

tykes. All children should be supervised by an adult when they are in or around water.

Consider putting your little one in a playpen when loading or unloading the car and for those times you are rather preoccupied with meal prep. Bring along a few new smaller toys for the playpen on camping trips so your child can enjoy the great outdoors and you have more peace of mind. You can also purchase a netting cover for the playpen in case insects are a concern.

Clothing

Bring enough clothing to keep the little one dry and semi-clean. Camping is about having fun, enjoying nature and getting dirty. Layers of light clothing will keep your child comfortable. Loosely fitted long-sleeved shirts and pants will protect them against the sun's rays and insects.

Pack lots of extra socks and if your toddler is walking, be sure to pack a rain jacket and boots, along with splash pants. Keep in mind that temperatures often drop at night when camping, and your tot may need a warm hat, sweater or jacket, and even mitts in the evening. Bring sleepers with feet for bedtime. If your tot is pulling up or walking, they'll need shoes that protect the soles of their feet from pebbles and sticks in your campsite.

Sleeping Arrangements

Plan ahead so your young children have a safe and comfortable spot to sleep. Keep baby's routine as close as possible to the one you've established at home, and bring any favourite bedtime storybooks and comfort items they need to make their home away from home as cozy as possible. ♦

Editors Pick's - Family Camping Essentials

1 Green Beaver Kids SPF 30 Sunscreen, \$21 raspberryykids.com

2 Coco & Tini Hair & Bath Care Collection, 100% natural-source ingredients, \$24 cocoandtini.com

3 Oops! Sheet Kids Sleeping Bag Liner, \$65 oopsheet.com

4 YummiGo Booster Seat, \$45 oyaco.com

5 Phil & Teds Escape Carrier, \$199 babyonboard.ca

6 My Carry Potty, \$35 jackandlola.ca

7 eco.kid Outdoor Bug Protection, \$17 raspberryykids.com

This easy-to-set-up baby booster doubles as a sturdy storage box and designed carrying case for mom.