



2026 Wild Driftless mandatory gear list

Applies to 9-hour race and 5-hour race—5-hour exemptions are noted below.

1 per team must be carried at all times

- Cell phone with dry bag (for emergency use only)
- Compass
- First aid kit (minimum band aids, tweezers, gauze, tensor bandage, adhesive tape)
- Watch (non-GPS capable)
- Waterproof map case or means to keep maps/instructions dry
- Pen (fine-tip sharpie will work best).

FULL-TIME MANDATORY INDIVIDUAL GEAR:

Each team member must have the following at all times

- Backpack or means to carry all gear
- Whistle
- Emergency Blanket
- Hydration system to carry at least 48 oz of water
- Food to last duration of race
- Bright item of clothing (blaze orange or pink preferred for hunting season)

MANDATORY TEAM BIKING GEAR:

1 per team must be carried on all biking sections

- Mini bike pump or CO²
- Tool kit for repairs, e.g. changing flat/chain repair

Mandatory Individual Biking Gear:

Each team member must have the following on all biking sections

- Bike –
 - Mountain bikes are strongly recommended for more technical portions of trail but gravel bikes may also be used (road bikes would not be advisable).

- Flashing red taillight
- Bike helmet
- Spare bike tube

MANDATORY PADDLING GEAR:

No paddle gear for 5-hour Driftless Lite.

Required for paddling sections

- Provided: Canoes (kayaks for soloists), paddles, and PFDs will be **provided by the race**. All racers must use the boats provided by the race.
- OPTIONAL: Racers may bring their own paddles, PFDs, and/or middle seats for canoes (teams of 3—step stools can be a good option). PFDs must be Type I, II, or III.
- Any personal paddle gear provided by teams must be brought to check-in on race morning in a bin or bag with your team number clearly displayed.

RECOMMENDED

- Bike lock
- Means to filter water (*Unnecessary for 5-hour*)
- Long-sleeve synthetic shirt
- Warm hat
- Waterproof jacket
- Long pants/tights
- Bike gloves
- Buff
- Bike odometer
- Extra change of clothes
- Knife
- Dry bag
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Duct tape

PROHIBITED

- GPS (includes any item that has GPS tracking capability)
- Outside maps of the area besides those provided by the race organization
- Firearms
- Communication devices other than sealed cell phone for emergency use
- Motorized means of transportation
- Alcohol/drugs