



ALPINE CLUB
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GEAR LIST

INTRO TO BACKCOUNTRY



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SKI GEAR

- Avalanche transceiver/beacon (digital 3-antenna beacon that has been serviced within the last 5 years by the manufacturer). It is highly recommended that the beacon has a marking/suppression function.
- Avalanche probe (standard is at least 3m)
- Collapsible, metal avalanche shovel
- Alpine touring skis or telemark skis or splitboard
- Skins (properly fitted to skis, full-width, and well glued)
- Ski boots
- Adjustable ski poles
- Ski helmet
- Ski goggles (orange lenses highly recommended)

SUGGESTED CLOTHING

- Base layer top and bottoms (synthetic/merino wool)
- Warm thermal layer top (synthetic/merino wool)
- Warm down or synthetic insulated jacket ('puffy')
- Windproof, softshell jacket
- Ski socks (wool, fleece, or synthetic)
- Light gloves for the up-track
- Warm ski gloves or mitts
- Balaclava, buff, and/or warm toque
- Sunhat with neck and ear protection

PERSONAL GEAR

- Outer shell jacket (GoreTex preferred, or waterproof, breathable equivalent)
- Warm, vented, waterproof pants (preferably with built-in gaiter or snow cuff)
- A daypack (30L is usually the standard)
- Sunglasses (close-fitting with dark lenses)
- Sunscreen and SPF lip protection
- Small personal first aid kit with blister kit
- Small amount of toilet paper and WAG bag
- Lunch and snacks (should be easy to eat in the field)
- Minimum 1L wide-mouth, plastic water bottle (NO hydration systems as the hose tends to freeze on cold days)
- Optional: chemical hand and foot warmers
- Optional: cash for tips (if desired)

Gear list continues overleaf >

QUESTIONS? Contact us at 403-678-3200 ext. 213 or adventures@alpineclubofcanada.ca



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RENT YOUR GEAR

Most cities have local gear rental stores, but here are a few local shops to check out. We recommend calling ahead at least a few days to book gear, so they're not sold out.

GEAR UP!

gearupsport.com >

1302 Bow Valley Trail
Canmore, AB
403-678-1636

*10% OFF for ACC members!

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wmsll.com >

Building A – Samson Mall
201 Village Road
Lake Louise, AB
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