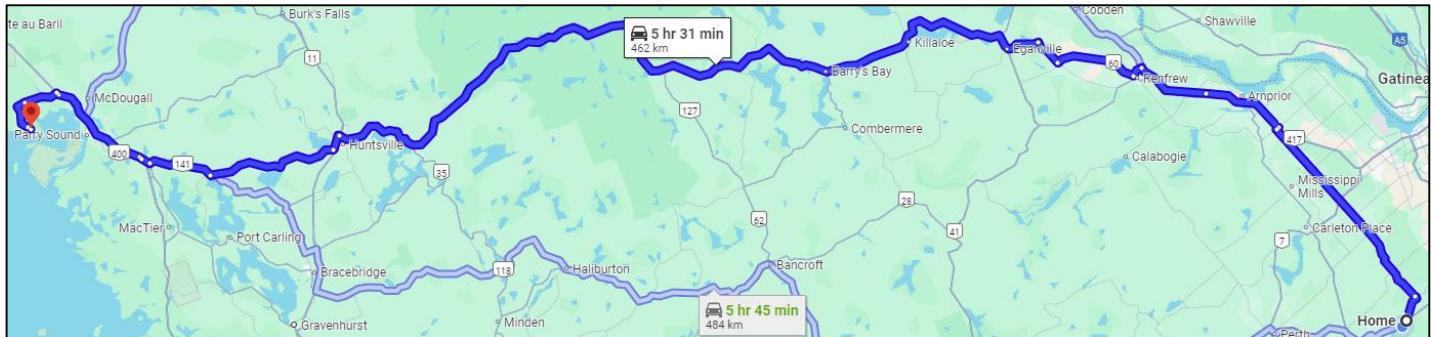


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Kayak trip this summer with my wife and two daughters. Re-visiting Massasauga Provincial Park on Georgian Bay.

Easy drive out from home at 5 ½ hours and 460 km. We made the standard stop at Erika's Bakery for butter tarts and sandwiches.



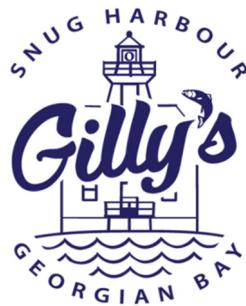
Due to the logistics of picking up our rental kayaks, and paddling to our first campsite, we had decided to spend a night at Killbear Provincial Park.

Item	Rate	Quantity	Fee
CampFee-B-NE	\$38.75	1	\$38.75
ReservationFee-web	\$9.73	1	\$9.73
Sub Total		\$48.48	
HST-13%		\$6.30	
Total		\$54.78	

<b>Killbear Provincial Park</b> 35 Eddie Ramsay Parkway Nobel, Ontario P0G1G0 (705) 342-5492		
Arriving	Tuesday, August 13, 2024	Check In: 2:00 PM
Departing	Wednesday, August 14, 2024	Check Out: 2:00 PM
Campground	Blind Bay A	
	723	



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One reason for the night at Killbear, was so we could fit in a Pickerel meal at Gilly's Restaurant in Snug Harbour. Supper this time around. Absolutely fabulous food, great location, and perfect service.

#Item	Price
1 Soda	3.50
1 Lemonade	6.00
2 5oz Glass Solid Ground Riesling	30.00
1 Pickerel	33.00
*Franklin	6.00
2 Pickerel	66.00
*Caesar	12.00
1 Pickerel	33.00
1 5oz Glass Headwind Sauvignon Blanc	16.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>205.50</b>
Tax	26.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 232.22</b>



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The next day we picked up a pair of tandem rental kayaks from the White Squall Paddling Centre. These folk are the go to outfitter in the area, we a great range of equipment, along with being super friendly and very knowledgeable.



