



BACKCOUNTRY SURVIVAL

The following kit list is by no means exhaustive but certain items must be taken. Failing to bring the essential items may lead to an uncomfortable experience and reduced learning. If you are not in a position to obtain any of these items, please contact us and we will advise or issue from our store.

When packing please remember to pack for the number of days your course is and that you will be carrying your kit. Bringing clothes to change into before heading home would be advised.

Equipment	Remarks	
Base Layer	<i>The layer you will wear next to your skin, should ideally be made from soft fibres that will trap warm air close to the skin. Avoid Cotton. Wool is best.</i>	
Mid Layer	<i>This should be warm and comfortable.</i>	
Fleece		
Outer Layer	<i>This should be a tough garment which is waterproof and windproof such as Gore-Tex or hard wearing cotton.</i>	
Trousers	<i>Light quick drying cotton trousers are best. Ideally waterproof. Avoid jeans.</i>	
Footwear	<i>Sturdy giving ankle support with a good grip.</i>	
Socks	<i>Warm woollen socks are the best option</i>	
Hat	<i>Warm woollen hat is best</i>	
Gloves		
Rucksack	<i>30-60 litre</i>	
Sleeping bag	<i>Ideally 3 season</i>	
Bivi Bag	<i>Goretex (not Orange Survival Bag) – Please see photo below showing the correct type of Bivi Bag</i>	
Sleeping mat		
Metal mug	<i>Open fire cooking / water boiling will take place</i>	
Waterbottle	<i>At least 1 litre</i>	
Spork or strong plastic spoon		
Headtorch	<i>Include spare batteries</i>	
Notebook and pencil		
Small personal first aid kit	<i>With any personal medication.</i>	
Wash kit		
Sun cream and Midge net/spray		
Food	<i>Meals and snacks. Enough to last for the days of your course. Remember that you will burn</i>	

	<i>more calories than you realise – bring chocolate bars such as Mars bars, boosts etc.</i>	
Map and Compass	<i>Compass should be Silva 4 or similar. Maps used are; 1:25 – OL57 & 1:50 - 36 & 35. Only bring a map if you own one of the area there is no need to buy one especially for the course</i>	

ADDITIONAL

Throughout the course instructors will be referencing items that we have/use in our Survival tins. The production of a Survival Tin is optional. Here is a list of items that should be considered when making up a survival tin. The contents must be tailored to suit the environment and most items should have more than one use; however the tin should ideally be of tobacco tin size and full. Certain items can wrap around the outside of the tin for security and extra capacity.

Survival Blanket
Multi-Tool
Lighter
Flint and Steel
Tampon
Candle
Commando Saw
Hacksaw Blade
Razor Blade
Snare Wire
Whistle
Mirror
Mini Torch

Mini Cyalume
Ground / Air Codes
Button Compass
Magnifying Glass
Spare Torch Battery
Fishing Kit
Puritabs
Condom
Vaseline
Plasters
Antiseptic Wipe
Sutures
Safety Pins

Cup / Screw in Hooks
Hair Grips / Pins
Hair Net
Tie Wraps
Rubber Strip
Elastic Bands
Tape
Tin Foil / Strip
Buttons
Pencil
Sharpening Stone
Sail Makers Needles
Thread / Cotton

An example of a Goretex Bivi Bag:

