

Gear Guide - Ski Mountaineering Skills

Gear Guide / Packing List

Backcountry Touring Gear

- Alpine Touring Skis or Splitboard - Light to Midweight Setup with “Tech Bindings”
- Alpine Touring Boots or Splitboard Compatible Boots; Scarpa F1
- Climbing Skins - Mohair Mix is Best; Black Diamond GlideLite Mohair Mix,
- Ski Crampons - Specific to your Skis/Board;
- Ski Strap - Voile Ski Strap or Similar
- Ski Touring Backpack - Lightweight pack that holds all your gear, ideally with an avalanche tools compartment

Avalanche Gear

- Avalanche Beacon - Digital Avalanche Transceiver; Black Diamond Guide Recon BT
- Avalanche Shovel - Collapsible, Aluminum Shovel; Backcountry Access BT2 Shovel
- Avalanche Probe - Quickdraw Style Probe; Backcountry Access Stealth 300

Technical Gear

- Climbing/Ski Helmet - Dual Rated Helmet; Petzl Sirocco or Black Diamond Vision
- Climbing Harness - Light Alpine Harness; Petzl Altitude, Mammut Zephyr Altitude
- Two Locking Carabiners - Petzl Attache, etc
- Crampons, Steel OR Aluminum - make sure they are compatible with your boots!
- Ice Axe - Petzl Ride, BD Raven Ultra
- Ski Poles - Lightweight, Adjustable Poles with Baskets; BD Expedition 3 Poles

Head and Neck Layers

- Sun Hat - A Baseball Hat; Blackbird Mountain Guides Logo Hat
- Sunglasses - Dark Lens Glasses with Side Coverage; Julbo Shield
- Goggles - Ski Goggles with a Storm Lens; Julbo Aerospace Reactive
- Warm Hat - Lightweight Warm Hat that Fits Under Your Helmet;
- Neck Gaiters - Light to Midweight Neck Gaiters; Buff or your favorite Face Masks

*****These Are Required as Covid-19 Face Coverings**

Upper Body and Hand Layers

- Long Sleeve Base Layer - Lightweight, Synthetic/Wool; Patagonia SunHoody
- 2 Insulating Top Layers - Light to Midweight Insulation Layers; Patagonia R1 & Nano Air
- Puffy (optional) - Midweight Down or Synthetic with Hood; Patagonia Fitzroy or similar
- Hardshell Jacket, Hooded - Waterproof, Gore-Tex, NOT insulated; Arc'Teryx Alpha FL
- Light Gloves - Light to Mid Weight for Warm Temps; Flylow John Henry Gloves, BD Tour
- Midweight Gloves - Mid to Heavy Weight for Cold Conditions; BD Legend
- Sports Bra - Wool/Synthetic;

Lower Body and Foot Layers

- Socks - Midweight Wool/Synthetic; Darn Tough Via Ferrata
- Underwear - Wool/Synthetic
- Long Underwear - Wool/Synthetic "Long Johns"; Patagonia Capilene Air
- Softshell Ski Pants - Breathable, Weather Resistant Pants; OR Trailbreaker II
- Vented Hardshell Ski Pants - Waterproof Pants for Extreme Weather; Flylow Compound

Food and Water

- Food - Bring enough snacks water for a full day in the field
 - Water - Bring enough water for a full day in the field
- ***Please bring at least one hard sided water bottle.**

Other Essentials

- Sun Screen (SPF 30 minimum)
- Lip Balm (with SPF)
- Hand Sanitizer

Optional

- First Aid/blister Kit
- Chemical Hand Warmers
- Hydration System - Flexible Water Bladder with Hose; Hydrapak, Camelback, Platypus

Group Gear

Blackbird Mountain Guides will supply all of the group gear for the trip, including:

- ✓ Ropes
- ✓ Guide's First Aid Kits
- ✓ Wag Bags (Solid Human Waste Disposal Bags)