| Checklist for Women Backpacking |  |   |
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| Category                        | Recommended Items  | Tips  |
| Essentials                      | Backpack, tent, sleeping bag, pad,<br>mosquito net   | Ensure a women-specific fit for backpack and sleeping gear                            |
| Essentials                      | Compact stove & fuel, <u>cookware</u> , <u>water</u><br><u>purification system</u>                                     | Choose lightweight and durable items  |
| Essentials                      | Food (meals & snacks), <u>hydration pack</u>   | Plan according to trip duration and personal diet                                     |
| Clothing                        | Base layers, mid-layer, waterproof jacket & pants  | Opt for moisture-wicking and weather-<br>appropriate materials                        |
| Clothing                        | <u>Hiking boots/shoes, socks, hat, gloves, sunglasses</u>  | Break in shoes before the trip; choose materials like merino wool for socks           |
| Clothing                        | Sports bras, quick-drying underwear  | Ensure comfort and moisture management  |
| Safety<br>& Navigation          | Map, <u>compass</u> , <u>personal locator or</u><br><u>satellite communicator</u> , <u>GPS watch</u>                   | Always carry traditional navigation tools as a backup to electronic devices           |
| Safety<br>& Navigation          | <u>First aid kit, multi-tool, whistle,</u><br><u>headlamp, lantern, flashlight, pepper</u><br><u>spray, bear spray</u> | You can fit in any menstrual products in the first aid kit                            |
| Safety<br>& Navigation          | <u>Fire starter (matches/lighter)</u>  | Opt for waterproof matches or stormproof lighter                                      |
| Hygiene<br>& Health             | Biodegradable soap, toothbrush & paste   | Keep personal hygiene even in remote<br>areas   |
| Hygiene & Health                | Menstrual products, wipes or washcloth   | Choose between menstrual cups, tampons, or pads based on comfort                      |
| Hygiene<br>& Health             | Insect repellent and sunscreen, prescription medications (if any)  | Repellent type may vary based on location and season                                  |
| Miscellaneous                   | Trekking poles, camera/smartphone  | Poles reduce strain on knees; protect devices from the elements                       |
| Miscellaneous                   | Backup power (charger or power bank), repair kit   | Ensure devices remain charged; kit<br>should include duct tape, needle, and<br>thread |

