

What gear do I need to take on a walk or camp

Each walker should be relatively self-sufficient, without relying unduly on others in the party.

Day walks

- Clothing. Most bushwalkers prefer shorts and a loose shirt. Long pants are suitable if they are sufficiently loose not to impede movement. Jeans are usually too tight.
- Day pack
- Good running shoes with good tread or walking boots. (enclosed footwear)
- Hat (a wide brim for open areas; army "giggle" hats usually suffice in forested areas).
- Water bottle (at least 2 litres or more).
- Lunch (usually sandwiches).
- Snack food (Trail Bar, chocolate, nuts, fruit, dried fruit, lollies. tea, coffee, etc.).
- Sunscreen.
- Small LED torch or strap on head light.
- Insect repellent (with DEET).
- Rain Jacket or wet weather gear.
- Light Pullover/other warm clothing for winter trips and many summer trips in mountain areas.
- Personal items: e.g. toilet paper, camera, Mobile Phone-fully charged for contact purposes rather than general chitter chatter.

Some of the following additional items could also be considered for Day Walks.

Walking Pole, First Aid kit, torch, whistle, pen and paper, matches or lighter, map and compass in a waterproof map case or clear plastic bag, GPS, Ultra-light emergency-Space Blanket, Spare bootlaces.

Some ideas for a First Aid Kit.

Handkerchief, Small sharp knife, Paracetamol, Band-aids, Crepe bandage, Blister pads (e.g. Dr Scholl or Spenco brands)

First Aid leaflet or booklet that gives a quick guide for handling injuries or emergencies, Disposable latex gloves, Mini resuscitation shield, Tweezers.

Additional gear for "Base Camps".

- Camping gear (a tent with a floor groundsheet, tent poles and pegs, sleeping bag with inner sheet, chair, gas light)
- Food (most meals you have at home can be prepared on a base camp) and esky
- Cooking and eating utensils may include cutlery, a cup, plate, bowl, can opener, billy, frying pan, and if possible a gas stove.

For a "Through Walk" in SE Queensland, the following items should be added:

Tent, groundsheet and sleeping mat if camping, sleeping bag and sheet bag, Pillow (or use makeshift material)

Stove and fuel, Cooking and eating utensils, Tea towel

An extended supply of food (about 700g per person per day)

Water disinfection tablets or filter, Rubbish bag, Towel, Toiletries, Pegless clothes line

A change of clothes, Footwear for when walking boots are removed, Ultra-light emergency (space) blanket

Hexamine tablets or rubber bands for emergency fire lighting, Perhaps a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon).

All rubbish, food scraps, containers and packaging should always be carried out with you and taken home or to a council provided disposal bin.