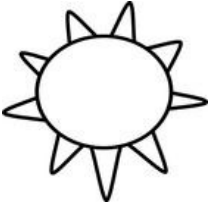



Ben Nevis Trek Kit List

Taking the right equipment for your challenge is very important so just get in touch with any questions – we'll be happy to talk you through it. The following recommendations include clothing for all weathers you may encounter; you may not end up needing all of it, but being prepared is vital.

<p>Weather Conditions</p> <p>Like all mountains, the weather can be unpredictable and you should be prepared for a wide range of temperatures. We could be exposed to strong winds, fog, rain, hail or storms, and the weather often changes within minutes. You need good quality kit to keep you warm and dry. The summit sees more than twice the amount of rainfall as Fort William.</p> <p>Even on a good day, conditions at the foot of Ben Nevis are unlikely to be the same at the summit! On average, it is 9°C cooler. Climate data shown is for the foot of the mountain.</p>	 <p>Average min/max Temp 5 – 15°C</p>	 <p>Average Rainfall 39 – 77mm</p>
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ON TREK

✓	ESSENTIAL Trekking Kit & Clothing	<i>We can't stress enough that you have good quality clothing – it can have a huge impact on how much you enjoy the trek, and whether you are able to complete your challenge. Remember that you will be trekking for full days, whatever the weather. Test your kit out in all weather conditions during training, so you have full confidence in it.</i>
	Walking boots	With firm ankle support for uneven ground. Must be well worn in so they are comfortable; ensure the sole pattern provides plenty of grip on rocky ground and is not too worn. Ensure they are waterproofed
	Walking socks	Ensure they wick well, and are the right fit for your boots. Liner socks can make a difference if you suffer from blisters – try out different combinations of socks while training, so you have the perfect fit in time
	Wicking base layer	T-shirts or tops made from wicking material are essential in regulating your body temperature; avoid cotton as it absorbs sweat and will make you cold
	Insulating mid-layer(s)	Warm long-sleeved layer (eg fleece). Two or more thinner layers trap warmth and are more effective and versatile than wearing one thick top
	Outer fleece / thermal jacket	Good quality outer layer
	Waterproof windproof jacket	Good quality (eg gore-tex) essential; material should be breathable and seam-sealed. Combining a lightweight waterproof with a fleece is more versatile than a heavy jacket which is too hot. It must keep you dry in heavy rain, not just showers – test it while training
	Waterproof over-trousers	Lightweight so you don't get too hot. Recommended on cold rainy days (you may find wet legs preferable if it's just a light shower on a warm day). Protects your socks from rain, which helps prevent blisters
	Sunhat / cap	For sun protection
	Trek trousers / shorts	Zip-off trekking trousers add versatility
	Small day-sack	To carry camera, spare layers, fleece, waterproofs, first aid kit, sun cream, snacks and anything else you need for the day. At least 25-30 litre capacity, adjustable shoulder-straps and hip belt essential. Most have compartments for hydration bladders (below)
	Water bottle(s) / hydration bladder	Should be able to carry min 2 litres. A bladder (e.g. platypus) allows you to drink easily and regularly without stopping and is highly recommended – ensure a compatible fit with your day-pack
	Sunglasses	Well-fitting; wraparound style useful
	Toilet paper + plastic bags	There won't always be toilets where you need them! Bags for disposal en-route; fragranced nappy bags are best
	Liquid handwash (waterless)	Small bottle for easy hygienic hand-washing – this prevents any bugs spreading around the group. Wet wipes are also useful

	Whistle	For safety reasons if you become separated
	Snacks (eg cereal bars / dextrose tablets/ dried fruit packs / jelly babies)	Extra sources of energy are highly recommended if you are having a tough day, or have special dietary requirements and need a source of extra energy, or if you just need your personal favourites to motivate you!
✓	OPTIONAL Trekking Kit & Clothing	<i>Use your training walks to experiment with your kit. You may not feel you need all the suggestions below, but they can make your trek much more enjoyable or convenient in certain conditions</i>
	Trekking poles	Useful on steep and uneven ground especially if you are tired or unsteady. Reduces the impact on your knees considerably. Use them when training to get used to them
	Warm hat and gloves	Useful if you feel the cold or it is particularly bad weather
	Waterproof rucksack cover	Keeps your day-sack and its contents dry; alternatively line with plastic bags
	Talcum powder / vaseline	Can help with blister prevention - experiment at home while training
	Camera / phone	Be aware of how quickly batteries run down, bring chargers/spares if required, it may be useful to have an alarm on your phone
	Head-torch or torch	Good if limited visibility; spare battery recommended. Head-torch useful as it keeps your hands free
	Large strong plastic bags	To keep contents of your day-sack dry; spare layers must be protected

NON-TREKKING

✓	General Clothing & Equipment	
	Change of clothes Trainers / spare footwear	For travelling home
	Basic wash-kit	Bring your toothbrush and some face wipes to freshen up at the end
	Bag / rucksack	For change of clothes and gear not needed on the mountain; stays at base
✓	Small Personal First Aid Kit	<i>Should be carried in your day-pack; everyone is different so judge what to trek with and what can be left at the finish</i>
	Regular medication	Anything you take regularly or while exercising
	Sun cream & lip balm	Minimum SPF 30
	Painkillers	e.g. ibuprofen, paracetamol
	Anti-histamines	For allergies / insect stings
	Plasters and blister dressing	Zinc oxide tape and dressings recommended for covering hot spots and blisters. Compeed works well at end, but not so effective part-way through
	Rehydration sachets	e.g. dioralyte
	Diarrhoea tablets	e.g. imodium
✓	Important Documents & Money	<i>We recommend you have digital copies stored in a safe place you can access if required</i>
	Money	You should not need much money but ensure you have cash with you; there are no cashpoint machines nearby
	Credit Card	Always carry a credit card in case of emergencies
	Travel Insurance Documentation	Optional; we recommend you have cover for loss or damage of personal belongings, personal accident and liability, etc, as well as cancellation

Note on Luggage:

- Please be careful not to bring too much! You will need a day-sack for trekking, and a soft bag for everything else – no wheeled baggage in tents please. If you do not have a suitable bag, see the [Discover Adventure kitbag](#).
- As a general rule, avoid travelling with anything valuable or irreplaceable