



The **Headwaters Hostel** in Itasca State Park, MN

Hostel Customs & Guest Packing List Suggestions

Hostel Customs

What allows us to keep the overnight prices of our hostel down is our low overhead costs. Guests are expected to clean up after themselves, and share in hostel chores before leaving.

Sleeping Rooms

The hostel provides pillows and blankets for all of the twin size bunk beds. Linens are not included in the overnight fee. Guests supply their own bed sheets and pillowcases or can rent from a limited supply of linens at the hostel.

Linen rentals are \$3 for sleepsacks (a sleeping bag made of a cotton sheet) or \$5 for a full set of sheets for your whole stay. Clean sleeping bags are allowed from October through May. Guests bringing sleeping bags should bring along a pillowcase – or one can be rented for \$.50 Please pack lightly as the sleeping rooms have limited luggage storage.

Bathrooms

Guests also supply their own bath towels or can rent them for \$2 each. The bathrooms are cleaned fastidiously each day, are equipped with toilet paper and air hand dryers. Guests should provide their own toiletries. There are electric plug-ins for hair dryers, etc.

Kitchen

The kitchen is equipped with pots, pans, bakeware, pancake griddle, coffeemakers, cooking utensils, toasters, silverware, dishes and dish towels. The hostel has two microwave ovens, one electric oven, three electric cooktops and two large refrigerators with small freezers. There are also three sinks. In short, the hostel provides everything you will need to prepare and eat your meals. Just bring the food.

Packing Suggestions

Guests may also want to consider packing...

- Food, Dishsoap, Specialty cookware (i.e. wok, wafflemaker, etc.)
- Paper plates, cups, napkins - if needed. (Note: the hostel provides tableware.)
- Charcoal, lighter fluid, campfire wood, matches/lighter, newspaper
- Lawn chairs, coolers, yard games.
- Small fan, portable radio (The hostel provides books, games, cards, puzzles, and one radio – but we have no TV.)
- Toiletries, insect repellent, jackets, sandals, hiking shoes, slippers.
- Bicycles, fishing gear, hiking gear (Note: Bicycle and boat rental facility is only 2 minutes from the hostel. The park beach is also close by.)

Other

- The hostel has central air conditioning for use during the hottest part of the summer. It also has forced air heat and one fireplace for use during winter. It is quite comfortable here year-round.
- Vehicle stickers are required to enter all state parks, Itasca included. Fees are \$7 daily, \$25 annual.
- There is no smoking or pets allowed in the Headwaters Hostel.