

CCC Camp at Kōkeʻe

What to Bring to Camp

(For those that have never camped or forgot what it was like to camp!)

Bedding – sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, and pillows. For young children or incontinence issues, bring mattress liner to prevent damage to our mattresses. We cannot stress how cold it can get at night. Bring extra blankets. You can store them in the car in case you need them.

Bathing - Towel, wash cloth, soap, hair products. We do not supply any of these items.

Personal – Deodorant, toothbrush and paste, prescription drugs and inhalers, first aid kit (even if only bandages for blisters), and any other needs depending on gender and age. Sunscreen, snacks, and water bottles are required for any hiking.

Flashlights - It is very dark at the camp. We do have some security lighting and motion detectors, but it is inadequate if porch lights aren't left on. Bring a spare set of batteries, especially if you have kids and they want to play with them.

Footwear - Comfortable hiking or walking shoes, socks, and spare indoor shoes. In the winter bring extra socks to sleep in.

There is no cell service or internet. If you need electronics, make sure you have prepared properly by downloading to internal storage what you want ahead of time and bringing up device chargers. Be mindful of how many electrical items are plugged in at any one time. Please bring and use ear plugs or headphones.

Clothing – In addition to clothes you would normally want to wear at Kōkeʻe, bring a rain jacket and plan on layered clothing so you are prepared for hot sunny to windy, rainy days. The weather can change from hour to hour. Bring additional dry clothing in case you get wet.

The coldest months are January through April although a cold night can happen throughout the year. If you want to be comfortable, consider bringing a lap blanket, warm indoor shoes, and a hooded sweatshirt or cap, and scarf. Even mittens may be appreciated, even if they are a spare set of clean socks.

Quiet amusements – favorite reading materials, puzzles, and games are a good choice to occupy family members. There are folding tables available for puzzles. Music is ok if there are no objections from fellow camp users, the sound level is not loud, and quiet time after 10pm is observed. Outdoor amplification should be left at home. Sound travels outdoors and there are a surprising number of accommodations near the park.

Emergencies or contingency – pack matches and plastic bags. Matches are useful in case the power goes out and you need to light a gas stove, or small fire for marshmallows. Zipper food bags or spare garbage bags can be used for wet clothes and towels to leftover food. Safety pins are great for ripped clothes, back packs, or other emergencies.

Make sure your car is ready – check tires, fluid levels, and make sure you have a spare tire. There is no support for car problems other than tow companies.

Make a list of what you need for your stay to make sure you have everything you need. The nearest store is in Waimea, 15 miles down the mountain at sea level.