

# COMFORT CAMPING

Camping doesn't have to mean roughing it

Is a member of your party a nervous first-timer or a reluctant camper because he or she remembers uncomfortable camping trips from childhood?

There's a lot available these days to make camping a complete pleasure. The products available, from supercomfortable mattresses to portable espresso machines, can make your head spin.

The campsite is truly your home away from home, so create a homey atmosphere with a tablecloth, comfortable folding chairs, and a large cooler to always keep ice-cold drinks handy. Battery-operated, solar, or hand-cranked fans, radios, and even televisions are available as well.

And for the camp gourmet, elaborate cooking stations include four-burner propane stoves, prep space, and shelves.

## Cushy Tent

KNACK CAR CAMPING FOR EVERYONE

### Comfort Gear List

- Inflatable mattress
- Down sleeping bags
- Folding chairs
- Screen room
- Percolator



A silk sleeping bag liner adds a touch of luxury and keeps bags cleaner.

- To sleep as well in the woods as you do at home, a comfortable mattress is key.
- Good inflatable mattresses, the kind with the pump attached, are as comfortable as any mattress and come in queen and king sizes.
- Invest in down sleeping bags: They're the most comfortable, and the kind that zip together make a cozy nest for two.
- Bring something to read at bedtime and either a headlamp or a small battery-operated lantern.
- Don't forget the pillows!

Hey, why not throw in that hand-cranked blender for some frozen margaritas? For some campers, if it fits in the vehicle, they'll bring it!

Staying warm and dry is a key to comfortable camping. Invest in a good rain suit—jacket and pants—rather than relying on a cheap poncho. Hikers will find clothes of quick-drying wicking material more comfortable than cotton. If there's any chance of colder weather, plan to bring high-performance clothes that can be layered.

### *Spread Out*



- A large tent feels luxurious and provides room for the comforts of home.
- Cabin tents are large enough to stand up in and can accommodate cots, cribs, and gear.
- Some have a removable privacy partition to create two rooms. Even if it rains all day, there's room to stretch out with a good book.
- Heck, bring the bean bag chairs and battery-operated TV!

### ZOOM

Add color and style to your campsite sitting area with an outdoor area rug. Weatherproof rugs come in all colors and even Oriental patterns! It may sound like the ultimate in luxury, but it has practical aspects as well, providing a clean space for children to play.

### *Gourmet Kitchen*



- Bring what you need for gourmet meals in the woods.
- Two-, three-, or four-burner camping stoves stand up to most tests.
- Bring a deluxe cookware set and the utensils you need,
- whether you're making kebabs or crepes. Create, or buy, a spice kit.
- A collapsible, two-sided sink will enable clean-ups right at your site.