Item	Rate	Amount
<b>Passat Tandem Kayak (2)</b> Wed Aug 14 2024 - Fri Aug 16 2024	<b>Number of Passats:</b> 2 x 3 Days @ \$86.00	\$516.00
<b>Where are you paddling?:</b> Massasauga Park, put in @ Pete's place	<b>Sub-Total:</b> \$516.00	
<b>Lifejacket Sizing:</b> N/A	88102 8013 RP0001 HST (13%):	\$67.08
<b>Rental Return:</b> Boats and Gear must be returned to White Squall between 8am and 8pm. Leave on front	<b>Total:</b> \$583.08	
	<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$583.08

One tandem kayak fits on the Subaru Outback roof racks just fine. But two kayaks are just too wide. The solution is to fasten two 72" x 2"x3"s with u-bolts to the roof racks. The two kayaks are then supported with ease. Tie down straps fore and aft, as these tandem kayaks are long.



We used the Pete's Place access point, part of Massasauga Provincial Park, for the first time. There are park attendants in place checking passes. The bonus is that there are toilets, and with the attendants around, theft is less likely. There are two launch ramps, one mainly for trailers, and the other one mainly used by kayaks and canoes. Plenty of space for loading and parking.

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## Kayak Loading

With a single tandem kayak, it can be a touch and go to get everything packed. We bring along our luxuries. But with a second tandem kayak, there is lots of space. We use a combination of dry bags and grocery bags. The latter work surprisingly well.

