

Switchback Travel Backcountry Skiing Checklist



Backcountry Ski Equipment

- Backcountry skis w/ touring bindings
- Backcountry ski boots
- Ski poles
- Climbing skins
- Ski goggles and /or sunglasses
- Ski helmet
- Ski backpack
- Navigation
- Headlamp

Accessories & Optional:

- Ski straps
- Repair kit
- Ski crampons
- Ice axe
- Satellite messenger
- Backcountry radios
- Skin wax
- Utility cord
- Emergency blanket or bivy



Avalanche Safety Gear

- Avalanche beacon
- Snow shovel
- Probe
- Slope meter
- Snow study kit

Optional:

- Snow saw
- Avalanche airbag pack



Clothing

- Baselayers
- Midlayer
- Down or synthetic jacket
- Hardshell or ski jacket
- Ski pants or bibs
- Ski gloves or mittens
- Ski socks

Accessories & Optional:

- Beanie or insulated headband
- Brimmed hat
- Liner gloves
- Balaclava or neck gaiter
- Extra socks



Personal Items & Extras

- Bathroom kit or Wag Bags
- Hand sanitizer
- SPF-rated lip balm
- Sunscreen
- First aid kit
- Insulated water bottle(s) or bladder
- Thermos w/ hot beverage or soup
- GPS watch
- Camera
- Disposable hand warmers
- Whistle
- Compass
- Knife or multi-tool
- Extra batteries
- Lighter or waterproof matches
- Foam sit pad
- Notebook and pencil
- Personal medications
- ID
- Permit or park pass