



Crestone Needle 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](#) or [Mountain Equipment Recycler](#) here in Colorado Springs are great resources 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.
- Rock Climbing shoes.
- Belay device. (ATC)
- Locking carabiners (2), pear shaped is best.
- Chalk bag

Clothing and footwear:

- Pants, for rock climbing. Light softshell are best.
- Base Layer, tops. Lightweight short and long sleeve or just long sleeve ok.
- Insulation layer (top), an extra layer for cool mornings or adverse weather.
- Rain jacket. Waterproof, lightweight.
- Lightweight insulated "puffy" Jacket w/ hood. Down or Synthetic. This is nice for the bivy site at night.
- Approach shoes. For some early season alpine rock climbs crampon compatible boots may be required.

Headwear:

- Ball Cap or Visor, sun protection for the hike in and out.
- Sunglasses with wraparound sun and wind protection.
- Beanie stocking cap. Buff is acceptable in place of beanie. (optional is you have a buff)
- Buff (neck gaiter, optional). I recommend buffs for their versatility year-round.

Handwear:

- Liner glove
- Leather belay glove may be nice and take the place of liner glove.

Bivy and Other gear:

- Trekking pole. I bring one for the approach. 3-section collapsible is best.
- ~25-30L Route pack, for rain jacket, shoes, water bottle and snacks.
- 2L Collapsible bladders (ex. HydraPak). (2) 1L Nalgene bottles ok but bulky
- Headlamp, check batteries.
- Sunscreen and lipscreen, 30SPF minimum
- Camera
- Snacks, about 1800 calories for the day. Sandwich, candy bars, and trailmix work well, bring what tastes good to you.
- WagBag for human waste disposal. Blue Bags are ok.
- Spare door and ignition key, for groups carpooling.