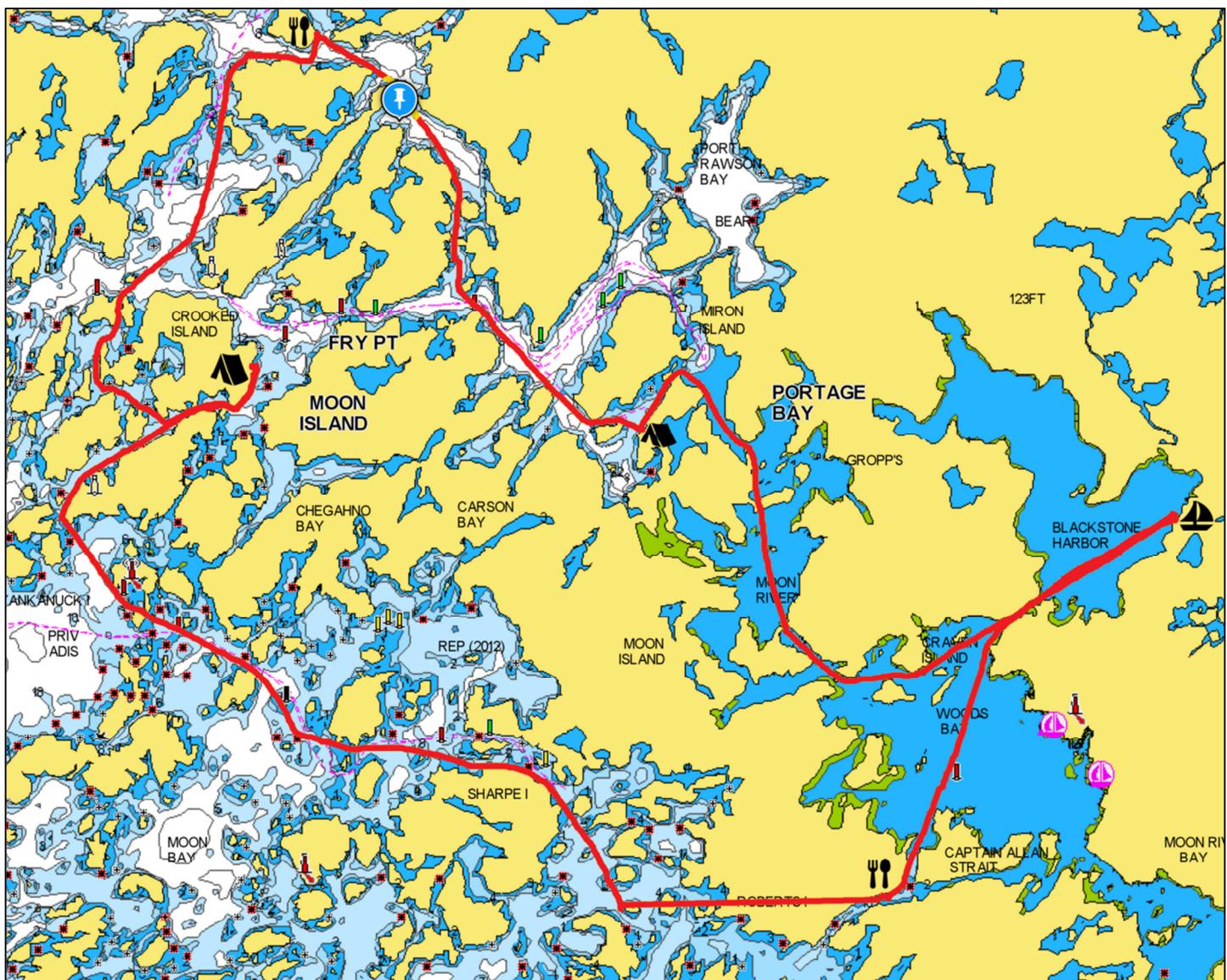


## Trip Statistics

Day	Start	End	Start	End	Duration	Distance	Massasauga Site
One	12:10pm	1:03pm	1:43pm	4:12pm	3h 20m	2.6 NM	321 - Islandscape
Two	11:40am	12:54pm	1:46pm	2:43pm	2h 10m	6.1NM	219 - Inner Bay
Three	10:09am	11:38am			1h 29m	4.1 NM	

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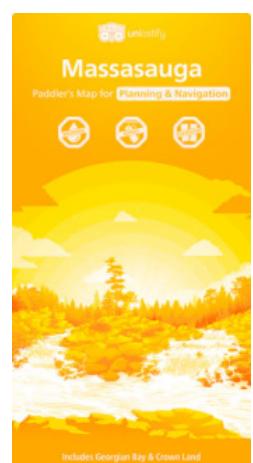
## Overall Route



