



## Camping Checklist



### Preparing For Your Trip

Spending a night among the Dry Tortugas can be a magical and memorable experience. But for those that come unprepared, the islands can present an formidable exercise in frustration. To help you enjoy your stay, we've prepared a basic checklist of items you should plan to bring with you.

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### Permits and Regulations

- Camping Regulations
- Fishing License
- Weather Forecast
- Picture Identification

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### Shelter, Water & Food

- Tent (required)
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Water (2 gallons per person, per day)
- Food (1 extra day supply)
- Ice

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### Cooking

- Portable stove or grill
- Fuel for stove
- Waterproof matches and lighter
- Cooking utensils
- Biodegradable soap
- Trash Bags

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### Clothing

- Rain Gear
- Cold & warm weather clothing
- Lightweight long- sleeve shirt and pants for sun and bug protection
- Wide- brimmed hat

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**Personal Equipment**

- First aid kit
- Medications
- Knife
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Personal items

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**Boater's Checklist**

- Safety equipment – must conform to U.S. Coast Guard requirements
- VHF radio to monitor weather and Channel 16
- Fuel – 1/3 to get there, 1/3 to get back, 1/3 for reserve (nearest fuel is in Key West)
- Tool kit with spare parts
- Drinking water
- NOAA Nautical Chart #11438

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**Paddler's Checklist**

- Life vest – U.S. Coast Guard Approved
- Paddles and a spare
- Anchor
- Bailer
- Bow and stern lines
- Waterproof bags for gear
- Flares
- Sound producing device
- 360° light for operating at night
- NOAA Nautical Chart #11438
- Drinking Water



All vessels must conform to U.S. Coast Guard regulations.  
Personal watercraft (jet skis) are prohibited.  
Passengers aboard commercial ferries should be advised that they are limited to stays of  
four days and three nights.