

# Elk River Float Trip Packing Checklist

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Location: Shady Beach Campground, Noel, MO

## Float Day Essentials

- ☐ Sunscreen (waterproof and plenty of it)
- ☐ Hat & Sunglasses (preferably polarized)
- ☐ Cooler with snacks and drinks (no glass containers)
- ☐ Dry bag or waterproof box for valuables
- ☐ Water shoes or old sneakers (no flip-flops)
- ☐ Waterproof phone case
- ☐ Trash bag or mesh sack for garbage
- ☐ Waterproof Bluetooth speaker (tethered)
- ☐ Quick-dry clothes or swimsuit
- ☐ Bungees or rope for tying floats
- ☐ Campground reservation confirmation

## Bonus Tips for First-Time Floaters

- Start your float early to avoid crowds and enjoy a peaceful beach after.
- Tie floats together to keep your group connected on the water.
- Pack light but smart – protect electronics and valuables.
- Stay hydrated and reapply sunscreen regularly.
- Respect the river and clean up after yourself.