## Navigation

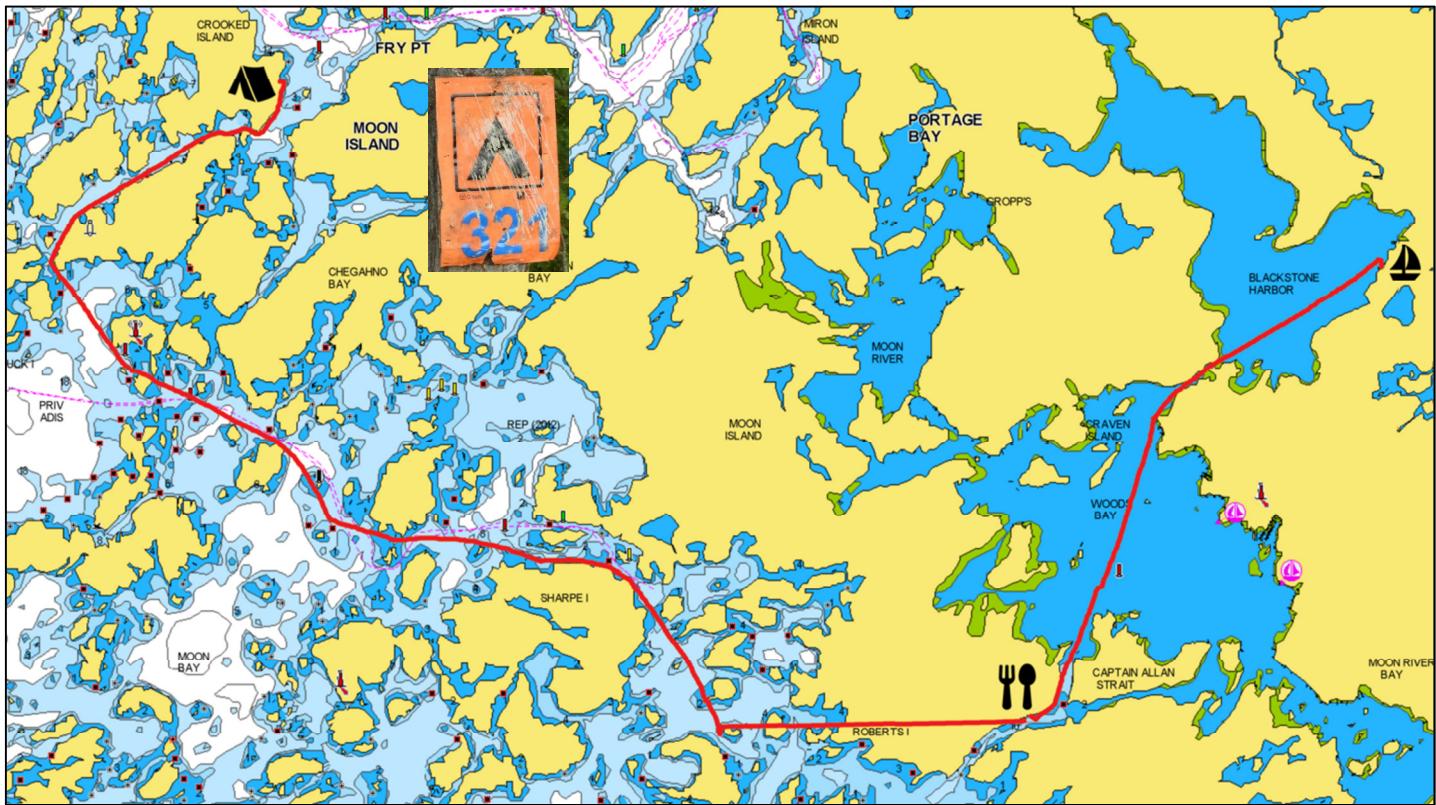


We carry a waterproof map of the park from "Maps by Jeff" (formerly Unlostify), as well as an iPhone with the Navionics app. The latter we also use when sailing. Since its purchase by Garmin, Navionics has been dumbed down in functionality (no PC web app available for large screen viewing of tracks) and is not as reliable; it can be seen above where the track was not being recorded.



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## Day One



Stopped for lunch at an empty campsite while transiting one of the channels. My leg had fallen asleep while paddling, and as soon as I attempted to stand up, the leg collapsed, dropping me in the water. Lucky a photographer was on hand to capture the event. Note the small folding table being carried as deck cargo.



