BBC Backpacking Checklist (Courtesy of Colin Boreham)

This is essentially a **reminder list**. I would **not** carry all these items on any one trip, e.g., the amount of clothing would depend on the season, the locality and the length of the trip. The more important items are in **bold**.

There is no one right way to organise the contents of a backpack, but it is useful to keep items needed during the day accessible, and to keep together items that will be used together. **Keep your sleeping bag and your matches dry!**

WALKING GEAR

Backpack, waterproof liner or cover

Light daypack for day walks

Light bags for grouping contents of pack; particularly food – spare clothing in a bag can make a pillow. Walking boots, gaiters, inner socks, outer socks, hat

CAMPING

Ground sheet,

Tent, fly, poles, ropes, pegs, wiping cloth

Sleeping bag, liner

Thermarest, backpacking pillow

Water bag for use in camp

Toilet roll, plastic trowel

COOKING, EATING & CLEANING

Stove, billy, fuel, cook pots, handle, Alfoil, matches, Plates, bowls, plastic knife, fork, spoon, water bottles, cup. Chamois, detergent, pot scrubber, cloth, plastic container for wash-up

OVERNIGHT KIT:

Small towel, **headlamp**, **batteries**, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss

FIRST AID KIT:

Triangular bandage, gauze bandage, gauze swabs, wound dressing, adhesive dressing strips, adhesive tape, non-adhesive dressings, moleskin, aspirin, antacid, antihistamine, diarrhea medicine, laxatives, glucose tablets, tweezers, eye drops, ear drops, manual, water purifying tablets, antiseptic cream, painkillers, calamine, paper, pencil

SPARES AND REPAIRS KIT:

Safety pins, rubber bands, wire, cable ties,

Thermarest repair kit, needles, thread, matches, fire starters, ducting tape, pole ferrule, boot waterproofing, spare laces, cord,

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Rain parka, rain pants, over-mittens Warm hat, balaclava

Jumper, jacket

Gloves, mittens

Light footwear for use in camp

Thermal underclothes, Bathers

Spare shorts, trousers

Spare outer socks, inner socks

NAVIGATION

Maps, map pocket Compass, GPS

OTHER ITEMS

Sunscreen, lip salve, repellent

Medications

Sunglasses

Pocket knife

Binoculars

Camera

Whistle Notebook, pen

Wallet, watch, comb

Book

WATER

How reliable are supplies on the planned packwalk?

FOR THE TRIP TO THE STARTING POINT

Morning tea

FOOD - SUGGESTIONS PER PERSON

Breakfast

Muesli 1 plate per day

Milk powder Small bottle per 6 days Sugar Small bottle per 6 days

Boiled eggs 1 per person (first day or two on

short trip)

Lunch

Crispbread 8 per day

Sausage 4 slices per day Cabanossi Half stick per day

Cheese, margarine, cheese spread, peanut butter,

Vegemite, honey

Dinner

Dehydrated dinner 1 serve per day Dehydrated vegetables 1 serve per day Dried fruit 1 serve per day

Snacks

Figs, dates, sultanas, raisins, cashews, chocolate, sweets

100g per day

Tea, coffee, drink powder

Snack bars 3 per day

Fresh fruit, vegetables, if manageable

Emergency allowance 1 dinner per 3 days