



## Ten Tips for Camping in the Rain

- 1. Waterproof your stuff**  
*Before going anywhere get some silicone spray, and check for leaks, long before the rain*
- 2. Pack rain gear**  
*You should always have a poncho, or rain jacket and emergency poncho that lives in your pack  
Always have a tarp for under your tent.*
- 3. Watch the weather forecast**  
*Look a week out, day out, and day of, for weather. Let everyone know to prepare to get wet*
- 4. Layers are your friend**  
*Be warm, rain is a cooling process, dress in layers. Don't wear cotton, Merino wool\* is the best*
- 5. Keep your gear dry**  
*As much as layers are your friend, plastic bags are your wing man. Put everything in zip locks,  
organize by day to unpack as little as possible. Bring a garbage bag, to keep sleeping bags dry*
- 6. Find the right camping site**  
*Always take the high ground. Keep tents out of gullies that might fill with water*
- 7. Create an outdoor living space**  
*Bring a tarp, poles and rope to make an outdoor space. If needed bring a pop-up to congregate  
and prep food*
- 8. Food to combat the chill**  
*Hearty foods are better in rainy weather, thick soups, and stews are welcome camping meals  
Prep it all in advance when possible, and heat it up, to minimize prep*
- 9. Be Prepared**  
*Bring a newspaper, they can be used to soak up water in shoes, and also to start a fire. Have a plan  
for what you are going to do, and not just tough it out - bring cards and games*
- 10. Air your gear out**  
*When you get home, open up all your gear, including packs, tents, chairs and sleeping bags  
Let it dry out and keep away mildew and rot in your stuff*

\*10 Merino Wool Garments You Can't Camp Without  
<https://50campfires.com/10-merino-wool-garments-you-cant-camp-without/>