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# Silver Expedition Kit List

This kit list is exhaustive. Items that are not on the list are not needed and should therefore be left at home. You should aim to keep your pack weight to an absolute minimum; being as ruthless as possible in terms of what kit to bring and what to leave at home. One quarter of your body weight is the maximum weight you can carry, but take note that the lighter your rucksack is, the more comfortable your expedition will be.

It is highly recommended that you use as much of your own kit as possible. Though the youth centre is able to provide some items, in the majority of cases (as they are loaned regularly) they are only of adequate to poor quality.

Remember, if your rucksack is missing compulsory items or if it is poorly packed, it is likely that you will fail your expedition. Furthermore, it could stop you going. Don't fail your expedition before you set off!

## Compulsory Individual Kit

Expedition rucksack (at least 60L)	Waterproof coat
Waterproof trousers	Sleeping mat
Fleece or other warm overcoat	2 x rucksack liners (NOT bin liners)
Walking boots	Hat and gloves
Plastic plate, plastic mug and spoon	Personal first aid kit and medication
1 x set of spare clothes	Adequate food for a 3 day, 2 night expedition
Water bottle (1L)	Emergency rations
Sleeping bag	Small torch and spare batteries

## Compulsory Group Kit

Tent	Stove
Compass	Map of the area
Sun block	Toothpaste
Adequate meals for the duration of the expedition	Fuel for stove (gas or meths – depending on the stove)
Whistle	Mobile phone (minimum 1 per group)
Lighter or waterproof matches	

## Non compulsory kit that can be taken if desired

Toothbrush	Water resistant rucksack cover
Gaiters	Additional spare socks and underwear
Sun hat	Thermos flask with warm drink
Spare plastic bags	Walking GPS
Camera	Sleeping bag liner
Thick walking socks	Survival bag
Walking poles	Wet wipes
Group shelter	Insect repellent

Make sure everything in your rucksack is waterproofed. Bin liners are not durable enough to last a full expedition. You should instead use rucksack liners or a survival bag which can be purchased for a few pounds from any good outdoor retailer.

Check the forecast before you go – your kit list will alter slightly depending on the weather. For example, if it's likely to be cold and wet, more clothes would be an advantage and its unlikely you'll need sun block or a sun hat.

Hat and gloves are essential to stay warm throughout. Take them whatever the weather is doing!

It is recommended that you wear a number of layers and take some as spare. Lots of thin layers are far better than one thick layer. Cotton base layers should be avoided if at all possible. Cotton absorbs water well and soaked clothes will considerably lower your body temperature. Man made fibres such as polyester are a far better alternative. Football shirts and other sports tops are ideal.