

BACKCOUNTRY NAVIGATION CHECKLIST

DIGITAL GPS KIT

- Phone
- GPS App
 - Downloaded maps
 - Saved routes and waypoints
- Emergency numbers saved

PRINTED MAP KIT

- Fold out map (National Geographic Illustrated) or printed map from gaiagps.com.
- Zip-top bag for map storage
- Compass

SUPPLEMENTAL NAVIGATION DEVICES

- Dedicated GPS device
- Satellite messenger or personal locator beacon
- External battery
- Guidebook/print reports on location

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE TRAILHEAD:

- Have I left my itinerary and an estimated time of return with a friend or family member?
- Have I reviewed my route and familiarized myself with the terrain?
- Have I checked recent weather conditions and trip reports to inform my gear list and estimated hiking time?
- Have I downloaded or packed maps for the area I'll be exploring?
- Are my phone, GPS, and/or satellite beacon batteries fully charged?
- Do I have everything I need to stay on the trail a few extra hours (or an extra night?) in case of emergency?