

SAR Suggested Searching Equipment

The Safety Officer has the responsibility to restrict the unprepared from wilderness duty.

In Your Pack

- Food or snacks (Self sufficient for 12 hours)
- Water (2 litres suggested) and capability to prepare more
- Metal pot or cup
- Several lighters
- Waterproofed matches
- Rolls of flagging tape
- Raingear
- Sitting pad (closed cell foam 12"x20")
- Spare compass
- Spare flashlight
- Spare whistle
- Spare batteries
- Spare socks
- Spare toque
- Spare fleece or wool sweater
- Spare mittens
- Spare pens, pencils, grease pencil, permanent markers
- Several large, heavy duty garbage bags, ideally orange
- Various Ziploc style bags
- Heat reflective emergency blanket
- Candle lantern or safety candle
- Duct tape
- Weather proof shelter large enough for more than one person (Tarp, Heavy Plastic, manufactured emergency shelter, etc)
- Para cord, string or twine (strong and easy to use)
- Signalling devices (flares, glow sticks, etc)
- Folding saw
- Tubular webbing strap (twice arm span)
- First aid kit (made to suit your ability)
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On You, Not In Your Pack

- Safety glasses
- Primary compass
- Primary knife
- Primary flashlight
- Primary whistle
- Small flashlight/headlamp
- Survival kit
- Water
- Watch
- Personal medication
- Kerchief or Bandana
- Identification
- Notebook (waterproof)
- Pencil or all weather pen

Suggested Additional Items

- Toilet kit (paper, trowel, Ziploc bags)
- Hand sanitizer
- Vinyl gloves
- Stove & fuel or Fire bowl
- Fire starters
- Thermos bottle of hot water
- 8-12mm Rope & carabineers
- Sun glasses
- Binoculars
- Spare prescription glasses or contacts
- Blanket
- Lip balm
- Sun block
- Safety pins
- Ruler
- Map case
- Multi-tool
- GPS unit

Clothing Suggestions

Orange is the colour of choice for any clothing.

- Orange jacket
- Non-cotton clothing appropriate to season and conditions
- Light, moisture-wicking inner layer
- Heavy non-cotton socks
- Sturdy appropriate boots
- Toque
- Brimmed hat
- Light gloves
- Mittens
- Gaiters

What you and your fellow searchers have on your backs is **all** that you have when you are finding and caring for the lost subject and each other. *Being prepared means you hope for the best but prepare for the worst.*