

Search & Rescue Bag Contents

The Search & Rescue bag contents depends on several factors such as level of training, location, climatic conditions, scope of search, size of team, etc.

This is a sample list for a beginning SAR bag. Everyone's bag will be slightly different.

- Large backpack, usually internal frame
- Weather appropriate clothing (it may get cold at night even in the summer)
 - Pants
 - Shirt
 - Jacket
 - Underwear / socks
 - Boots - sturdy-lug sole mountaineering waterproof
 - Gloves, scarf, hat, etc.
- Personal medications
- A first aid kit
- Extra eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aid batteries
- Ear plugs – for use if helicopters are in area
- Rain wear - Remember to choose bright colors
- Map & Compass *AND/OR* GPS enabled cell phone w/large charging battery
- Signal mirror - with a built in sighting device
- Whistle
- Binoculars *OR* monocular
- Trail tape – Orange tape for marking the trail
- Food & water
- Space blankets
- Headlamp/light sources - 3 sources of light using the same type of battery
- Extra batteries
- Chemical light sticks (Cyclume)
- Foam sleeping pad
- Technical gear – personal collection
- Heavy duty trash bags
- Firestarter
- Paracord 550

If you carry a Rope Accessory Bag

- 1" tubular webbing, standard color coded lengths
 - 4 pieces Green – 5 feet
 - 2 pieces Blue – 15 feet
 - 2 pieces Black – 25 feet
- Carabiners > 20 kilonewton closed major strength
- Pre-tied prussic loops, long and short

If you carry Rope Bags

- 140 feet 11mm Static Kernmantle climbing rope
- 100 feet 3/8" – 1/2" utility braided rope