

Mountain Biking Checklist

Getting ready to hit the dirt? This comprehensive list for mountain bikers is designed to prevent you from forgetting anything important on your next ride. This list is intentionally extensive. Not every rider will carry every item on every trip.

Cycling Gear		
The Two Essentials:	Optional:	
□ Bike	□ Lock	
☐ Helmet	☐ Cycling computer and/or GPS	
Core Gear:	☐ Saddle or handlebar bag	
☐ Hydration pack and/or	☐ Headlight	
water bottles	☐ Emergency whistle	
☐ Gloves	□ Water bottles with cages	
☐ Eye protection (sunglasses or	☐ Compass	
clear lenses)	☐ Wrist altimeter	
☐ First-aid items (see our First-Aid	☐ Taillight	
Checklist)	o	
Tools & Repairs Core Repair Items:	☐ Spoke wrench	
☐ Spare tube or tubes	☐ 6" adjustable wrench	
☐ Compact pump	☐ General-purpose multi-tool	
☐ Tire levers	☐ Spare tire	
☐ Cycling multi-tool (with	☐ Chain tool	
Allen wrenches)	☐ Replacement chain links	
Optional:	☐ Lubricant	
☐ Patch kit	☐ Brake and derailleur cables	
☐ Pressure gauge	☐ Assorted nuts and bolts	
□ CO2 inflator (with cartridges)	☐ Duct tape	
☐ Spare spokes (minimum of 6)		



conditions

□ Arm/leg warmers

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Freeriding Gear

Personal

□ Full-face helmet	☐ Medical information/	☐ Lunch/snacks
□ Shin guards	emergency contact card	☐ Performance food/gels/drinks
□ Elbow pads	☐ Sunscreen	☐ Maps
□ Upper body protection	☐ Lip balm	☐ Guidebook or route description
	☐ Insect repellent	☐ Trailhead permit (if needed)
	☐ Chamois cream	☐ Camera
	☐ Small, quick-dry towel	☐ Cellphone
	(for cleanups)	☐ Cash/credit card/ID
	☐ Baby wipes (for cleanups)	
	☐ Toilet paper and/or tissue	