Solo Camping Checklist

Shelter & Sleep System	
☐ Tent or Bivy Sack	☐ Sleeping Bag (season-appropriate)
□ Sleeping Pad	☐ Pillow (optional)
□ Tent Repair Kit	☐ Groundsheet / Footprint
☐ Tent Mallet (optional)	
Cooking & Water	
☐ Food (freeze-dried meals, snacks)	□ Portable Stove & Fuel
☐ Lightweight Cookware (pot, lid)	☐ Water Bottle / Hydration Reservoir
□ Water Filter / Purification Tablets	☐ Mug (metal or plastic)
☐ Utensils (spork or compact set)	☐ Lighter / Waterproof Matches
□ Small Trash Bag	☐ Backup Firestarter (firesteel / matches)
Clothing (Layered)	
☐ Base Layer (thermal underwear)	☐ Insulation Layer (fleece or down jacket)
☐ Waterproof Jacket & Pants	☐ Warm Hat & Gloves
□ Socks (primary + backup)	☐ Hiking Boots / Shoes
☐ Camp Shoes (optional)	☐ Rain Gaiters (optional)
□ Sunglasses	☐ Rain Boots (optional)
Navigation & Safety	
□ Map & Compass	☐ GPS Device / Offline Maps
☐ Headlamp (+ spare batteries)	☐ Emergency Whistle
☐ Knife / Multitool	☐ First Aid Kit
☐ Sunscreen & Insect Repellent	☐ Personal Locator Beacon (optional)
☐ Flashlight (as backup to headlamp)	
Repair & Tools	
□ Needle & Thread	☐ Universal Gear Glue
□ Tent Patches	☐ Multitool
□ Paracord (15-20 ft)	☐ Duct Tape (small roll)
□ Blister Tape	

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Personal Hygiene	
 □ Biodegradable Soap □ Toilet Paper (waterproof bag) □ Microfiber Towel □ Toilet Trowel 	 □ Toothbrush & Toothpaste □ Wet Wipes □ Hand Sanitizer □ Floss (optional)
Power & Backup	
□ Power Bank or Battery Pack□ Spare Batteries (for headlamp, GPS, etc.)	☐ Charging Cable (for phone/GPS)
Emergency Items	
□ Emergency Blanket (Mylar)□ Reflective tape or glow stick (optional signaling)	□ Emergency Contact Card (laminated)□ Anti-chafe Balm (in First Aid Kit)
Entertainment & Comfort	
□ Notebook & Pen□ Offline Playlist / Audiobook□ Earplugs	□ Book or Kindle□ Camera (optional)□ Sit Pad or Ultralight Camp Chair
Pre-Trip Checks	
 □ Check weather forecast □ Practice using your gear □ Food Storage (bear bag/capister/zip bag) 	☐ Inform someone of your plans☐ Weigh and test-pack backpack