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There is no better way of enjoying the great outdoors than a one or more night camping with family and friendly or even alone. Before camping, especially the first timers, you need to first become familiar with certain camping etiquettes - the kind of camping gear you need to carry, what kind of camping equipment is available at the camping site and where to get good quality camping supplies.

You can first start by taking the help of a seasonal camper, either by joining them on their next camping trip or getting to know about the camping essentials. One of the basic camping essential is the shelter like a tent or a cabin or even an RV. And, the next you will need is a bed which could range anything from cots and sleeping bags to air mattresses and comforters. Next comes food, and this is dependent on the site you are camping at, number of days you are camping for etc.

Basic Camping Gear

Tent People going camping the first time generally carry a tent. The tent is there to protect you from sun, wind and rain and also other nature lovers like mosquitoes, flies etc. You will also need to store your clothes and other camping equipment inside the tent. Thirdly the tent provides you a little privacy when you feel like it. Of course, sleeping under the stars has its own beauty but this can only be done when the weather good and probably for a few hours, but eventually you will long for the tent.

Sleeping Bags and Pads

You will need sleeping bags to make sleeping on the hard cold ground a little easier. Most first time campers prefer summer camping and generally expensive sleeping bags are not required then, a lightweight sleeping bag will be perfectly fine. At other times, you may need to use padding, closed cell pads and inflatable pads are some of the varieties available. First lay the padding on the ground and then lay the sleeping bag over it. Also, remember to carry a comfortable pillow.

Cooking Supplies

Campground cooking has its own taste and pleasure and those who are used to cooking in their backyard know this pleasure very well. If you don't plan to cook you can always carry a good stock of cook drinks, snacks and sandwiches. And, if you are camping at public camp sites enquire with the organizers most of them provide basic cooking equipments like grill and table. You may want to carry some pots, pans, skillet and of course a bag of charcoal. Make a list of what you plan to cook and carry the ingredients for the same.

There are specific shops that stock camping supplies, and camping equipment and many have online existence too. So take a little time and browse the net and you will come up with some great deals and discounts. Make a checklist of the items you need to carry including medicines and other emergency supplies especially if you camping with kids. And, just before embarking on your first camping journey check and tick each item. And, finally get ready to enjoy the adventure and don't let anything spoil it

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