



Tekapo High Country Hike

Clothing & Equipment Checklist

Your gear check time will be provided at time of booking. Please bring as many of the items on the equipment list as you can. We can provide (at no extra charge), any of the items in list A that you are missing. Your pack with your own gear should not weigh more than 6kg. Remember that you will be adding some fresh food (bread, meat, cheese, veges) to this weight, to end up with about 8kg to carry on the first day. Reminder: all food is provided.

Sleeping bags, mattresses, pillows and hut shoes are at the hut. We provide you with a sleeping bag liner and pillow case (if you have your own sleeping bag liner, please bring it).

A. Equipment which Alpine Recreation can provide if you do not have your own:

- backpack, minimum 30L capacity
- sturdy trekking or hiking boots ^{*1}
- snow gaiters (for November trips only)
- 2x woollen socks
- waterproof parka (with hood)
- waterproof over-trousers
- synthetic or fleece jacket
- polypro or merino top, long sleeved
- polypro or merino thermal leggings
- warm gloves or mittens
- wool hat or balaclava
- sun hat
- buff or sun scarf (for protecting ears & neck)
- headlamp with spare battery
- waterproof pack liner (heavy duty plastic bag)
- trekking/hiking poles

^{*1} Boots must be well broken-in and waterproofed, with good ankle support. Please note that we stock mountaineering boots ranging from EU size 37-48; if you have feet outside this range, or prefer a lighter, softer boot, you are encouraged to bring your own, or hire boots independently from: Gnomes Alpine Sports, Darfield [www.gnomes.co.nz]; Small Planet Sports, Queenstown [www.smallplanetsports.com]; or Mountain Outdoors, Wanaka [www.mtoutdoors.co.nz]. It pays to book any hire equipment well in advance.

^{*2} We recommend Compeed and Leukoplast - available at chemists in Christchurch, Queenstown and Wanaka.

B. Equipment you must bring yourself/Alpine Recreation do not provide:

- personal underwear
- quick-drying shirt, long-sleeved (sun protection)
- quick-drying (nylon) trekking pants or shorts
- sun glasses (high UV rating for snow)
- sun and lip screen (high UV rating for snow)
- personal first aid (please provide your own blister kit) ^{*2}
- toilet gear (minimal)
- camera
- drink bottle (minimum 1 1/2 L)
- small dry bags for organising gear
- ear plugs (in case of snorers)