

ROAD TRIP, EASTERN SIERRA EQUIPMENT LIST

This unique trip is from the comfort of a car camp/base camp.

SKIING GEAR

Alpine Touring Skis – approx. 90-100mm at waist recommended.

Alpine Touring Bindings (*Dynafit or Fritschi are most popular*)

- or -

Telemark Skis – approx. 90-100mm at waist recommended

Telemark Binding – preferably a telemark touring binding allowing resistance-free pivot for touring (*Black Diamond 01, G3 Targa Ascent or Targa Ascent SS, 7th Power Tour, Voile Switchback*)

- or -

Splitboard with touring bindings and collapsible 3-section poles

In general, releasable bindings may increase your chances of surviving an avalanche. If you choose to use non-releasable telemark or snowboard bindings, you must accept the additional risk.

Ski Mountaineering/Ascent Pack (20-40 liter) with a strap system to carry skis

Ski brakes recommended over safety straps (binding dependent)

Alpine touring boots or heavy-duty telemark boots

Ski poles – adjustable length (optional)

Climbing skins – maximum width to shape of ski recommended

Ice axe - 50-60cm recommended (no longer than 70cm, ultra-light ok)

(included with course, reservation required)

Light ski mountaineering harness

(included with course, reservation required)

1 Locking screwgate carabiner, small pear shaped best

(included with course, reservation required)

Boot crampons

(included with course, reservation required)

Ski crampons

Ski strap – to carry skis

Ski Helmet (optional, recommended) – CAMP makes a combination ski and climbing rated helmet

SNOW SAFETY GEAR

Transceiver – 3 antenna digital recommended with fresh batteries

Probe

Shovel

(These items are included with course, reservations required)

CAR CAMPING GEAR

Sleeping Bag: 20° F or warmer

Comfortable Sleeping Pad

*Car camping gear may include cup, bowl and spoon, folding chair, cooler with drinks, solar shower and whatever you want.

CLOTHING

Next to skin layers:

Short sleeve T-shirt – light merino wool or capilene
Long sleeve light merino wool or capilene zip T-neck
Merino wool or capilene briefs
Merino wool or capilene light long johns
Ski socks – wool/nylon blend or similar (2 pr.)

Outer layers:

Soft-shell jacket (lightly insulated) or fleece pullover or full zip
Soft-shell mountain pants (AKA “guide pants” – synthetic stretch woven fabric)
- Patagonia, Marmot or similar
Light puff jacket (nylon with synthetic insulation)
Light outer shell (waterproof/breathable jacket and pants)
Light wool or fleece hat
Fleece neck gaiter for storm conditions
Sun hat – with visor
Gloves – medium weight ski gloves and light gloves for spring conditions
Light down or fiberfill booties (optional, many experts change socks and wear their inner boots in the tent and/or use their outer shells for quick bathroom trips)
Bandana

This is a recommended optimum layering system. Certain items may be substituted but combination of layers should equal the recommended list for warmth, moisture wicking, wind and precipitation resistance, weight and packability.

MISCELLANEOUS

1-2 Liter water container (wide-mouth lexan recommended) or hydration system (with soft hydration bladder, an additional hard Lexan 1 Liter bottle is recommended for camp use). Bottle can be refilled during the day at open water and snow can be added for solar melting.
Water purification – Iodine tablets or tincture of iodine in small plastic dropper bottle
Sunglasses with retainer
Goggles with light lenses for storm conditions
Sunscreen – 50+ SPF (small amount in squeeze bottle)
Lip balm – 30+ SPF
Small personal first aid kit – band-aids, moleskin, tape, aspirin, antacid tablets
Toothbrush and toothpaste - small tube
Toilet paper in zip-lock bag with matches
Lightweight headlamp with fresh batteries
Butane lighter
Small pocket knife
Camera (optional)
Small 2-way FRS radio (optional)

ASI PROVIDES

All group guiding equipment, 3-antenna digital avalanche transceivers, probes, shovels, group first-aid, emergency and repair kits, tents, stoves, fuel, cook kits, and 1 dinner.

FOOD

We recommend breakfast & dinners at the Mobile Mart, near where we will be camping.

You will need to bring snack lunch food for 2 days. Variation in taste makes it most practical for each participant to pack his or her own breakfast and lunch food. These are easy but should be calculated carefully.

You will need to pack 2 lunches. Here is a suggested sample we would carry for one day:

Lunch-high energy, snackable type

-3 oz. protein source (cheese, dried meat or other)

-2-3 oz. crackers or light bread (bagels ok for the first days)

-3 oz. nuts or dried fruit (gorp)

-2 oz sweets (goo gels, chocolate, etc.)

Energy bars may take the place of gorp or candy

-1 electrolyte replacement drink mix per day (optional, but recommended)

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