

WOS Backcountry Pre-Trip Checklist

2 months+ before

- Permits and reservations for area
- Read trip reports and gather information - is there any additional gear you need to obtain?
- Review packing list and be sure you have purchased/ordered/borrowed everything you need
- Review daily logistics of trip and see if you need to take extra time of work for travel day, etc.
- Start Google Doc/text chat with group to delegate and share planning tasks

2 weeks before

- Test stove
- Check expiry on bear spray
- Put up tent and ensure you have all parts
- Blow up sleeping pad and ensure it holds air
- Create menu plan
- Prep/dehydrate non-perishable food ingredients
- Test satellite communication and ensure your subscription is active and online details are up to date

1 week before

- Pack your gear (everything except fresh food, toiletries and anything you need in the meantime)

Day Before

- Buy fresh groceries and prep/repackage
- Check weather and any trail/road/travel updates
- Charge all electronics

Day of

- Pack fresh veggies and toiletries
- Let your emergency contact know that you have left and all is well

After the trip

- Clean and dry all items
- Put back away in bins, hang down if you can
- Optional: Go through photos and share with partners