Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club Trip Supply List

Deciding what to take on a sea kayak trip depends on several considerations, such as length of trip, location and climate, and the holding capacity of your boat as well as the numbers of kayaks in your group. Two or more kayaks will allow you to eliminate duplicate items and evenly distribute gear among paddlers. Obviously, the gear needed for an overnight trip on an inland reservoir will differ from an extended trip taken into the wilds of Alaska.

The three checklists below are cumulative, and each type of equipment is listed only once. If you are packing for a weekend trip, check the day-trip list, too. Though some of the items listed here are not necessary on every outing, you may wish to consider carrying them for safety or comfort depending on the destination and conditions. Some items are quite optional and depend on your preferences.

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Day Trip	Weekend	Extended Trip
Boat Equipment Kayak Paddle/spare paddle Spray skirt Paddle leash Life vest Bilge pump Sponge Compass Map/charts Tide/current chart VHF radio PHF radio PH	Add: Basic Kayak repair kit Dry bags for clothing, sleeping bag, etc.	Class B I PRIB for remote coasts where VHF coverage is poor Shore survival kit for wilderness coasts (basic shelter, fire, food, and signaling items in compact case to be carried on-person) Extensive kayak repair kit
Clothing	Add:	Add:
 Dry/wet suit Paddle jacket Footgear/wading shoes Paddle gloves/pogies Rain Gear Hat/sunglasses Change of shoes Dry change of clothes 	 Polypro, fleece, pile for wicking and fast drying Long underwear Pants/jacket Vest/wind stopper Socks/gloves Warm hat Hiking shoes 	 Multiple day clothing supply Plan for all weather conditions
Food	Add:	Add:
Snacks/lunchWater BottleEnergy bars	 Cook set/stove/fuel Dishes/utensils Extra water containers Trash bags/zip-lock bags 	Soap that will suds in sea waterWater purification system
Personal Gear	Add:	Add:
 Water bottle Sunscreen/lip balm Pocket knife Bug repellant Binocular/camera Personal identification Emergency Distress signaling devise: flares/mirror/whistle Paddle float/stirrup/sling Money for phone 	Boom box/Toilet articles Towel/biodegradable soap Toothbrush/paste Sleeping bag/pad/pillow Tent/ground cloth Fishing gear Add: Money for camping fees, if necessary Candles/lantern	Shower components
Money for pnoneWaterproof matches/candle	Candles/lanternSmall shovel	
Small tarpTow ropeChemical heat packs	• Saw/ax	
First Aid/Emergency Medical Kits	Add:	Add:
 Pain reliever Band-Aids Ace bandage Sterile compress Adhesive tape Zinc oxide ointment Insect/snake bite kit 	 Stomach upset pills Fast-acting emetic or laxative Burn ointment Butterfly closures Tweezers Seasickness remedy 	 Antibiotic pills Antibacterial ointment Giardia pills **Emergency medical kits for all types/lengths of trips can be purchased, check your supply catalogs
First aid book	• Seasickness remedy	for details.