

Caravanning Trip Checklist

What to pack before leaving home

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ESSENTIALS AND DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Driving licence
- ☐ Car and caravan insurance details
- ☐ Breakdown and recovery details
- ☐ Campsite booking confirmation
- ☐ Car and caravan handbooks
- ☐ Emergency contact numbers
- ☐ Route details or suitable satnav
- ☐ Paper map as a backup
- ☐ Bank cards and some cash
- ☐ Passports, if travelling abroad
- ☐ Regular medication
- ☐ Pet records and supplies, if needed

KITCHEN AND FOOD

- ☐ Pots, pans and cooking utensils
- ☐ Plates, bowls and mugs
- ☐ Glasses and cutlery
- ☐ Kettle or coffee maker
- ☐ Chopping board and safe knife
- ☐ Tin and bottle opener
- ☐ Washing-up liquid and sponge
- ☐ Cloths and tea towels
- ☐ Kitchen roll and bin bags
- ☐ Food-storage containers
- ☐ Seasonings and sauces
- ☐ Planned meals and snacks
- ☐ Fresh drinking water
- ☐ Cool box or ice packs, if needed

TOWING AND SETUP

- ☐ Towing mirrors
- ☐ Breakaway cable
- ☐ Electrical connection cable
- ☐ Hitch lock
- ☐ Wheel lock
- ☐ Wheel chocks
- ☐ Levelling ramps
- ☐ Noseweight gauge
- ☐ Torque wrench
- ☐ Wheel brace
- ☐ Corner-steady winding handle
- ☐ Suitable jack
- ☐ Spare wheel or puncture provision
- ☐ Caravan and security keys
- ☐ Correct number plate
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ High-visibility vest
- ☐ Small kneeling mat

BEDDING AND CLOTHING

- ☐ Pillows and bedsheets
- ☐ Duvets or sleeping bags
- ☐ Mattress protector
- ☐ Extra blanket
- ☐ Nightwear
- ☐ Everyday clothes
- ☐ Warm layers
- ☐ Waterproof coats
- ☐ Walking shoes
- ☐ Waterproof footwear
- ☐ Sun and warm hats
- ☐ Swimwear, if needed
- ☐ Laundry bag and detergent

Keep the kettle and mugs accessible - not underneath the awning and folding chairs.



Pitch, Comfort and Safety

Water, hygiene, outdoor living and useful extras

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BATHROOM AND WATER

- ☐ Toilet chemicals for your system
- ☐ Caravan-friendly toilet paper
- ☐ Disposable gloves
- ☐ Cassette cleaning products
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Hand soap and sanitiser
- ☐ Shower shoes
- ☐ Fresh-water container
- ☐ Waste-water container
- ☐ Water pump or hose
- ☐ Container caps and connectors

SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Test smoke alarm
- ☐ Test carbon monoxide alarm
- ☐ Fire blanket
- ☐ Suitable fire extinguisher
- ☐ Torch or headlamp
- ☐ Spare batteries
- ☐ Phone chargers
- ☐ Basic caravan toolkit
- ☐ Correct spare fuses
- ☐ Strong repair tape
- ☐ Cable ties
- ☐ Warning triangle
- ☐ Breakdown contact information

JOURNEY PLANNING

- ☐ Arrival time and check-in details
- ☐ Caravan-suitable route checked
- ☐ Weather forecast checked
- ☐ Suitable rest stops planned
- ☐ Site electricity supply confirmed
- ☐ Water and disposal points checked
- ☐ Pet rules checked
- ☐ Someone knows your route and arrival time

OUTDOOR AND LEISURE

- ☐ Camping chairs
- ☐ Outdoor table
- ☐ Awning or canopy
- ☐ Suitable awning pegs
- ☐ Mallet and peg puller
- ☐ Permitted groundsheet
- ☐ Outdoor lighting
- ☐ Barbecue or grill
- ☐ Cool box
- ☐ Outdoor games
- ☐ Bicycles and locks
- ☐ Walking equipment
- ☐ Books, cards or games
- ☐ Sun cream and insect repellent
- ☐ Outdoor mat

USEFUL EXTRAS

- ☐ 25m caravan hook-up cable
- ☐ Suitable mains adaptor
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Device chargers
- ☐ Low-wattage heater or fan
- ☐ Clothes airer and pegs
- ☐ Dustpan and brush
- ☐ Reusable shopping bags
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Portable vacuum
- ☐ Spare towels
- ☐ Earplugs and sleep masks
- ☐ Notebook and pen
- ☐ Local guidebook

If the awning is packed wet, open it out to dry as soon as you return.

Final Walk-Around Check

Complete this before every journey - including the journey home

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- ☐ Car and caravan are within their permitted weight limits.
- ☐ Heavy items are low, close to the axle and secured.
- ☐ Noseweight is within the lowest applicable limit.
- ☐ Tyre pressures and visible tyre condition have been checked.
- ☐ Wheel bolts have been checked as required.
- ☐ Hitch is fully engaged and the stabiliser is correctly applied.
- ☐ Breakaway cable is attached correctly and will not drag.
- ☐ Electrical plug is secure and its cable cannot drag.
- ☐ Road lights and indicators have been tested.
- ☐ Towing mirrors are fitted and adjusted where required.
- ☐ Number plate matches the towing vehicle and is visible.
- ☐ Jockey wheel is fully raised and secured.
- ☐ Corner steadies are fully raised.
- ☐ Motor mover is disengaged.
- ☐ Wheel chocks and levelling ramps have been removed.
- ☐ Entrance step is stored or retracted.
- ☐ Awning, water and electrical connections are disconnected.
- ☐ Doors, lockers, windows and rooflights are secured.
- ☐ Cupboards, drawers and loose items are secured.
- ☐ Television aerial is lowered.
- ☐ Refrigerator door is secured and set correctly for travel.
- ☐ Gas is set according to the system manufacturer's instructions.
- ☐ Caravan handbrake is released when ready to move.
- ☐ Route is suitable for the outfit's height, width and weight.
- ☐ One final walk around the complete outfit has been completed.

A checklist is a reminder, not a substitute for the correct instructions.

Every car, caravan, driver and journey is different. Follow the handbooks and limits for your own outfit and check current official guidance, campsite rules and insurance requirements before travelling.

MY PERSONAL REMINDERS
