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- Within US – Check TSA web site
  - <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all>
- International flights may be more restrictive
- Decision: Check or Carry-on?
  - Depends on your gear
  
- Further Reading
  - <https://thetrek.co/flying-with-backpacking-gear/>

# TSA Regulations

- TSA Regulations change frequently – always verify

	Carry-On	Checked Luggage
Canister Stove Fuel	No	No
White Gas Stove Fuel	No	No
Bear Spray	No	No
Safety Matches	1 book only	No
Strike Anywhere Matches	No	No
Disposable Lighters	Yes	No, there are exceptions
Knives & other sharps	No	Yes
Trekking Poles	No	Yes
Tent Stakes	No	Yes
Lithium Batteries	Yes	No

# Camp Stove Issues

- You will need to purchase camp stove fuel at your destination
  - Isobutane/Propane Canisters are available at most sporting good stores in the US, but may not be available in remote or foreign locations
  - White gas is more readily available (Unleaded gasoline works too) - Camp stove fuel tanks must be empty
- Availability or fuel might affect your choice of a stove
- You must dispose of all fuel before returning home

# Checking your backpack

- Placing your backpack in a large duffle bag or contractor garbage bag will prevent damage to your bag, straps, cords, things tied to the outside
  - <https://www.osprey.com/airporter-medium-airports23md-550#color=Black>
  - Duffle bag can also hold boots and outerwear (secure to your pack first)
- If you must check a backpack without a duffle, ensure all straps are secured and that nothing can get caught in the baggage handling machinery
- Be sure to put your name, address & phone outside and inside your pack. You may also want to consider Apple Air tags or equivalent.