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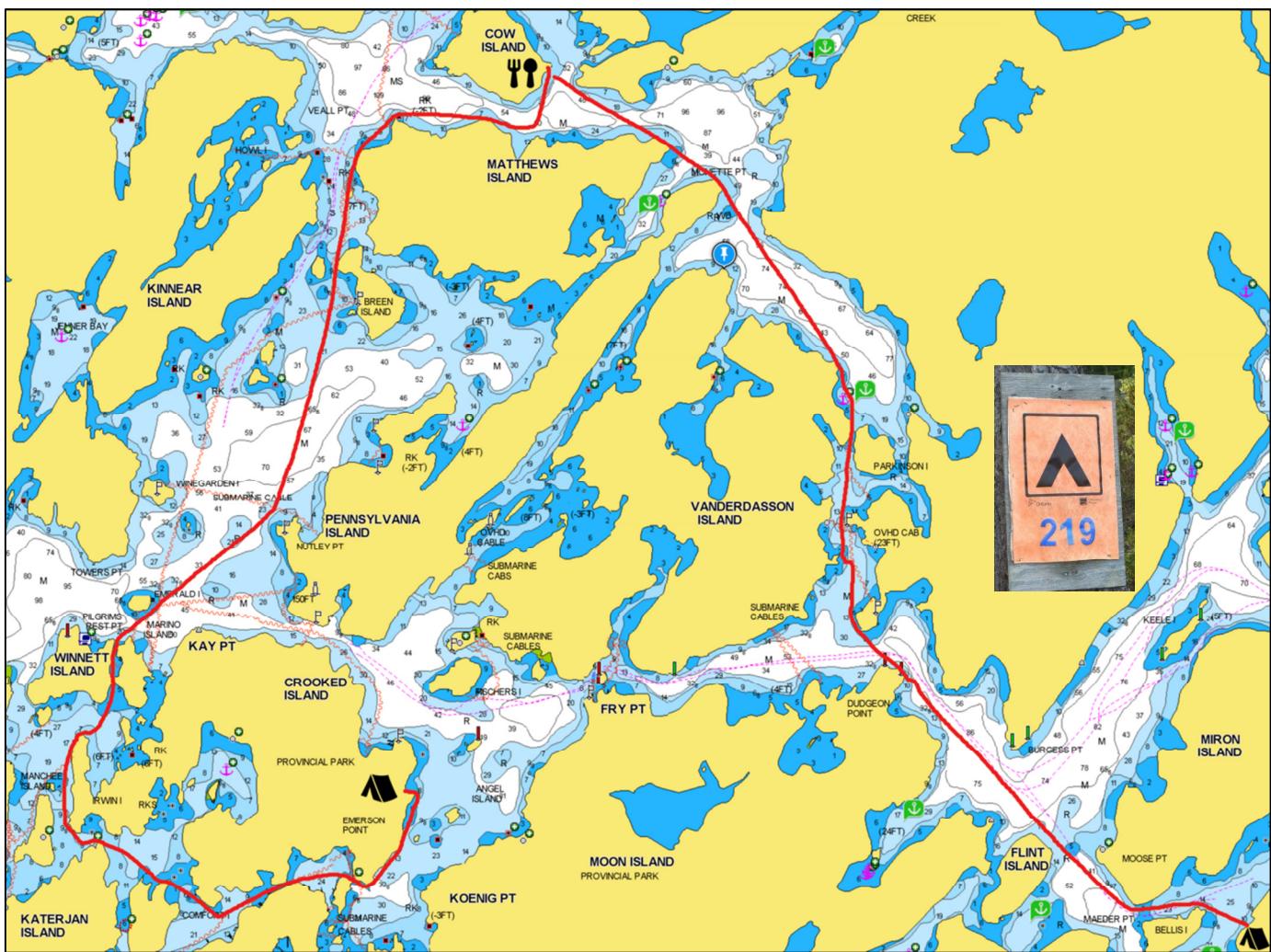
We continued on after lunch to site # 321. Cute cove in which to land the kayaks, and extensive rock outcropping for camping. Multiple tent pads back in the bush a bit. Yes, we explode our gear across the site.



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## Day Two



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Grabbed another empty site for lunch. Our original aiming point was in use. Got a little bit worried when a set of canoes headed for us while eating, but they swerved into another bay. Perhaps they thought we hadn't departed from the night before yet...



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Site # 219 was a super. The camping area was up a cliff, and the tenting area further up still. Special arrangements had to be concocted for easy access to cooled drinks from the lake. Those collapsible chairs and folding table are worth their weight in gold.



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We had been a little worried the site wouldn't be that great, but it was stupendous.



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With my wife on the trip, the meals were taken up to the next notch. With an exquisite supper for the last night. Freeze dried ground beef, Béchamel sauce in a tetra pack, and dehydrated hashbrown potatoes. Cooked over a combination of our Svea 123 white gas (Naptha) stove and a fire.



Always freshly brewed coffee and hot chocolate in the morning. Note mini torch for stove lighting, and white gas fuel bottle.



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## Day Three



Leisurely paddle out.



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Safely arrived back at Pete's Place. Kayaks dropped off at White Squall, then the drive home.



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## Thunderboxes

Being a Provincial Park, thunderboxes are in place at all campsites. But outside the park, there is a volunteer organisation that installs and maintains thunderboxes on crown land. It is well worth donating to enable all their hard work, <https://georgianbaybiosphere.com/outer-islands/>.



## Food Storage

This is bear country, so all food needs to be stored securely overnight. Hanging from a tree is the tried and trusted solution. However, many parks now provide steel bins for this purpose at each site. The intent being to make it easy enough to do the right thing, as too many people don't go to the effort of hanging food, resulting in bear encounters.



