



GATOR GIRL ROCKS

THE BEST EVER ROCKHOUDING GEAR GUIDE CHECKLIST

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This is the 2012 edition of the **GATOR GIRL ROCKS** *Best Ever Rockhounding Gear Guide Checklist*. It is the checklist. For a copy of the detailed **GATOR GIRL ROCKS** *Best Ever Rockhounding Gear Guide*, see www.GatorGirlRocks.com. The detailed *Gear Guide* includes, among other things, an explanation for the various checklist items, gear detail, photographs of various tools and gear, and additional resources.

The necessary (or desired) gear will depend upon the particular rockhounding trip as well as other factors such as location, season, weather, etc. For example, you may wish to have a more comprehensive gear selection if you will be rockhounding in a remote, difficult area than you would at a fee access mine site where most gear as well as other accommodations may be provided on site or close by.

This checklist - informed by years of experience and adventure - is designed to be a useful reminder for most rockhounding adventures. For ease of use, the Checklist is divided into various categories:

- The Basics
- Safety
- Tools
- Comfort Gear
- Clothing
- I Wish I Would Have Brought ...
- Special Gear for - Caves, Mountains, Deserts, Western Washington (Rain)
- Special Gear for - Agates, Gemstones, Fossils, Crystals

THE BASICS

- Map & Directions
- Compass and/or GPS
- Picnic Supplies
Food, snacks, and water
- Litter bag
- Appropriate Clothing**
- Selected Tools**
- Safety Gear**

***See Below*

SAFETY GEAR

- A Friend
- First Aid Kit
- Safety Goggles or Glasses
- Sun Screen
- Insect Repellent
- Poison Ivy/Stinging Nettles
Lotion
- Sting Ease/Wipes
- Gloves
- Storm/Safety Whistle
- Fire Extinguisher
- Waterproof Matches or Gas
Lighter & Fire Starter
- Hard Hat
- Orange Vests (hunting
season)
- Emergency Blanket
- Flash Light
- Pocket Knife
- Walkie-Talkies
- Emergency Horn
- Mobile Telephone

TOOLS ... VERY USEFUL ROCKHOULDING TOOLS

- Bucket, Canvas Bag, or Durable Backpack
- Rock Hammer
- Rock Pick
- Garden Cultivator Hand Tool
- Hand Shovel
- Crack Hammer
- Cold Chisels
- Safety Goggles/Glasses
- Medium Length, D-Handle, Round-Nosed Shovel
- Mattock or Long-Handled Pick
- Treasure/Gem Scoop
- Agate Probe
- Pry Bar
- Screens
- Spray Bottle
- Scrub Brush
- Pocket Knife
- Gloves
- Loupe or hand held magnifying glass

COMFORT GEAR

- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect spray or wipes
- After bite spray/cream
- Sunglasses
- Wet wipes
- Hand Warmers
- Tweezers
- Bucket (outdoor toilet)
- Carpet square or small tarp (to change clothes on)
- 'Rock Buggy'

CLOTHING

- Old Durable Clothing
- Rubber Boots or Hiking Boots
- Waders
- Hat
- Rain Gear
- Thermal Gear
- Old Towel
- Backup Rockhounding Clothes
- Change of Clean Clothes
- Laundry bag

I WISH I WOULD HAVE BROUGHT ...

- Rock Book with Color Photographs
- Specimen Samples
- Backpack
- Hiking Stick
- Treasure/Gem Scoop
- Screen
- Bow Saw or Chain Saw
- Rope
- Pruners/Nippers
- Machete
- Wire brush/plastic brush
- Colander
- Specimen/Rock Sample Bags
- Zip-Lock Freezer Bags
- Pen (sharpie)
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Loupe or Magnifying Glass
- Seat Cushion and/or Knee Pads
- Flashlight
- Magnet
- Mineral Test Kit
- Rain Gear
- Thermal Gear
- Extra Drinks
- Extra Snacks
- Extra Batteries
- Extra Clothes
- Toilet Paper!!
- Tool Bag or Rubber Tub
- Spare Tire & Car Jack
- Mountain Bikes
- Advil
- A Pack Mule

GEAR FOR CAVES

- Hard Hat
- Head Lamp
- Flashlight or Lantern
- Extra Batteries and bulbs
- Rope
- Boots
- Knee Pads
- Gloves

GEAR FOR MOUNTAINS

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Boots
- Jacket
- Hiking stick/Treasure Scoop

GEAR FOR DESERTS

- Extra Water
- Gloves
- Sunscreen
- Boots
- Hat
- Umbrella
- Tweezers
- Hiking stick/Treasure Scoop
- Snake Bite Kit

GEAR FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON

- Rain Gear
- Rubber Boots
- Waders
- Long-Sleeved Shirt/Jacket
- Gloves

GEAR FOR AGATES

- Flashlight
- Agate probe
- Scrub brush

GEAR FOR GEMSTONES

- Tweezers
- Screens
- Small plastic vial with screw-on cap or film canister
- Whiskbroom

GEAR FOR FOSSILS

- Packaging material
- Whiskbroom

GEAR FOR CRYSTALS

- Packaging material
- Gloves

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