

Route 6 Road Trip Packing Checklist

Route 6 Road Trip Packing Checklist is my idea. Planning a road trip along Route 6? Make sure to pack these must-haves for an unforgettable adventure! From snacks and entertainment to safety essentials and comfortable clothing, we've got you covered. Get ready to explore the scenic Route 6 and make the most of your journey. Whether you're a seasoned road tripper or embarking on your first trip, this download will help you prepare for an epic road trip. So, what are you waiting for? Hit the road and start your Route 6 adventure today!



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Vehicle & Travel Essentials

- Driver's license & registration
- Proof of insurance
- Road maps/atlas (Route 6 areas may lack cell service)
- Phone mount + charger
- Spare tire, jack, and tools
- Jumper cables
- Flashlight + batteries
- Windshield washer fluid
- Emergency roadside kit (flares, reflective triangle, etc.)
- Car manual + roadside assistance info
- Reusable water bottle
- First aid kit
- Extra car key (stored separately)
- a 12 gauge flare gun with 10 rounds
- a good 75 ft. min. rope and/or 30 ft. min. tow-line



Personal Care

- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Sunscreen & lip balm (Route 6 hits elevation and desert areas)
- Wet wipes & hand sanitizer
- Prescription meds + OTC basics (aspirin, motion sickness, etc.)
- Tissues/toilet paper
- Travel towel



Clothing

- Layered outfits for varying temps (coast to mountains to desert)
- Jacket or fleece
- Hat + sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes for walking/hiking
- Flip-flops or sandals
- Swimsuit (Great Lakes or hot springs, depending on your route!)
- Sleepwear
- Undergarments & socks



Food & Snacks

- Cooler with ice packs
- Reusable utensils and plates
- Dry snacks (nuts, bars, jerky, fruit)
- Refillable water jug
- Grocery list for rural stretches



Optional Camping / Outdoor Gear

- Tent, sleeping bag, ground pad

- Camp stove + fuel
- Folding chairs
- Headlamp or lantern
- Bug spray

Tech & Documentation

- Phone + backup battery
- Camera or GoPro
- Notebook or travel journal
- Printed itinerary + lodging confirmations
- National Parks Pass (if planning to explore)

Entertainment

- Audiobooks or podcasts
- Travel games / cards
- Playlist downloaded offline
- Local guidebooks / Route 6 history

UPDATE:

When I did my road trip in 2013 I had both a Garmin and, before Waze, a free GPS tracking app for my smart phone that friends and relatives used to track my daily travel, live. It also reported the speed I was driving. I got a phone call from a friend when I veered off Rte. 6 to the east entrance of Yosemite Park asking where the hell I was going? He thought I was being hijacked. I still use Garmin & Waze today. I found in some areas if one fails, the other works.

I also had XM satellite radio service mounts installed in all my vehicles.

I never had advance reservations or itinerary. This is where Garmin shines. I'd look for Choice chain Hotels around 2-3 PM or stop at a

local gas station and ask the best place to stay in or near town. With Choice, I'd get a free night every 3rd night and asking where to stay locally got me into some very interesting and memorable overnight stays. Besides, some of my best and most memorable experiences happened because there was no advanced planning, although having a do not miss bucket list is essential.

I also had a subscribed OnStar like service because I was traveling solo.

I also had complete set of 13 manually generated AAA trip pack maps. AAA's system would not generate a specific route map back then, only best routes, so one of our car club members that worked at AAA manually created them; 13 because it was U.S. 20 Boston to Newport, OR, 101 to Long Beach, CA then U.S. 6 to P-Town. MA. In some major cities, route signage is missing, probably decorating a man cave, and city maps have the street names W. ROUTE #'s. Definitely helped around Chicago.

A tattered copy of John Steinbeck's "Travels With Charlie" & a KJV Bible although Gideon bibles are in most hotels.

Portable urine bottle (empty coffee cup for guys works) Snakes, horse fly's & poison ivy/oak risks.

Multi Tool Swiss knife

\$100 in cash hidden away & a container filled with quarters.

An ignition key hidden away inside and a door only access key outside in the gas cover slot in case the door is locked with the keys inside.

I also now have TILE's on all my keys in case I miss-lay them. Same with one in the wallet.

I always bring a laptop with me to use in the hotels to find out what's happening or what not to miss locally and to upload and edit pics and videos.

DO NOT POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA. Thieves like to know when homes are vacant.

Proof of vehicle insurance document is definitely more important than a vehicle registration in many states.