

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

THINGS TO DO

The day-before and morning-of routine that prevents most camping dramas.

1 THE DAY BEFORE

- ☐ Weather for the campsite district
bom.gov.au, not your home forecast
- ☐ Fire danger rating and any bans
a total fire ban means no campfire
- ☐ Park alerts: closures, water, access
- ☐ Chill or freeze all food and drinks
the esky cannot make things cold
- ☐ Freeze water bottles
ice day one, cold water day two
- ☐ Charge phones, power banks, torches
- ☐ Pre-cook the first night dinner
arrival night is for setting up
- ☐ Count the tent pegs. Seriously.

2 THE MORNING OF

- ☐ Re-check weather and fire rating
be genuinely willing to reschedule
- ☐ Pack the esky last, meat sealed low
- ☐ Esky into the coolest part of the car
- ☐ Buy ice near the campsite, not at home
- ☐ Fill water containers
- ☐ Booking and park pass in the glovebox

3 TELL SOMEONE

- ☐ Where you are camping, by name
- ☐ When you will be back, and you will message
- ☐ What to do if they do not hear from you
- ☐ Your campsite address or coordinates
"past the bridge" does not help an ambulance

AIM TO ARRIVE

With at least two hours of daylight left. Setting up in daylight is the biggest difference between a good first trip and a bad one.