HRSAR Suggested Searching Equipment

The Safety Officer has the responsibility to restrict the un-prepared from wilderness duty.

In Your Pack

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|  | Food or snacks (self-sufficient for 12 hours) |  | Safety glasses |
|  | Water (2 litres suggested) and capability to |  | Primary compass |
|  | prepare more |  | Primary knife |
|  | Metal pot or cup |  | Primary flashlight |
|  | Several lighters |  | Primary whistle |
|  | Waterproofed matches |  | Small flashlight/headlamp |
|  | Rolls of flagging tape |  | Survival kit |
|  | Raingear |  | Water |
|  | Sitting pad (closed cell foam 12”x20”) |  | Watch |
|  | Spare compass |  | Personal medication |
|  | Spare flashlight |  | Kerchief or Bandana |
|  | Spare whistle |  | Identification |
|  | Spare batteries |  | Notebook (waterproof) |
|  | Spare socks |  | Pencil or all weather pen |
|  | Spare toque |  |  |

On You, Not In Your Pack

 Spare fleece or wool sweater

 Spare mittens and or gloves

 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)

 Signaling devices (flares, glow sticks, etc)

 Folding saw

 Tubular webbing strap (twice arm span)

 First aid kit (made to suit your ability)

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.***

This list is only a guide to ensure a serviceable pack that will keep you and the lost subject safe in severe conditions.

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 and inner non-cotton socks

 Sturdy appropriate boots

 Toque

 Brimmed hat

 Light gloves

 Mittens

 Gaiters