

# Havasasu Falls Hike Packing List

*This is what I packed into Havasasu Falls for a three-night camping trip. Even though I always use the **Pack Mules** to carry my backpack, I still love to pack as light as possible. You may want to pack more or less. **Note:** there are three sections to this pack list.*

## 1.) To Wear:

- Hiking shoes or boots – I recommend high-top hiking boots for added ankle support
- Hiking socks – I use ultra-thin toe socks and thick wool socks for added cushion
- Hiking shorts and T-shirt for hiking in and out
- Hiking poles

**UNSTOPPABLE** *Stacey*  
*Recommends*

## 2.) Pack in Daypack:

- Three liters of water
- Lunch and snacks
- Camera/smartphone with small battery backup
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Light rain jacket – doubles for wind jacket on another layer when necessary
- ID and copies of printed Havasupai Reservations and Pack Mule Reservation Confirmation
- Journal and pen
- Small first aid kit: Band-Aids – all sizes, Neosporin, Moleskin, Ibuprofen, packaged antiseptic wipe, small Swiss Army knife

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## 3.) Pack in Backpack:

- Water shoes such as Tevas or KEENS – I use KEENS when hiking in rocky creek beds for added toe protection.
- Quick drying shorts and T-shirt shirt for swimming (doubles for hiking clothes)
- Midweight baselayer bottoms for cool nights – wear under shorts
- Beanie or other warm hat for sleeping and cold mornings
- Light puffer jacket or fleece jacket
- Coleman stove <https://unstoppablestaceytravel.com>
- Propane gas canister
- Two light-weight backpacking pans
- Cups and utensils for cooking and eating
- Biodegradable dishwashing soap – please don't wash your dishes in the creek or at the spring.
- Food and snacks
- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Foam or inflatable mattress
- Large battery back-up and cords to recharge camera/smart phone
- Extra pair of glasses
- Backpack cover – protection from the dust and grime if you have mules carry your pack in. We used one heavy-grade plastic garbage bag for each backpack, but wished we would have brought an extra bag for the way out.
- Duct Tape – to tape your “Mule Reservations” on to your bag if no one is at the trailhead to receive your bag.
- Water – Carry 3 liters of water for the hike (in your day pack.) You'll be able to refill at Fern Spring in the campsite. We also found 5-gal. plastic water bags at the Campground Headquarters that we used for the duration of our time at the Campground. We returned them to the CHQ when we left.

***Leave a cooler in your vehicle stocked with Gatorade or other non-alcoholic beverages for refreshment after your grueling hike out of Havasu Canyon.***

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## OPTIONAL:

- Towel – I leave mine at home because it is so dry in Arizona, I simply air dry.
- Rat sack – to keep the very aggressive ground squirrels out of your food. Instead, we used the 5-gallon plastic utility buckets that were provided by sympathetic donors. You might find them at the Ranger Station or at the campsite.\*
- Hammock – I left mine at home because it adds just one more complication to picking your campsite in an already over-crowded camping facility. If you bring it, you'll have to find a campsite that has two trees spaced for your hammock. I like to keep it simple. (KIS)

