Skurka Gearlist -- Column Definitions

Pre-filled Columns

Item | A broad product category

Ranking | My assessment of an item’s general importance, as measured mostly by the safety and comfort that it provides.

* Critical = A must-have, no exceptions
* Suggested = A valuable addition, few reasons not to bring
* Optional = Not critical, but worth consideration
* Depends = Contingent on trip objectives, conditions, and/or other selections
* Unnecessary = Unlikely to need and/or can be improvised

Description or Purpose | An explanation of its role or its usual specifications

Example | A real product that typifies the product category

More Info | Links to related reading and viewing on my website

Blank Columns

Rank | Your determination of the importance of a product type

Selection | The exact item that you have selected

Weight | A postal scale is an excellent investment for any backpacker

Pre-Hike Comments | Justify your selection, include key product specs, express your concerns, etc.

Certain? | Have you made a final decision, or are you still on the fence?

Alternate | Your secondary or backup option

Weighed? | Manufacturer specs are unreliable, especially if products are made in different sizes

In-hand? | Do you own this item already? Is it on order? Or do you need to buy, rent, or borrow it?

Packed? | When doing your final pack-up, use this column as a checklist to ensure that you have everything you need.

Other Notes | For information for which there is no dedicated space