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## Roll-Up Table

We picked up this roll-up table from REI quite a while ago. This was its first real trip, and it was a resounding success. While it takes a fair amount of room, and not appropriate for backpacking, it was nice to be able to have an extra surface, and being able to easily locate a table exactly where we wanted. This is over and above the picnic table provided on the park sites. For sure the grocery bags do not look like “real camping”, but they work perfectly for the kayaks.



Pâté sandwich for lunch, and lighting the Svea stove.



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## Equipment Pouches

For keeping the little bits contained, we have a pair of small pouches. One is for washing stuff (which is often wet), and one for fire/repair. The little butane torch is the cat's meow for lighting the stove and campfires. The waterproof matches are for backup. I gave up on regular wooden matches, the "strike anywhere" matches of today have heads that decompose just looking at them, let alone striking on a rock or a zipper as one could do in yesteryear. The bleach is for water purification.



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## Boating Equipment

- Life jackets w/whistle
- Compass, 2
- Chart
- Chart bag
- Map, Adventure
- Map case
- Throw bag
- Radio, VHF, portable
- Radio, VHF, charger (optional)
- Bag, personal, bow
- Bag, personal, stern w/ carabiner
- Bailer
- Sponge

## Boating Equipment (Rental)

- Kayak, tandem
- Paddle, kayak, 3
- Sponge, 2
- Pump
- “Squaller Haulers”, 2

## Car Equipment

- Pillow
- Blanket
- Kayak racks, 2
- Ratchet straps, 2
- Rope, tie down, 2
- Towel
- Change of clothes & shoes

## Food

- Beer @ 3/day
- Wine, 500mL @ 2/day

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## Camping Equipment

Matches	Table, folding
Svea stove	Mobile telephone charging cable, 2
White gas, bottle, large	Power bank charging cable, 2
Pot set, medium & large	Tarp centre pole
Pot handle	Tarp corner pole, 2
Water containers, large, 4	Tarp
First aid kit, waterproof	PCOC card
Watch	RMOC card
Torch	BBQ lighter / Butane torch
Cup, insulated, 2	Mosquito repeller (Thermocell), 2
Bowl, 3	Mosquito repeller (Thermocell) charging cable
Plate, 3	Tent
Knife, 2	Tent poles
Fork, 2	Tent ground sheet / footprint
Tea spoon, 2	Tent pegs
Dessert spoon, 2	Wine glasses, 2
Knife, Opinel	Beer glasses, 2
Can opener	Table, large, roll-up
Spoon, wooden	Frying pan
Bottle opener	Spatula, wood
Tinfoil	
Wind break for stove	
Paracord, hanks, 8	
Kleenex	
Garbage bags	
Duct tape	
Newspaper	
Saw, folding	
Dish soap	
Dish cloth in Ziploc bag	
Dish towel	
Toilet paper, $\frac{1}{2}$ roll/person/day	
Bleach	
Multi-tool	
Toaster, stove top	
Notebook & pencil	
Anemometer	
Ziploc bags, large & small	
Rope, spare	
Chair, collapsible, 2	
Coffee filter holder, 2	
Fly swatter	
Insect repellent, spray can, 2	
Sunscreen, 60/110 SPF, 4	
Power bank	
Phone case	

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## Personal Equipment

Sleeping bag  
Sleeping pad  
Headlamp  
Spare batteries  
Trousers  
Shorts  
Socks, short  
Socks, long  
Shirts, short sleeved  
Shirts, long sleeved.  
Swim suit  
Towel  
Sweat shirt  
Fleece pants  
Rain jacket  
Rain pants  
Pyjamas  
Pillow  
Tooth brush  
Tooth paste  
Shampoo  
Soap  
Wash kit (deodorant, razor, retainer, hair brush)  
Hat  
Camera  
Camera battery  
Sunglasses  
Water shoes  
Reading glasses  
Mobile telephone  
Ear plugs  
Books  
Chapstick  
Extra socks  
Contact lenses  
Eye drops  
Rain boots