



# CAMP SETUP & BREAKDOWN CHECKLIST



Faster setup • safer pack-down • fewer mistakes



Proper campsite management is the hallmark of an experienced outdoorsman. By following a consistent system, you protect your gear, ensure your safety, and respect the environment for those who follow.

## Phase 1: Arrival and Site Assessment

### **Inspect the area for hazards.**

Check for fallen branches, unstable rocks, and poisonous plants to minimize risks.

### **Assess weather conditions.**

Monitor the forecast for potential changes and prepare accordingly.

### **Identify water sources (if applicable).**

Locate nearby streams or lakes, ensuring they are safe and accessible.

### **Determine optimal tent location.**

Choose a flat, elevated spot away from water runoff, with consideration to sunrise direction.

### **Plan your cooking area.**

Select a spot away from tents and flammable materials, ensuring proper ventilation.

## Phase 2: Systematic Camp Setup

**SELFCAMPERS PRO TIP:** Shelter first reduces stress later — securing your sleeping system early protects you against unexpected weather changes.

### **Set up tent and sleeping system.**

Assemble your tent, ensuring all stakes and guylines are properly secured.

### **Organize cooking and food storage areas.**

Keep food in airtight containers and elevated away from animals.

### **Establish a waste disposal system.**

Designate a trash bag and bury human waste responsibly.

**Create a safe fire pit or cooking area.**

Clear a perimeter around the fire pit, keeping flammable items away.

**Check lighting and power sources.**

Ensure headlamps, lanterns, or portable chargers are ready for use.



## Phase 3: Departure and Breakdown

**Disassemble tent and pack sleeping system.**

Check for moisture, clean, and pack the tent carefully to extend its lifespan.

**Clean cooking and food storage areas.**

Remove all food residue and pack out trash, leaving no trace behind.

**Break down waste disposal system.**

Seal and carry out all trash. Cover and naturalize the human waste area.

**Extinguish and dismantle fire pit.**

Ensure all embers are completely extinguished and scatter cooled ashes.

**Check area for gear and litter.**

Do a final sweep to ensure no equipment or trash is left behind.

## Important Notice

**Educational Purposes Only**

This checklist is intended for educational purposes only. Selfcampers is not responsible for any accidents or injuries that occur during camp setup or breakdown.

**Safety Warning**

Outdoor activities involve inherent risks. Always prioritize safety and be aware of your surroundings. Consult with experienced professionals for detailed guidance and training.

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