

NATIONAL PARK TRIP CHECKLIST

PLAN IT • PACK IT • EXPLORE

PARK: _____

TRIP DATES: _____

TRAVEL CREW: _____



BEFORE YOU GO

RESEARCH • PLAN • BE PREPARED

- ☐ Check entrance requirements, permits, or timed-entry reservations
- ☐ Confirm lodging or campsite reservations
- ☐ Check current park alerts, closures, and road conditions
- ☐ Review the weather forecast and seasonal conditions
- ☐ Choose your main trails, overlooks, and activities
- ☐ Check trail distance, elevation gain, and difficulty
- ☐ Look up parking, shuttle, or transportation information
- ☐ Check sunrise and sunset times
- ☐ Confirm where food, fuel, and potable water are available
- ☐ Download offline maps and save important locations
- ☐ Plan at least one backup activity in case conditions change



RESERVATIONS & TRAVEL DETAILS

TICKETS • DOCUMENTS • ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Park pass or entrance confirmation
- ☐ Photo ID
- ☐ Permit or activity reservation, if required
- ☐ Lodging/campsite confirmation
- ☐ Directions and important addresses saved offline
- ☐ Emergency contacts saved
- ☐ Credit/debit card
- ☐ Small amount of cash
- ☐ Travel itinerary downloaded or printed



MY TRIP MUST-DOs

TOP SPOTS • TRAILS • EXPERIENCES

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

ONE THING I DON'T WANT TO FORGET: _____

Quick Reminder

Conditions can change quickly. Always check the official park website for current alerts, closures, weather, and reservation requirements before your visit.



PACK THE DAYPACK

COMFORT • SAFETY • ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Refillable water bottle / hydration system
- ☐ Extra water for longer outings
- ☐ Snacks or trail food
- ☐ Comfortable hiking or walking shoes
- ☐ Weather-appropriate layers
- ☐ Rain jacket or windbreaker
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Small first-aid kit
- ☐ Portable phone charger
- ☐ Offline or paper map
- ☐ Camera or binoculars
- ☐ Any personal medications



TRAIL & PARK SMARTS

RESPECT • SAFETY • LEAVE NO TRACE

- ☐ Bring enough water and food for your planned route
- ☐ Tell Someone your general plans for longer or remote hikes
- ☐ Stay on designated trails and respect closures
- ☐ Keep a safe distance from wildlife
- ☐ Store food appropriately where required
- ☐ Pack out your trash
- ☐ Leave rocks, plants, and natural objects where you find them
- ☐ Know when to turn around if weather or conditions change



FINAL CHECK — BEFORE YOU LEAVE

LAST STEPS • STAY ORGANIZED • HIT THE ROAD

- ☐ Charge phone, camera, and other electronics
- ☐ Charge portable battery pack
- ☐ Download maps, reservations, and confirmations
- ☐ Check the final weather forecast
- ☐ Check park alerts one last time
- ☐ Fill water bottles / hydration system
- ☐ Pack food and snacks
- ☐ Check your fuel or vehicle charge level
- ☐ Double-check reservation and shuttle times
- ☐ Share your itinerary with someone if heading somewhere remote



NICE TO HAVE

EXTRAS • COMFORT • MORE FUN

- ☐ National Park Passport book
- ☐ Travel journal or sketchbook
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Trekking poles
- ☐ Picnic blanket
- ☐ Extra socks
- ☐ Bandana / neck gaiter
- ☐ Small towel
- ☐ Reusable utensils
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch
- ☐ Playing cards or compact travel game



EXPLORE

RESPECT

PRESERVE

Trip Complete!

FAVORITE MOMENT:

