

Ultimate Backyard Camping Checklist

Consider backyard camping when you can not leave the house. There are many benefits of backyard camping, especially during COVID-19. Backyard camping can be highly beneficial for acclimating toddlers to a new environment!

BASIC BACKYARD CAMPING GEAR

Campsite Must Haves

- Tent
- Sleeping pad
- Sleeping bag
- Tarp
- Overhead umbrella
- Camp chair & table
- Portable power generator
- Camp lighter

CLOTHING & PERSONAL ESSENTIALS

- Jacket
- Hat
- Blanket
- Diaper (if necessary)
- Baby wipes
- Suncream
- Bug repellent

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- Bags for packing

CLEAN-UP & FIRST AID GEAR

- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Trash bags
- Towel
- Cleaning kit
- Dustpan

BACKYARD CAMP KITCHEN GEAR

- Backyard grill
- Cooking stove
- Firestarter
- Cooking utensils
- Cooking knife
- Cutting board
- Water or other drinks
- Foods (egg, hotdog, and etc)

BACKYARD RECREATION GEAR

- Bubbles
- Reading book
- Baby toy
- Glow sticks
- Scavenger hunt

- Camera
- Frisbee

HOW TO CAMP IN YOUR BACKYARD

You'll need a place to sleep in or on and some essential camping equipment to organize a successful backyard camping trip. Would you like to have a picnic or a campfire? Then, you may complete your evening routine at the most convenient location—inside your home—and leave in your pajamas.

Step 1: Make the Rules & Plan for Your Camp

Establish the ground rules and expectations for your family and yourself before you pitch a tent outside. It is especially crucial for families with small children because they might not completely comprehend why they are sleeping outside or are unable to run inside to watch TV before night. Prepare in advance so you will only need to run back inside the house for a few minutes to ensure the event feels like an actual campout.

Pack everything you'll need for an overnight stay, such as a tent, sleeping bags, pillows, toys, games, novels, flashlights, insect spray, and a cooler with food and drinks. Once you have everything you need, agree that no one will enter the house unless for emergencies or toilet breaks (no sneaking in to check phones!). It will help the place feel more like a true rural retreat.

Step 2: Set Up Your Campsite

Set up camp during the day to make the most of your indoor camping trip. The earlier and the better if it's your first time having a backyard camping! For backyard camping, you don't need a lot of room, but if possible, you should designate a specific area for each of these.

Depending on where you live, the size of your yard, and what you intend to utilize for each, these defined areas can differ significantly.

A.Pick Your Campsite

The three fundamental components of a camping trip are eating, sleeping, and being outside. Consider incorporating them to offer yourself and your children an actual camping experience. You don't have to get fancy with any of them. Here are some suggestions for organizing your backyard camping excursion. There are some aspects you should consider:

- **Sleeping arrangements:** choose a tent, tarp, or sleeping bag. Usually, a flat space is suitable for set a tent.
- **Cooking & eating arrangements:** have enough space for putting the table and chairs, cooking grill, and campfire.
- **Activity area:** the core for backyard camping is an opportunity to get together with families and friends, so enough space for playing seems more critical.

B.Build Your Campsite

Make sure to involve the entire family in setting up the tent because it should be a family activity. Have the smaller kids spread a tarp to shield the tent from moisture and dew in a flat, dry yard. However, there are other choices besides the tent for backyard camping. You may use your ordinary stuff to build your campsite with fun.

- **Set tent:** You might require more than one depending on the size of your family and your visitors. If you need tents:
 1. Ask your buddies to provide them.
 2. If you've never gone camping, build a tent according to the directions.
 3. Use a sturdy tent; there is a better time for a beach umbrella.

It would be best if you camped in a tent to be protected from the wind, rain, and insects.

- **Makeshift shelter:** By securing a rope or clothesline between two trees and draping a sizable tarp, blanket, or canvas over the top, you may quickly construct a makeshift shelter. Ensure that you have a dry place to sleep by putting down a waterproof tarp, then make it comfortable by piling thick blankets and plush pillows on top.
- **Make your place stunning:** Set the mood by draping lights or hanging lamps from the

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tent. They will provide a mellow glow that will brighten your campground and make everyone feel more at ease spending the night outside.

C.Fill Your Tent

For lying down, spread out something comfortable on the floor. Yoga mats, towels, thick comforters, camping cots, and air mattresses all work nicely. Add cushions, thin sleeping bags, or cotton blankets for extra warmth in the summer, especially if you live somewhere where the nighttime lows are significant.

For the kids, include plush toys or stuffed animals. Add a few lanterns, flashlights, or glow sticks to each tent. In case it gets chilly, you can leave out cards or board games.

D.Arrange Eating & Play Area

It would be ideal if you had a patio set or picnic table. If not, arrange a few lawn chairs and a small table to serve food and drinks. Laying out a blanket in the sun for your pals to unwind, eat, and the converse is a low-maintenance alternative. Check to see if the grass is dry. Before setting up the seating area, search the site for poop from dogs, anthills, prickles, and other annoyances that could ruin the pleasure.

