Minimum Equipment Required for WHGSAR Outdoor Training

and Searches

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*FOR YOUR SAFETY and the integrity of our training exercises, HRSAR requires members to carry the minimum items of equipment listed below during any training exercise.*

* Sturdy waterproof boots.
* Appropriate clothing for current and expected conditions. **Layered with no cotton. NO DENIM OR JEANS.**
* Orange outerwear. More than simply a hat. (Jacket, pants or vest.) You can borrow an orange reflective vest from stores.
* Rain gear
* Strong flashlight & spare batteries
* Headlamp & spare batteries (suggested)
* Compass (One with a base plate and a bezel ring that can be rotated.)
* Waterproof matches and lighters
* Energy food. (Trail mix, candy bars etc.)
* Water (2L)
* Safety glasses
* Whistle (pealess type, such as Fox40)
* Knife or sturdy blade
* Notebook and pencil
* Backpack (20 to 40L to carry these things in

The Safety Officer or Instructor has the responsibility to restrict the un-prepared from wilderness training.

The one page list titled “Suggested Searching equipment” is what we want our trained and experienced searchers to have. During your early stages as a volunteer hold back from spending a lot of money on gear and outdoor clothes!

Please take some time to check out WHGSAR and decide whether volunteering with us is a good fit for you before you spend your money on gear. In the meantime, the Minimum Equipment list will get you started. If you already have some of the other stuff – great! Add that to your search pack.

During our training sessions you will see the gear carried by other searchers and there will be training sessions where what to carry and why will be part of the topics.