Multi-day Hiking Checklist



This is a checklist of what to pack for a multi-day hike. It can be scaled for 2- to 10-day hikes. The items in Green are optional/nice-to-have's and the items in Blue can be shared in a group of 2 or 3.

Clothing

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		Boots/walking shoes & extra laces		1 Pair of shorts
		2 Pairs of thick outer socks (or more if you		Thick fleece
_		prefer)		Rain jacket & waterproof pants
		2 Pairs of thin liner socks (or more if you prefer)		Beanie, gloves and thermals (top and bottom)
		2-3 Pairs of underwear (or more if you prefer)		Hat (peak cap or lightweight full brim hat)
		2 Pairs of quick drying t-shirts		Swimming Costume
		1 Long sleeve t-shirt/thin fleece		Tracksuit pants, t-shirt and flipflops to wear at the
		1 Pair of quick drying trousers		hut
Sleepi	ng	/Shelter Gear		
		Sleeping bag		
		Inflatable pillow (or just stuff your excess clothing into a pillow case)		
Cooki	ng			
		Gas stove, gas canister & cooking pot		Plastic plate, mug & cutlery
		2 x Lighters in separate, water-tight locations		Dishcloth
Toilet	ries	6		
		Toothbrush & toothpaste Toilet paper & lightweight trowel kept in a water-tight zip-lock packet		Biodegradable body/facewash & other personal toiletries Quick drying towel (or Kikoi)
		Facecloth		
Other				
		Backpack		Plastic packets for trash
		Backpack rain cover		Lots of Zip-Lock packets (to keep electronics dry
		Pocket knife	_	and many other uses)
		Dry-bags for sleeping bag and clothes		Biodegradable laundry detergent, dish soap & washing sponge/scourer
		R100 in a zip-lock packet		Power bank & spare batteries
		Sunscreen, lip balm & insect repellant		Lightweight clothesline & washing pegs
		Headlamp & spare batteries		Trekking poles (walking sticks)
		2 x 1-litre water bottles		Sunglasses & hard case
		Map & compass (GPS)		

Emergency/First Aid

	Painkillers/anti-inflammatories (paracetamol &		Strepsils				
_	ibuprofen)		Waterless hand soap				
	Plasters, strapping tape and gauze		Rehydrate				
	Antiseptic cream		Rennie Antacid				
	Antihistamine (Non-drowsy)		Zam-Buk				
	Anti-chafe cream (use daily to prevent hip- chafe)		Duct tape				
	Burn Shield		Emergency/space blanket				
Food (Ideas/Suggestions)							
Breakfast	::	Snacks:					
	Future Life or Oats-O-Easy (ration per day)		Energy/breakfast bar (2 per day)				
	Rusks		Droëwors (ration per day)				
Lunch:			Chips (small packets – 1-2 per day)				
	Seed-loaf rolls or crackers (ration per day)		Mini-Snickers and Jelly Babies				
	Cheese spread triangles (ration per day)		Peanuts & Raisins				
	John West tuna sachets	General:					
Dinner:			Sugar and salt				
	Penne pasta or 2-Minute Noodles		Instant coffee or tea & powder milk				
	John West tuna sachets		Game				
	Smash						
	Couscous (with dried veg)						

Additional Items/Notes

Thin liner socks help to reduce the chance of blisters.

Leave a clean set of clothes in the car for the ride back.

The food items listed are merely a guideline for lightweight non-perishables. Chop and change to taste.

If you have space (and weight) to spare, a fresh apple every day is a treat.

Guide for backpack weight: 20% of bodyweight for adults (15% for children), depending on fitness and experience

Happy hiking!