

2023 Whistle Pig Adventure Race Gear List - Updated Aug 8, 2023

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.*
- A Way to contact people in case of emergency. (one per team)
 - *This could be a cell phone, an inReach, a Spot, a Zoleo, etc, as long as you don't use it for navigation.*
- UTM grid reader (we will provide one at check in)
- Writing utensil
- Bike (mountain bike recommended, you will be in single track)
- Bike helmet

Recommended Gear: - We realize that if you can sign up for this race, you can make a decision about what to carry. These are items we recommend, depending on weather, etc. Know thyself, bring what you need to be comfortable and have fun.

- 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
- Mountain bike (No E-Bikes. If you feel super comfortable on a gravel bike on single track, that will be ok) We recommend a tune-up before race day...a broken bike mid-race is a big bummer!
- Spare tube
- Pump or CO2 canisters
- Tool kit
- Spare chain link
- 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.

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