

Packing list for everyday camping

- Tent/swag etc (including pegs)
- Pillows, sleeping bag, sheets
- Chairs, tables
- Everyday medicine and emergency medicine for everybody in the car (including first aid kit)
- Food for trip and spare food (just in case) and a way to cook and store (esky, fridge, pans, bbqs etc)
- Water and additional water
- Permits/licences required where you are going
- Basic tools, hammer, few screwdrivers, hatchet/axe, duct tape, electrical tape, rope
- A way to charge your phone (in case of emergency)
- Some emergency items, space blanket, water treatment system (eg life straw), signal mirror and whistle, fire stick
- Additional items for more remote camping
 - Access to sat phone/HR radio and know how to use it
 - UHF radio (CB) is an absolute must
 - Additional water, food, fuel rations as well as some spare parts for car (ie fuel filter, oil, basic hoses or a way to repair existing)
 - A more comprehensive tool kit, even if you do not know how to use all of it, a passer by might
 - A second spare tyre
 - An air compressor

Car prep checklist

- Before trip
 - Full mechanical check including all fluids and lights
 - Check tyres, including spare
 - Check roof racks are in good working order
- Day of trip
 - Check oil and water levels, including water jets
 - Check air pressure in tyres including spare
 - Do a walk around of car looking at overall of vehicle
 - Check head lights, tail lights and trailer lights

Essential items to keep in your car for any camping trip

- Life straw/water purification device
- Lighters/matches and fire stick (best to have all of these)
- Spare blanket
- Signal mirror and whistle
- Multitool/knife (both ideally)

It works well to have these in a small back pack that is easy to grab. You can even take it with you if you go for a walk, just in case.

Packing your 4WD

- Put all your heavy items as low as possible and on the rear axle or in front of it (this is tricky in a dual cab ute), things like fridges, eskies and water
- Generally swags and other large bulky but light stuff works well on the roof rack just make sure it is waterproof (and facing backwards if driving on dusty roads)
- Food, clothes etc can be packed around heavy items to stop them moving
- Pillows, blankets etc and other light items that are not water proof can then go on top of everything to also aid it in not moving