

The following checklist is what I currently carry on a day hike. Equipment is chosen mainly on the following criteria:

- Choosing the lightest most compact gear where possible (but not always)
- Choosing equipment that is comfortable
- Choosing equipment that meets my needs
- Choosing equipment that is readily available and where possible, allows me to support Australian manufacturers and retailers

Each trip is unique, so I will 'swap out' pieces depending on the expected conditions. Use this list as a guide to build your own day hiking kit but make sure that what you choose suits you. (V1 - November 2023)

The Essentials	As the conditions dictate (Swap Outs)
Osprey Talon Pro 20 litre pack X 1	Osprey Talon 33 litre Pack X 1
Osprey Hydraulics 2.5 Litre Bladder X 1	Garmin GPSMAP 66i Handheld Hiking GPS & Satellite Communicator X 1 (PLB)
Altra Olympus 5 X 1	Buff Merino Wool Buff X 1
Smartwool Run Targeted Cushion Mid Crew Men's Socks X 1 pair	Sea to Summit Insect Head Net X 1
Khul Radikl Men's Pants X 1	Lip Balm X 1
Wilderness Wear Cumulo Merino Long Sleeve Tee Top X 1	Sea to Summit Quagmire Gaiters X 1
Buff Original X 1	Altra Trail Gaiters X 1
Sunday Afternoons Sun Guide Cap X 1	Sunday Afternoons Ultra Adventure Hat X 1
Foldback Clip 19mm X 1	Eddy+ Water Bottle X 1
Suunto A-30 Compass X 1	GSI Essential Long Handled Spoon X 1
	Wilderness Wear MerinoFusion Long Sleeve Zip Neck Top X 1
Misc. Equipment	North Face Men's ThermoBall Hoodie X 1
Liive The Edge Sunglasses X 1	Marmot PreCip Nano Jacket X 1
Leki Cross Trail FX Superlite Poles110-130cm X 1 pair	Marmot PreCip Rain Pants X 1
Deejo Tattoo Naked Topography Knife X 1	Sea to Summit UltraSil Pack Cover Medium 30-50litre X 1
Reavee Lightweight Compact Reading Glasses X 1	Macpac Merino Glove Liners X 1
iPhone 12 Mini Mobile Phone X 1	Outdoor Research Fingerless Lycra gloves X 1
iPhone 12 Mini Battery Case X 1	Sony ZV1 Compact Camera X 1
	SanDisk Extreme Pro Memory Cards X 1
First Aid and Toiletries	
Small Packing Cell X 1	
Hand Sanitiser X 50 ml	
GSI Cathole Trowel X 1	
Toilet Paper X 10 sheets per day	
Splinter Pick X 1	
Tweezers X 1	
Compression Bandage X 2	
Triangular Bandage X 1	
Crepe Bandage X 1	
Safety Pins X 5	
Nurofen/Panadol X 6	
Band-Aids – Misc. X 5	