

My walking checklist

Clothing and Footwear:

- 1. Hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes
- 2. Thick socks
- 3. Comfortable, breathable clothing (layering is recommended)
- 4. Waterproof jacket and pants
- 5. Hat or cap for sun protection
- 6. Gloves (if trekking in colder weather)
- 7. Sunglasses

Backpack Essentials:

- 1. Lightweight backpack
- 2. Plenty of water
- 3. High-energy snacks (trail mix, energy bars, etc.)
- 4. Packed lunch (sandwiches, fruits, nuts, etc.)
- 5. Personal identification and emergency contact information
- 6. Sunscreen and lip balm
- 7. Lightweight rain cover for the backpack

Optional Items:

- 1. Trekking poles
- 2. Camera or smartphone for capturing memories.
- 3. Binoculars for wildlife observation
- 4. Portable charger or power bank for electronic devices
- 5. Ziplock bags for waterproofing important items
- 6. Pre-Trekking Preparation:
- 7. Check weather forecasts and dress accordingly.
- 8. Charge electronic devices and ensure they're fully functional.
- 9. Break in new hiking boots or shoes before the trek
- 10. Practice Leave No Trace principles: respect wildlife, dispose of waste properly, and minimize your impact on the environment.