

## 2022 Whistle Pig Adventure Race Gear List

### Mandatory race gear:

Each team must have one of the following (individuals racing alone must have all items):

- Race passport (provided)
- Race maps (provided)
- Compass - (magnetic declination adjustment highly recommended)
- First aid kit
- Bear spray and knowledge of its use
  - Easily accessible—NOT buried deep in your backpack!!)
  - *Check out this video for [how to be safe in bear country](#), and this one about [using bear spray](#).*
  - *Although encounters are unlikely, there are black and grizzly bears in the area you will be traveling.*
- Cell phone with fully charged battery (one per team)
  - *For use as a camera or in case of emergency only. Using your cell phone for navigation is not allowed and will get you disqualified.*
- UTM grid reader (we will provide one at check in)
- Writing utensil

To be carried with by all racers at all times:

- Waterproof jacket (a poncho will work too)
- Water carrying vessel with capacity of at least 48 oz or 1.5L
- Extra long sleeve base layer
- Full finger gloves (bike gloves ok)
- Warm hat or buff
- Whistle (attached and within reach at all times)
- Space blanket

### Mandatory bike gear - all racers (can just be carried on bike legs):

- Mountain bike (No E-Bikes. If you feel super comfortable on a gravel bike on single track, that will be ok)
- Bike Helmet
- Spare tube

### Team bike gear - at least one person on each team should be carrying these (can just be carried on the bike leg)

- Pump or CO2 canisters
- Tool kit
- Spare chain link

We recommend a tune-up before race day...a broken bike mid-race is a big bummer!

### Climbing gear -

- *Harness, carabiners, and rope will be provided.*
- Helmet is required - your bike helmet is acceptable.

**Additional recommended gear** - Know thyself, bring what you need to be comfortable and have fun.

- Bug Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Extra pair of socks
- Altimeter and knowledge of its use (Highly recommended. Please note that GPS devices are not allowed to track altitude or distance. Bike odometers are okay as long as they don't use a satellite signal).
- Long pants for off-trail travel (if you wear shorts, your legs will undoubtedly get scratched and your shoes get filled with all manner of stuff!)
- Running gaiters or regular gaiters (see long pants above)
- Duct tape and zip ties (you never know what might need fixing!)
- Extra layers depending on weather. Remember, it's September in Montana!
- Map board for bike
- Personal Locator Beacon in case of emergency (like an inReach or SPOT)
- Gel Packets & Fuel that agrees with you.

**NOT Allowed:**

- GPS devices or any device that uses a satellite connection for navigation, distance, or elevation purposes. Please note you are welcome to track your race with a GPS device for future reference, but it may NOT be accessed during the race at all (i.e. seal it up and keep it in the bottom of your backpack). Some GPS watches will allow you to disable all GPS features and just use barometric altitude. This is OK as your altimeter but please come knowing in advance how to set your watch up this way. Some of the newest Garmins even have an Adventure Race mode. Racers caught using GPS during the race will be penalized or DQ'ed!
- No Firearms on course
- No E-Bikes
- Pets can watch, but no pets on the course. Unless, of course, you have a pet whistle pig.

If you have questions about the gear list or required items, **contact a Race Director** - [whistlepigadventure@gmail.com](mailto:whistlepigadventure@gmail.com).

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