

Essential Gear Checklist for Rockhounding and RV Camping

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Rockhounding Tools

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock hammer / Geologist's hammer	Essential for breaking rocks or extracting specimens
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chisels (various sizes)	For splitting layers and extracting delicate finds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety goggles	Protects eyes from flying rock chips
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sturdy gloves	Protects hands from sharp rocks and rough terrain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Field guide / Mineral identification book	Helps identify rocks and minerals on site
<input type="checkbox"/>	Magnifying loupe / Hand lens (10x)	For close examination of minerals and crystals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small shovel / trowel	Useful for digging in soft soil
<input type="checkbox"/>	Classifier screens / gold pans	For sifting smaller stones or looking for gold/agate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spray bottle (water)	Reveals color and luster of dry rocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collection bags or buckets	For transporting finds; label them if collecting different types
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labels and marker	To record where you found each specimen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backpack or field pack	To carry tools and rocks while hiking

Navigation & Safety

<input type="checkbox"/>	GPS or offline maps	Many rockhounding sites are off-grid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compass	Backup navigation tool
<input type="checkbox"/>	First aid kit	Include snake bite kit in desert areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunscreen & bug spray	For protection from sun and insects
<input type="checkbox"/>	Whistle or emergency signal device	For emergencies, especially when solo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headlamp or flashlight	For caves or poor light conditions

Clothing

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sturdy boots or hiking shoes	With ankle support and good traction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wide-brim hat	Sun protection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Layered clothing	Varies by season; include rain gear

RV Camping Gear

<input type="checkbox"/>	Leveling blocks	Essential for uneven terrain
<input type="checkbox"/>	Generator or solar panels	Useful if boondocking off-grid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Freshwater hose & water filter	For drinking and filling tanks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer hose & gloves	Sanitary dump station setup
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheel chocks	Safety must for parking

<input type="checkbox"/>	RV toolkit (basic tools)	For small repairs on the road
<input type="checkbox"/>	Camp chairs & table	For relaxing at your site
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor mat or rug	Keeps dirt out of RV
<input type="checkbox"/>	Portable grill or stove	If cooking outdoors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooler or extra fridge	Useful for extended off-grid stays

Other Essentials

<input type="checkbox"/>	Water jugs / hydration packs	Bring more than you think you need, especially in desert areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Snacks / high-energy food	For long days of hiking or searching
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trash bags	Leave no trace
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notebook or journal	To record finds, locations, and notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permits or site info	Some rockhounding areas require a permit