

EQUIPMENT CARE



Backpacking Equipment

Headlamps

At the OTC:

Bring three AA at the time of rental so you can test the headlamp to make sure it is functioning. Consider bringing a small flashlight in addition to headlamp in case of an emergency.

In the Field:

Bring a spare set of batteries. A spare bulb should be located behind the lamp.



After the Trip:

Remove your batteries from the headlamp. Also, wipe the bulb light lens with a damp rag to remove any dirt.

Maps

At the OTC:

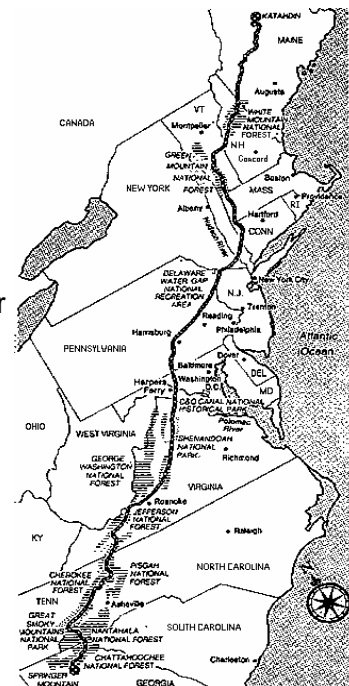
Ask equipment supervisor for list of areas covered in our selection of maps. Choose maps according to starting point and ending point of trip agenda. Check date of map to make sure that it is relatively recent.

In the Field:

Store the map in a plastic bag so that it will remain dry throughout your trip.

After the Trip:

Return map in same condition that you rented it. Any tears, holes or dampness will ruin the map and become your responsibility.



Compasses



At the OTC:

Check to make sure compass is functioning properly. Ask equipment supervisor about instructional books on compass use. Proper knowledge of the compass is crucial, especially when hiking in the backcountry or off-trails.

In the Field:

Keep compass in plastic bag with map or around neck. By doing this, the compass will be safe from breaking and be easily accessible.

After the Trip:

Return compass to the cage in same condition as when rented.

Crazy Creeks

At the OTC:

Choose between low-back and high-back crazy creek chairs. Check buckles and look for any rips so that you are not held responsible.

In the Field:

The yellow side of the crazy creek faces up. Be sure that the black side is touching the ground to keep chairs free of dirt and dampness.



After the Trip:

Clean any dirt off the chair using a wet rag. Return to the cage dry.

Crazy Cribs

At the OTC:

Check tarp and hammock to make sure that all straps and rope is present. Ensure that the tarp is free of holes.

In the Field:

Do not fold. Stuff into stuff sack or compression sack. Air out by hanging to get rid of moisture.

After the Trip:

Return to the cage clean and dry.



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