress.

The trick is to assign each family member with a function and the collective effort ensures that all have a good time.

A camping trip poses difficulties for children below the age of three. Most of the hiking activities like hiking and canoeing are not viable options for them. Therefore one adult also has to make a sacrifice by staying back with the kids and making sure that none of them gets into danger.

Even if your children are older the one question that strikes your mind is whether they are actually sufficiently old to derive pleasure out of the trip. You must enquire whether the campground offers any interesting activities for your children or whether any adjacent facility actually does.

It might be necessary to make prior reservations for certain camping activities that need advance booking for logistic reasons, perhaps having a ceiling barring the number of times you may use them or the number of items made available to a family. These include boats, horseback riding, and fishing licenses.

A little bit of effort here helps you to save time and greater effort, and also helps you with the requisite information making possible a great time for your family.

Campgrounds may have quite a few small towns, which can offer a diverse variety of interests and activities to the camper needing a change of scene. The library, park and chamber of commerce are good places to enquire at.

Perhaps the nearest small town to your camping ground has a rich and fascinating history that would be rare pleasure to discover. You could opt for a small local museum or a guided tour to enlighten you and your family.

Packing books, CDs and DVDs for the trip is a good option that can prevent any untoward

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incident (like a fight between the children) from happening. This way they are kept busy during the car ride and are not subject to sheer boredom.

Schedule bathroom breaks every once in awhile, both for children as well as the adults. This gives them an opportunity to stretch their legs, walk around for a bit, and feel rejuvenated.

And fun activities should not only be restricted to the children, the adults too should enjoy a well-deserved break. So they should have their sort of fun activities lined up for them.