

Van Life Inventory



For anyone interested, this is a break-down of what I carry around as a full time nomad. I'm sure there's a few things left out, but this gives you an idea.

Front Seat:

6-10 gallons of water in refillable one-gallon jugs, stored on front floor passenger side. Water filter on front passenger seat. 2 Gallon water cooler on front passenger seat for travel, stays outside at camp.

Maps in the passenger side door pocket.

Hung over front seat backs: Flannels. Hoodies. Rain coat. Button up shirts.

Behind the front seat: Dustpan and brush.

Small wicker basket with spray bottles, flashlights, several knives.

Under the bed: Four 50 quart bins. Includes one bin of clothes with warm and cool weather clothes, bandanas, T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, tank-tops, socks, bras and underwear, bathing suit. Lightweight hoodies. Winter gloves.

3 50 quart bins with winter coat/snow pants, craft items like hemp cord, beads, beading tools, colored pencils and markers. Notebooks/Journals/books. Scarves. Poncho. Mosquito netting. Stationary. Towels and washcloths. One pair of black dress boots/extra shoes. Important paperwork. Hot water bottle.

3 drawer cart:

Various personal hygiene items: toothbrush/ mouthwash etc., sunscreen, bug spray, scissors, q-tips, wipes, essential oil spray, mirror, instant hot packs, etc.

Bins stored in back of bed:

Heavy duty extension cord. Extension cord with power strip. Tools, bungies, tent stakes, hammock, and other “garage” type items.

First aid kit in a small bin.

Picnic basket with essential like batteries, tape, work gloves, etc.

Metal shelf in back of van: Bin storing several tarps. Books.

Stored in the very back of the van:

Coleman Classic two burner stove or one burner butane stove, depending on which one we're using not minimalistic, but I haven't yet regretted having two stoves. Laundry bag. Shower bag with shampoo/soap/clean towel. Laundry detergent. Hair clippers. Small indoor/outdoor rug. Camp rake. Backpack. Small cross-body satchel. Tent poles for tarp awning.

Rectangular wicker basket that stores varying things like extra sweaters.

Hung on hooks in the van: Hats. Bandanas. Binoculars. Hunting knife. Earphones.

4 sets of scissors placed in various convenient places ... one of my quirks ... you can never have too many scissors handy on the road.

Bungie stretched between seat belt holders (in back of van on side next to windows) hung with cargo netting that holds clothes I've worn, but not dirty enough for laundry, hats, scarves.

Small collapsible stool.

Reflectix for windows/ laid across the bottom of the bed during the day.

Curtains that velcro to the ceiling behind the front seats for stealth: tucked into back pockets of front seat when not in use.

LOTS of blankets!

My guitar lays on top of items in the back of the van.

Crystals and rocks.

Thetford port-a-potty. Now use another method, but still use it for my “bucket.” I put fabric over it when not in use so it doubles as a little shelf.

Foam gardening pad to kneel on for the floor.

2 umbrellas.

2 small plastic bins for kitchen. Holds spray bottles with: Hand soap. Rinse water. Alcohol spray. Hand soap pump bottle. Sprayer with dish soap/water. Rubber gloves, cleaning cloths, scrubbies. Rags. Goes outside in the screen shelter.

I have **multiple sources of light** in the van ... flashlights, little battery operated closet lights, headlamp.

I digitalized most of my photos and music and pay a dollar a month to have it backed up. I made sure I was getting paper statements and set up online bill pay to cut down on what paperwork I'd have to handle on the road.

Misc:

Folding chair.

Yoga mat. Picnic blanket. 1 twin air mattress. Beach shelter. Walking Sticks. Guitar. Small 12V Fan Battery Operated fan. Small sine wave converter that plugs into 12v port.

We have a small cooler that stays outside when we're not traveling.

I may be installing a roof cargo rack that will move some of the non-daily essentials out of my van.