



## Cross Country Travel Packing List

Note: We kept the packing for our 6-person minivan excursion very tight. We did not, need tent-camping necessities. And our desire to stay screen free meant much of our storage went towards kid's travel surprises. Time of year is also a factor in determining what your travel necessitates.

### CLOTHING (We travelled in May/June)

All the kids' clothing separated into large Ziploc bags for organization

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| 3 Short Sleeve Outfits per person                                      | Rain Ponchos  |
| 2 Long Sleeve Outfits per person                                       | Coats         |
| 2 Pair of Pajamas per person   | Bathing Suits |
| Extra Socks & Underwear  | Toiletries    |
| 1 pair of closed toe shoes, one pair of flip flop type shoe per person |               |

### ROAD WARRIOR STUFF

Laminated Itinerary and Driving Directions (It was super helpful for navigating areas without cell coverage)

Laundry Soap (We brought Woolite for use in sink *or* machine clothes washing)

Fodor Travel's Complete Guide to the National Parks of the West

Road Atlas

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| 1 Pillow (My husband is picky about pillows! I packed one, but did not use it) |  |
| 1 Blow Up Pillow for the car   | 1 Roll of Paper Towels                           |
| 2 Sleeping Bags  | Wipes for Finger Wiping or off-road toilet needs |
| Gum (traveling in the mountains)   | Laundry Basket for easy carry for hotel use      |
| Coolers & Ice Packs  | One Thin Blanket per child                       |
| Knife  | Emergency Flash Lights                           |
| Vegetable Peeler   | Extra Plastic Bags for Trash                     |
| Small Ziploc Bags for dividing snacks  | Chap Stick (important for dry mountain areas)    |
| Plastic Cutlery  | Laundry Bag (optional)                           |
| 2-Pronged Car Phone Charger  |  |
| 1 Roll of Toilet Paper   |  |

### TRAVEL SUPRISES FOR KIDS

A huge success of our trip was wrapping some gifts beforehand so they had something to look forward to along the way and to incentivize good behavior. Here are some small easy-to-pack items that worked for us!

Sharpie for labeling things on the go, Pens, Tape, Scissors, Crayons & Pencils

Laminated Maps for Marking off our Trip & the License Plate Game

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| Journals                   | Post It Notes                        |
| Travel "passports"         | Aerobie brand Frisbees               |
| Snacks & Water Bottles     | Coloring/Activity Books              |
| Disposable Cameras         | Window Cling Stickers                |
| Magnifying Glasses         | Window Markers (beware the mess!)    |
| Fidget Spinners            | Story Cubes                          |
| Postage for Postcards home | Embroidery Floss for bracelet making |
| Stress Balls               | Sunglasses                           |
| Flash Cards                | Small Backpacks for kids             |
| Clip Boards                | Sidewalk Chalk                       |
| Wiki Stix                  | Band-aids                            |
| Glow in the Dark Bracelets | Audio Books & Headphones             |