

Packing Guide

What I thought I needed. What I know I need. And a little whimsy. Use this as your starting point — check off what's on my list, add your own, and make it yours. Download the full guide and subscribe at solwanderer.com/tswpacks

SLEEP

Think about: How long will you be out? A topper works for weekends. If you're living in it for weeks at a time, invest in a proper mattress. And test your bedding at home first.

- Bedding (tested at home before you leave)
- Mattress topper or replacement mattress
- Your pillow
- Temperature layers (blanket one weight heavier than you think)
- Noise-canceling headphones or ear plugs
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POWER & LIGHT

Think about: How you camp determines everything here. Boondocking means a portable power station is non-negotiable. Full hookups give you more flexibility — but a surge protector protects your rig either way.

- Portable power station (BLUETTI or similar)
- Heavy-duty extension cord (outdoor rated, good gauge)
- Surge protector (Power Watchdog recommended)
- Adapters and dogbones (30/50 amp + 15/20 amp)
- Headlamp with red night-vision mode
- Small interior light (LED lantern or reading light)
- Phone charger + backup battery bank
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WATER

Think about: Do you drink from your tanks? I don't. Supplementary containers and a counter pump give me fresh water without touching the tanks — and keep the tanks for road bathroom use.

- Fresh water in tanks
- Supplementary 5 or 6-gallon containers
- Battery-powered counter pump with spigot
- At least two hoses (Zero G from Apex recommended)
- Pressure regulator
- Water filter (for campsite hookups)

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KITCHEN

Think about: Cook what you actually make at home, not what you imagine you'll make on the road. And for your first days — especially a long drive — bring prepared meals. Future you will be grateful.

- Electric kettle (runs off power station or shore power)
- Stovetop kettle (backup + propane-free travel days)
- AeroPress
- Small pot and solid pan
- Basic pantry staples (salt, pepper, spices, oil, peanut butter)
- Prepared meals for first days on the road
- Dish soap, sponge, small drying rack
- Utensils, paper plates, trash bags, zip lock bags
- Trash system (hanging bin or under-sink bag)
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SAFETY & CONNECTION

Think about: Don't skip the safety items thinking you won't need them. Practice changing your camper tires at home before you're on the side of a highway. Know your systems cold before you leave.

- Starlink Mini (or hotspot backup)
- Bear spray
- Tire pressure monitor system
- Rear camera
- Lithium jumpstart pack
- Breaker bar + jack rated for your camper
- Cordless drill
- Hitch lock + door lock
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COMFORT

Think about: One night with a noisy furnace cycling on and off all night will teach you things no packing list can. The Dreco heater changed everything for me. Don't underestimate what makes sleep possible.

- Battery-powered portable fan (Venty recommended)
- Ceramic space heater for shore power nights (Dreco recommended)
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ORGANIZATION

Think about: In a small camper, organization is the difference between calm and chaos. Check Daiso before Amazon — it's a goldmine for small-space bins and organizers at a fraction of the cost.

- Command hooks + suction cup hooks
- Bins and fabric baskets (Target fabric baskets are great)
- Kitchen drawer organizers
- Shelf liner throughout
- Collapsible totes for under-bed storage
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DOGS

Think about: Their needs are just as non-negotiable as yours. Pre-portion their food before you leave. Pack more treats than you think you need. Treats are currency on the road.

- Their bed or a familiar blanket
- Food (pre-portioned and ready)
- Treats (more than you think)
- Spill-proof water bowl
- Leashes (more than one for multiple dogs)
- Poop bags (always more than you think)
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THE EXTRAS THAT EARN THEIR SPACE

Think about: The Day Three orders are often the ones you'll never camp without again. These are mine.

- Dehumidifier bags (closets, under bed, storage areas)
- Microfiber quick-dry towels
- Zippered cord/cable pouch + velcro ties
- Zip ties (you will use them)
- Felt furniture strips (for blinds at 2 a.m.)

Muddy Mat for the entryway

THE THINGS THAT JUST MAKE IT HOME

Not useful. Just right.

Not everything earns its space by being practical. Some things earn their space by being yours.

A disco ball. It does nothing. It is perfect.

A little pot of succulents in a bird-shaped pot. Something living. Something that needs tending. It turns out that matters on the road.

Taylor Swift heart hands. Non-negotiable. Always.

A paint by numbers kit. Not for now. For a slow afternoon later this summer when there's nowhere to be and nothing that needs doing.

Your thing here. The one with no practical justification that makes you happy every single day.