



NZ Camping & Motorhome or Caravan Safety Checklist

1. Essential Safety Gear

- First Aid Kit: bandages, antiseptic, pain relief, personal meds, sting/bite cream, emergency blanket.
- Fire Safety: fire extinguisher, waterproof matches/lighter.
- Tools & Repair: multi-tool/pocket knife, duct tape, extra rope, bungee cords, spare tent pegs, basic vehicle kit.
- Navigation & Light: headlamps/flashlights + spare batteries, maps, compass, whistle, power bank.
- Water & Food: reusable bottles, large water containers, non-perishable food. Fresh water bottles.

2. Health & Clothing

- Sun Protection: sunscreen SPF 30+, wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, lip balm
- Weather Gear: layers (thermals, fleece, puffer), warm beanie & gloves, raincoat & gumboots, swimwear.
- Insect Defense: strong repellent, mosquito coils, and nets.
- Hygiene: hand sanitizer, wet wipes, toilet paper, biodegradable soap.

3. Caravan/Vehicle Specific

- Gas bottles: check levels & secure, registration & WOF all current.
- Levelling ramps for stable parking, a small hand level helps.
- Water hoses & power leads (powered sites).
- Waste bags for rubbish (pack it out!).

4. Communication

- Mobile phone & charger, solar charger helpful.
- Emergency Personal Locator Beacon (if remote).
- Tell someone your route & expected return time. (download offline maps)

5. Before You Go: Key NZ Considerations

- DOC & Freedom Camping rules (use apps like Rankers or CamperMate) NZMCA. Check memberships and Apps up to date.
- Check local fire bans & restrictions.
- Be prepared for rapid weather changes (mountains/coast).
- Sandfly & insect awareness.

Tip: Keep this checklist in your car or tent, and tick off items as you pack to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip!

