

equipment list for gillespie pass trek

Summer weather is usually quite warm. However, these are remote mountain routes and winter type conditions can happen any time of year. We can only attempt the routes we do if everyone has suitable protective clothing. If you have questions contact us before your trip.

You will need to carry your own gear but do not need to carry food, tents or other group gear. Many people prefer to use their own sleeping bag, pad and backpack or if you wish you can use the ones we provide. To keep weight to a minimum we supply a ¾ length "Thermorest" self inflating pad, a 45 litre (2750 cu in) back pack and a sleeping bag (and silk liner) rated to 8 deg. C (45 d F.). We can accommodate particularly large people or cold sleepers but you may prefer to bring your own sleeping gear. Let us know if you feel you have particular requirements.

We usually camp out the first two nights (there are huts nearby if the weather is bad). After this there are stocked huts and/or pre-placed camps. We rendezvous with a jet boat on day three where we pick up fresh food and drop off the sleeping bags since you do not need to carry them after this. Your pack is a little lighter which is just in time since the mountains are getting bigger!

Below is a list of required gear. Excellent quality gear is available in Wanaka and there will be time to make last minute purchases if you need.

personal equipment checklist

Body

- Base layer
Thermal Top and bottom
- Insulating layer
Light weight
Heavier weight
- Waterproof layer
Jacket
Overpants
- Lightweight shorts or pants and cotton shirt for warm weather

Feet

- Sturdy hiking boots (broken in hopefully), examples:
Salomon Revo
Asolo FSN
Scarpa Infinity
- Gaiters (optional)
- 3 pair warm socks

Head

- Warm hat which covers ears
- Sun hat
- Sun glasses
- Sun cream and lip cream

Hands

- Lightweight polypro gloves
- Warm gloves or mittens

Accessories

- Personal toiletries and medication
- Camera and film
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Toilet paper
- Water bottle at least one litre
- Optional : Collapsible trekking pole (3 section pole best to fit into a small pack)

Often people prefer to use their own backpacks. We supply a midsize pack for those who want one. You do not need a large pack. A 30-40 litre pack is fine- Mac Pac Pursuit is a good example. We supply snack foods throughout each day. If you have any questions about the clothing list, please be sure to contact us at climb@aspiringguides.com