



Trad and Anchor Course Gear List

The gear on this list is required. If you have any questions about this list or the gear on it, please contact our office or your guide for advice. [Mountain Chalet](#) here in Colorado Springs is a great resource for knowledge and product selection. PPAS also rents most gear (not clothing) on this list.

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Climbing gear:

- Climbing helmet
- Climbing harness
- Climbing shoes. Comfortable all day rock shoes
- Belay device, BD Guide ATC or Petzl Reverso (also bring a GriGri if you have one, optional)
- Trad gear. Full range through 3.5" cams, full set of nuts and nut tool
- 10-12 extendable (alpine) draws. For trad routes we prefer a majority of alpine draws (60cm sling with 2 carabiners)
- 4 locking carabiners, at least 2 should be pear shaped HMS carabiners
- (1) 20' cordelette, 6mm or 7mm
- Nylon sling, (1) 120cm
- Auto-block, 3' of 5mm cord

Footwear:

- Approach Shoes with sticky rubber

Clothing:

- Pants, better than shorts for trad course. We will be at higher elevations and the temps are typically cooler
- Insulation layer (top), an extra layer for cool mornings or adverse weather
- Rain jacket

Headwear:

- Ball Cap or Visor, sun protection for your face
- Sunglasses with wraparound sun and wind protection
- Buff (this neck gaiter is optional). I recommend buffs for their versatility year-round

Handwear:

- Belay glove w/ or w/o fingers (optional but nice)

Other gear:

- 25-35L Backpack, make sure your gear fits in pack prior to course day
- (2-3) 1L water bottles leak-proof bottle like Nalgene works best. Bladders ok but less appealing
- Sunscreen, 30SPF minimum
- Lipscreen
- Camera
- Snacks, about 1500 calories for the day. Sandwich, candy bars, and trail mix work well, bring what tastes good to you
- Spare door and ignition key, for groups carpooling