



Touring Leadership 1 (TL1) Gear List

Consider all items unless otherwise directed, essential. In particular, the highlighted items are extra vital. If there are any questions please reach out to your guide/instructor immediately to be certain you will have the required gear by the start of your course.

Garments

- Beanie/Toque
- Buff/Neck Gaiter
- Sun glasses
 - Standard sunglasses are fine, be sure they have a UVA/UVB protection.
 - Those using contact lenses should also bring a pair of prescription glasses in the event that your contacts or solutions are damaged, lost, etc.
- Ski Goggles
 - These should be lightly tinted but not dark/black so that they will reduce visibility in low light conditions.
- Liner Glove
 - Thin and lightweight, in the event of precipitation/rain it is nice to have two pairs.
- Mid-weight Glove
- Hardshell Glove/Big insulating Glove
 - Think gloves you wear in the resort
- Base layer
 - Top & Bottom: No cotton
- Sports Bra
- Socks
 - Wool or synthetic are nice to have
- Active Insulating Layer
 - Lightweight gridded fleece or lightweight synthetic jacket
- Soft Shell Jacket
 - Think wind and water resistant, more breathable than a hardshell, more actionable than an active-insulating layer
- Insulating Jacket
 - The puffy or down jacket. Consider a synthetic jacket in the PNW/wet days and/or a down-jacket on colder/dryer days. ***Must fit under a hardshell jacket.***
- Hardshell Jacket
 - Non-insulated waterproof jacket. Not your biggest resort jacket, must be a dedicated 3-layer membrane capable of fitting over all layers.
- Soft Shell Pant

- More breathable than Gore-Tex and hardshell pants, ideal for aerobic activities when little/no precipitation is present.
- **Must have hardshell pants if wearing soft-shell in the field.**
- Hard Shell Pant/Ski-Bibs
 - Non-insulated & waterproof.
 - If wearing bibs, a lightweight fleece base layer highly-recommended.
 - If hardshell pants, must be full zip on both legs.

Note on pants: If you are wearing non-insulated hardshell pants/bibs, consider adding a light base layer under for additional warmth. However, if you do not have such pants, consider soft-shell pants in the field with full-zip-hardshell pants in your pack. Touring in soft-shell pants + a base layer is more breathable than hard shell + a base layer.

Skiing and Avalanche Equipment

- Skis/Splitboard
- Appropriate and compatible boots to your Skis/Splitboard
- Splitboard bindings
- Ski-poles
 - Adjustable poles with full sized baskets are recommended. These are not a substitute for an avalanche probe.
- Skins
 - For the PNW, we recommend skins with more grip/traction compared to more glide focused skins.
 - Have them pre-cut to your ski or splitboard
- Helmet
 - Ski/Snowboard specific
- Avalanche Probe
 - 240cm minimum.
- Avalanche Beacon
 - With new batteries and spare batteries
- Shovel
 - Must be able to fit inside of your pack.
- Pack 25L - 35L
- Ski crampons/Splitboard Crampons
 - Be sure they are compatible with your ski/split-board. A must-have in a PNW backcountry user's kit.
- Skin Wax
 - Like Black Diamond's Glob Stopper or G3 Skin Wax
 - Also essential for the PNW backcountry user.

Misc. Items

- Toilet Paper
- Blue Bag
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Watch - Valuable to have an Altimeter function

- Personal First Aid Kit
 - Blister treatment
 - Prescription drugs
 - Ibuprofen
 - Bandages
- Repair Kit
 - Extra snow baskets
 - Duct tape/Gorilla Tape
 - Zip ties
 - Multiple Ski Straps
 - Multi-tool
 - Vital to have the corresponding tool to fix your skis/splitboard
 - If you use boots with BOA coilers, considering carrying a spare coiler and wire in your repair kit
- Compass
- Headlamp
- Small foam pad for sitting
- Camera
- Battery Pack + Charging Cable
- 2 - 3 Liters of water capacity
- Nice to have a sleeve to insulate water from freezing
- Food for each day