

# GREAT WALK PACKING CHECKLIST

Being well prepared and ready for the unexpected is key to a safe, and happy outdoor experience.

Pack light & layer up!

## EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Backpack (40-60 litre)\*
  - ☐ Pack Liner + cover\*
  - ☐ Sleeping bag + liner\*
  - ☐ First Aid Kit\*
  - ☐ Matches/lighter\*
- In a waterproof bag*
- ☐ Headlamp\*
  - ☐ Cooking/Eating equipment\*
- Pots, plates, mugs, cutlery*
- ☐ Kitchen tidy kit\*

## TRACK/SEASON DEPENDANT

Not required for the Fiordland Great Walks during the Great Walks season (Nov-Apr) but could be needed if hiking other tracks or in the off-season (May-Oct). Camping is also an option on some Great Walks and tracks. Ask us for more specific info.

- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Portable stove + fuel\*(CK)
- ☐ Tent\*(CK)
- ☐ Inflatable Mattress\*(CK)

## CLOTHING

- ☐ Hiking boots or firm footwear  
*Tailored to your feet and broken in*
- ☐ Slip-on shoes/sandals  
*Thin/lightweight, for the huts*
- ☐ Merino socks - 2 pairs
- ☐ Merino thermal under layers - 2 sets (Tops + pants)
- ☐ Shorts  
*Fast-drying, not cotton*
- ☐ Long pants  
*Lightweight, fast-drying, not cotton*
- ☐ Short-sleeved shirt  
*Fast-drying, not cotton*
- ☐ Merino mid-layer top
- ☐ Fleece top-layer top
- ☐ Wooly hat and gloves
- ☐ Down Jacket  
*A must if you're prone to feeling the cold. Be mindful that if Down gets too wet, it becomes heavy and won't provide any warmth. It also doubles as a great pillow!*
- ☐ Rain Jacket\*  
*Water and windproof with a hood*
- ☐ Rain Pants\* (TP)

## PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Drink bottle
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Sunhat and sunglasses
- ☐ Toiletries  
*Toothbrush, toothpaste (shared), small cloth/towel, deodorant, lip balm (with SPF30) moisturizer/lotion.*
- ☐ Strapping tape  
*This comes in handy for many things.*
- ☐ Pain relief  
*Just in case any old injury's flare up.*
- ☐ Camera (essential!)
- ☐ Insect repellent\* (TP)
- ☐ Earplugs\* (TP)

## OPTIONAL

- ☐ Gaiters
- ☐ Personal locator beacon
- ☐ Book or hut game  
*(consider the extra weight)*
- ☐ Swimwear  
*Depending on which track you're hiking and how brave you are. BUT a skinny dip on a Great Walk is the best kind of photo op!*
- ☐ Thermos\* (TP)
- ☐ Inflatable pillow\* (TP)
- ☐ Walking poles\* (TP)  
*We love poles as they help to spread a load of your pack away from your knees and provide additional support.*

\*Included in our Great Walk Gear Hire & Track Packages.

\* TP - Bonus care items included in our Track Packages only.

\*CK - Included in our Camping Kit

*This list is intended as a guideline. For the most recent information specific to each track, visit [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz). You are responsible for taking the correct clothing and equipment for the track and weather conditions.*

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