

Fort Seward, Inc.

A Handy Packing Check List

During the wagon train, we are trying to relive over 100 years ago, so please choose items accordingly. Keep baggage light and pack in a sturdy duffle bag lined with a plastic garbage bag. During the day your baggage will be in a trailer, if your clothing are not inside the garbage bag, they may get wet. Mark or "brand" your duffle bags, so you can find them easily. In a pile of duffle bags, they can look like everyone else's! Do not use suitcases! This list is just an aid to help you pack what you may or may not want to have along and may not include all the items you would need to have along.

Clothing:

NO modern clothing with printing on PLEASE!

- 1-2 warm jacket, one with hood
- 2-3 pair jeans
- 2-3 blouses or shirts
- clean underclothing for 8 days
- socks for eight days
- two pair boots or shoes well broke in, in case one pair gets wet
- light pair of rubbers or overshoes
- pj's
- sweat suit, to sleep in on cooler nights
- robe, or use the extra blanket
- two pair gloves
- apron (ladies optional)
- 1-2 long pioneer-like dresses or long wrap around skirts with blouses (ladies)
- suspenders (men)
- swimsuit
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Camping:

- tent, check with water hose for waterproof EVEN IF NEW--IMPORTANT!
- small hammer
- extra tent stakes and poles
- warm sleeping bag
- pillow
- extra blanket
- foam pad or air mattress
- flashlight
- extra flashlight bulb
- extra batteries
- ground cloth, many trail riders have found they stay dryer in a rain storm when their ground cloth or small poly-tarp is inside their tent, instead of underneath. Some like using an over size poly-tarp in the inside and they fold ends up over their sleeping bag/clothing to keep dry if there is a driving rain.
- ice-cream bucket, pail and/or wash basin
- hand soap
- nail brush
- hair brush and/or comb
- shaving items
- shampoo
- hair conditioner
- hand soap
- towels
- wash clothes
- personal hygiene items
- metal cup
- tooth brush
- toothpaste
- small mirror
- skin lotion
- any medication you are on or need for allergies
- Duct tape comes in handy for patching most anything, don't forget!
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Our toilet facilities are provided by a portable "biffy", designed with a canvas top similar to the covered wagons. Toilet paper is provided.

Keep with you on the day time trail:

- camera
- extra film
- 2-qt. canteen
- handi-wipes
- any personal items
- chapstick
- sunscreen
- watch
- rain coat with hood or hat protector
- insect repellent
- nail clippers
- tweezer
- health insurance card
- some pocket money
- snack items, nuts, dried fruit
- hat with tie strings (no baseball caps) ladies or men
- bonnet (ladies optional)
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Other:

Musical instruments should be packed in sturdy cases favorite craft items

1-2 small items to barter with, many people bring several items to trade with other trail riders on "barter night".

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For Horseback Riders: horse saddle with clean cinch clean saddle blanket

halter (if you do not have a halter-bridle) bridle (halter bridle works best)

good lead rope with strong snap brush or curry comb

salve for sores insect repellent hoof pick

a small plastic bag with table salt, after hot days he/she may lick some from you hand.

sponge bucket leather string or lace for repairs clean rags

special feed if you want to feed him/her more than hay, measure the daily feedings and pack in duffle bag, do not bring more than you need.

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Tips: You'll have to carry your gear to the baggage trailer each morning. Think of ways to keep your baggage lite:

--Divide heavy items into more than one duffle bag, two smaller duffle bags are much better than one that's too heavy to carry.

--On liquids measure what you need for a week and put in smaller containers, don't bring more than you need, it will just seem heavier by the end of the week.

--Avoid the bigger tents, they are heavy and almost always blow over in a thunder storm!

--Make sure there is a "fly" over the top of your tent. Many trail riders have found a polytarp over the top with parachute cord tied to the grommets and heavier tent stakes, could keep you dry.

--V, Y, or T shaped tent stake rods or the heavy huge metal nail like tent stakes with plastic T-top, hold much better in wet ground than the thin wire rods that commonly come with tents. Consider purchasing a few of the heavier tent stakes to bring along, to hold your tent during a rain storm, especially to replace the same tent stakes with, that your rain fly attaches to.

Not so good



Better tent stakes

