



BASE CAMP MAGAZINE

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ESSENTIAL MOUNTAINEERING GEAR LIST

As you continue on your mountaineering journey, you will bulk up your mountaineering gear set. If you're just starting out, or re-equipping yourself from scratch, these are the essential pieces of gear you cannot be without.

ESSENTIAL CLIMBING GEAR

- ☐ Ice Axe
- ☐ Crampons
- ☐ Mountaineering Boots (Insulated for Winter)
- ☐ Climbing Helmet
- ☐ Climbing Harness
- ☐ Carabiners (5 Locking 6+ Non Locking)
- ☐ Climbing Rope
- ☐ Backpack

ESSENTIAL LIVING GEAR

- ☐ Portable Stove
- ☐ Sleeping Bag & Pads
- ☐ Water Bottles/Bladders

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WATER PURIFICATION:

Water purification is necessary to avoid getting sick on the mountain. Boil water/snow for at least 3 min. Or use water purification tablets, pump filters, or a UV Purifier

Check out these articles:

[How to Understand Avalanche Conditions](#)

[General Mountain Safety Tips for Hikers](#)

[Essential Gear to Pack for Cool Weather Hiking](#)

ESSENTIAL SAFETY GEAR

- ☐ Extra Dry Clothes
- ☐ Headlamp
- ☐ Fire Materials
- ☐ Extra Food/Water
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Navigation (GPS, Map,
- ☐ Compass, Beacon, SAT)
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Emergency Shelter
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Avalanche Safety Kit
- ☐ Crevasse Rescue Kit

Where to Get Climbing Gear on a Budget

- REI Outlet, Steep & Cheap (by Backpacker), Amazon, Sierra Trading Post
- **Small Accessories:** TJMaxx, HomeGoods, Marshalls (Sporadic)
- **Rent At:** REI, Alpine Institute, Climbingrentals.com
- **Buy Used:** REI Good & Used, Mountain Project Forum - For Sale, Mountain Equipment Co-Op (Canada), Cascade Climbers, Gear Traders.

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