E.Keep Your Power Charging

Whether setting up your campsite, making delicious foods for camping, or enjoying a fun time with families, it is necessary to keep your power charged. Building your solar power generator in your camp should be relatively easy if you know what you're doing. Solar generators capture solar energy, store it in a battery, and send the electricity to your gadgets or phone.

To ensure you have access to power even when the sun isn't shining, solar generators like the *Jackery*¹ produce a power bank that can store enough power for all of your devices.

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Put the solar panels in place, link them to a battery, and then get on with your day. Contrary to widespread assumption, solar panels can still be used in cloudy or rainy conditions. It allows you to set them up and forget about them, knowing that your power requirements will be satisfied. You can learn more details from this *Jackery solar generator guide*².

Step 3: Cook Meals Outside

Hopefully, you'll have something delectable to cook for you and your family if you've planned your home camping vacation correctly. Make cooking together a celebration. Encourage your children to participate as much as they can in meal preparation and cooking. Cook on the BBQ or grill if you don't have a suitable camping stove. Additionally, cooking over a campfire is a lot of fun if you still need that.

It should be easier to prepare simple meals for backyard camping. However, if cooking a meal on a fire or a small camp stove makes you cringe, you may always prepare something beforehand. Refrain from making food complicated or discourage you from enjoying all the other benefits of backyard camping. Instead, schedule a one-pot dinner in the kitchen that you can later reheat in the backyard.

Recommend Camping Foods:

- **Grilled cheese sandwich:** We cook cream cheese sandwiches using a pie iron over a campfire. Use two slices of bread with butter. Use roughly 2 tablespoons of whipped cream cheese inside each piece.
- **Burritos:** Put the tomatoes in a small saucepan and cook them briefly over low heat. To keep the tomatoes from adhering to the pan, stirring often. Add the black beans and stir until cooked once the tomatoes have softened. You can add some chili or paprika to the bean mixture to give your camping breakfast burritos a bite.
- **Banana boats:** the banana boats is easy to cook:
 1. Slice the banana lengthwise, almost through the fruit to the skin.

² Jackery solar generator guide:
<https://www.jackery.com/blogs/news/how-to-build-solar-generators-for-camping-newbies>

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2. Place the chocolate inside the split banana and press it back together.
3. Place the banana in the embers near the fire after wrapping it with tin foil.

About every five minutes, poke the banana. Use heat-resistant gloves or tongs to remove it from the flames once it feels mushy.

Step 4: Backyard Camping Activities

There are so many adventures outside! Here are some enjoyable activities to keep the whole family occupied all day—and well into the night—ranging from traditional backyard games to trips around the block.

Most children will undoubtedly find enough excitement in lawn games and tent sleeping. However, if you're organizing this for older children or would still like to have a few prepared games on hand, take a look at the following suggestions:

- **Campfire:** a campfire is a must-have item. Just make sure you get municipal approval and observe your burning. Always keep a hose or fire extinguisher nearby, follow all fire safety regulations, and never leave the campfire unattended.
- **Scavenger hunt:** give copies of your list of items that can be located in the yard to anyone who wishes to play. Both individuals and teams can enjoy playing this game. You can compete to see who can identify items the most frequently or quickly. Give the winner(s) a small award, perhaps some sweets.
- **Music party:** bring a stereo or boombox outside, or connect your phone to a projection speaker if available. Your campout will quickly become more lively with music. So that everyone can hear their favorite music and take turns playing the DJ. Your dancing party starts right now!

MORE HACKS FOR BACKYARD CAMPING

One of the best things about backyard camping is that there is no need to sacrifice home amenities. For example, campers in the backyard can set up a projector and watch a movie or



set up lights by running an extension cord from home.

COVID-19 Prevention

During the coronavirus, camping in your backyard may be just as exciting as camping in the woods. With the added benefit of being close to your kitchen and restroom. Also, ensure everything you take to the backyard camping is sanitized.

You won't ever view your backyard the same way again after experiencing backyard camping. It's not just a little dirt patch, after all. It's your retreat. Your backyard has everything you, your children, and your family will need for an exciting outdoor excursion that will last a lifetime.

Portable Power Generator

It would help if you had this camping essential to recharge your devices' batteries. While camping, it can also be used to power the small portable refrigerator, cooler, speaker, backyard grill, etc. Most importantly, it will contribute to powering your lighting system at night. Your outdoor experience will be safer and more comfortable as a result..

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Solar Generator Series	Capacity	Set	Outdoorsy
Solar Generator 2000 Pro	2160Wh	Explorer 2000 Pro + SolarSaga 200W	Light(13W) 120H Phone 90Charges

³ Jackery: <https://www.jackery.com/collections/portable-power-stations>

⁴ Solar generator 2000 Pro: <https://www.jackery.com/products/explorer-2000-pro-portable-power-station>

⁵ Solar generator 1000 Pro: <https://www.jackery.com/products/solar-generator-1000-pro>

⁶ Solar generator 500:
<https://www.jackery.com/products/jackery-explorer-500-solarsaga-100w-solar-generator>

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Solar Generator 500	518Wh	Explorer 500 + SolarSaga 100W	Light(13W) 30H Phone 23Charges Camera(10W) 40H Mini Cooler(60W) 20H Coffee Maker(550W) 0.8H
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