



Gillespie Pass Trek Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand mountains and participants need to be suitably prepared with suitable clothing and equipment. Your guide will do a comprehensive check of your gear at the start of the course to ensure it is in good working order and fit for purpose, and there will be the opportunity to purchase or hire gear that is not deemed suitable.

Young and Siberia Huts are equipped with mattresses. As these are popular and busy huts on a booking system so short notice trips may also camp, and tents and sleeping mats will be provided.

If there is anything you don't have or have any questions, please get [in contact](#) with us.

Body

- Underwear
- Trekking shirt or lightweight long-sleeve technical base layer
- Mid-layer top (fleece or windproof)
- Insulating jacket (synthetic fill preferred)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Trekking trousers, leggings and/or shorts

Head / Face / Hands

- Sunhat or cap
- Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- Sunglasses
- Lightweight gloves

Accessories

- Backpack, around 40-50 litre capacity, with the ability to carry personal overnight gear*
- Water bottles (1-2 litre capacity, water is readily available during the trek)
- Small container of sunblock & lippy

Feet

- Trekking boots
- Socks

Overnight

- 2-season sleeping bag and liner*
- Head torch and spare batteries
- Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)
- Cup, bowl and eating utensils (can be provided)

Recommended

- Trekking poles
- Hut shoes
- Insect repellent

*available for hire



What to Expect

Accommodation is in public DOC huts or wilderness camping if these popular huts are unavailable. Tents, cooking and camping equipment are provided.

You will need good personal outdoor clothing for the mountains and comfortable trekking boots. The route has many river and stream crossings, so boots may get wet and stay wet.

You will be expected to carry your personal gear, some group equipment, and some fresh food.

Sample Itinerary

Day 1 Young River to Young Hut or camping in the Upper Basin. 15km and 500m ascent. 6 - 7 hours.

Day 2

Young Hut to Siberia Hut via Gillespie Pass, 9km, 700m ascent, and 1100m descent. 6 - 8 hours.

Day 3 Contingency day for the pass crossing.

If already at Siberia Hut it is possible to do a side trip to Lake Crucible (14km, 700m ascent and descent. 5 - 6 hours).

Day 4

Siberia Hut to Kerin Forks. 5km and 300m descent. Returning back to Wānaka around 17:00. 2 - 3 hours.

Preparation

If you need accommodation in Wānaka the night before and after the trip, shared and private rooms are available for clients in our [Kea Lodge](#), which is adjacent to the WMG Base.

Unless otherwise agreed, trips start at the WMG Base at 8:30 on the first day of the trip where there is off-street car parking and luggage storage available. It is also possible to arrange to be picked up from your accommodation in town.

Insurance

WMG fees do not include insurance for personal circumstances (including but not limited to travel, injury, medical, and equipment).

We strongly recommend you obtain:

- Travel insurance to cover you in the event of a trip cancellation by either you or us, for trip changes, or for medical emergencies to cover you for your personal health needs;
- Personal and third-party insurance is required to cover damage or loss of equipment and property.

We do not accept liability, responsibility, or any expenses for insurance-related costs incurred by participants in preparation for or participation in our trips and courses.

