

Horse Camping: Pack it up

Check off the items on this list before heading out on a camping trip with your horse.

When it comes to packing for a camping trip, there are definitely some essentials you need to bring. Here is a list of must-haves.

- Sufficient supply of water for you and your horse. Even if the campground has a water source for horses, bring your own—about 8 gallons per horse/per day, 1-2 gallons potable for you
- Horse blankets and rain sheets
- Extra reins, girth, halter, lead rope and saddle pad
- Tools for tack repairs, hoof tools if shoe comes partially off.
- Fly spray and fly mask
- Mosquito repellent and sunscreen for you
- Enough hay for the days you will be camping, plus the drive to and from your destination
- Hay bags
- Inquire if your hay needs to be certified weed-free.
- Grain, supplements, hydrator powder for warm weather
- Water and feed buckets
- Grooming supplies and sponges
- Gloves
- Set of hoof boots, carry hoof boot on saddle if metal shod
- Flashlight and extra batteries, Lantern/fuel
- Muck fork and bucket
- Matches/lighter
- [High-line](#) rope, tree saver straps, cable winch puller tightening device, horse positioners and carabineers; Small folding stool to reach trees.
- First-aid kit people (include instant ice pack and Benadryl/store brand for allergic bites)**
- First-Aid Vet kit for horses: include Bute powder/Bute paste, peroxide, iodine, non-stick pads, vet wrap; Duct tape/Vet wrap/baby diapers to dress any wounds especially in hoof area. Bandage round-tip scissors. For signs of distress have Banamine paste or fast acting homeopathic [Fancy Tail Essence](#) "[Colic Relief](#)" essential oil for belly**
- Saddlebags packed with: water bottles, sunscreen, lip balm, toilet paper, aspirin, a small flashlight, hoof pick, multipurpose tool, hoof boot, roll of self-adhesive veterinary wrap, spare straps, snacks and basic first-aid supplies. Para-cord or leather strings to tie tack temporary repair to get you back to camp
- Toiletries: Toilet paper/personal wipes, waterless shampoo &/or waterless perennial cleansing spray & baby wipes, paper towels, used grocery bags. Waterless anti-bacterial sanitary hand cleaner
- Seasonal items: protection-sunscreen/chapstick . . . warmth--scarf/hat
- Hide-a-key so you don't get locked out of either rig or truck
- GPS and maps
- Car charger for electronic devices
- Protein bars/peanut butter . . . extra in rig/truck for emergency
- 30 days prior to trip-Emergency Equine Ultimate Roadside Assistance: [TrailGuard use code CWH2015](#)
- Check tire tread/pressure is sufficient, and have good spare tire on either rig/truck
- Check all the fluids, belts, wiring. Have extra marker lights if one goes out on rig/truck
- Have an up-to-date fire extinguisher in living quarters and inside the cab of truck as well.
- Be sure to have roadside markers that are a highly visible DOT roadside distress package and flares
- Have on board to wear reflective gear if you breakdown at night so others can see you (purchase inexpensively for bicyclist/runners vest or leg wraps) especially dark/rainy night
- Run up blocks to change a flat; and wheel chock. And any necessary tools to change a flat.
- Buddy heater with full propane bottles in case of sleeping without electric
- Extra bungee straps and older long rope to secure things down if necessary
- Tie down stakes and cord for awning in windy weather
- Small empty gas can if possible in case you have to go find a gas station
- Large carpet knife tapped to the inside of your tack room door in case you have to cut the horse rope
- Chaps/rain gear duster coat . . . place in cantele bag to clip on saddle for ease of use (extra emergency poncho)
- Dry socks, extra jeans/underwear/shirt, muck boots, extra boots in case ones in use get wet
- Carry on person Emergency information on [RIDER ID WALLET](#) & horse ID (with special needs & phone numbers to have a person call if you are incapacitated on paper in wallet . . . your horse info on paper too).
- Try to always wear comfortable riding boot (not dress ones) in case you have to walk back to rig/camp
- Riders helmet
- Riders handbook (Bible)

