The Ultimate Caving Equipment Checklist



Stay organized and prepared for every underground adventure.

Essentials

•	Lighting and Visibility:	
	 □ Primary headlamp (300+ lumens) □ Backup flashlight □ Extra batteries or rechargeable power banks 	
•	Protection and Safety:	
	 	
•	Navigation Tools:	
	 □ Compass and cave map □ Waterproof map case 	
•	Emergency Supplies:	
	 □ First aid kit □ Signaling whistle or emergency beacon □ High-calorie snacks and water 	
Optional Gear		
•	Comfort and Support:	
	 □ Knee pads or elbow pads for crawling □ Protective overalls or coveralls □ Lightweight thermal blanket 	
•	Personal Items:	
	 □ Waterproof camera for capturing memories □ Notebook and pencil for mapping or journaling 	

Advanced Gear

•	Climbing and Vertical Caving:
	 □ Static rope (for rappelling and ascending) □ Harness (caving-specific) □ Carabiners (locking) □ Ascenders and descenders
•	Environmental Adaptation:
	 □ Wet suit or dry suit for water caves □ Thermal base layers for cold environments □ Waterproof storage bags for valuables
•	Extended Trips:
	 □ Large caving pack with secure compartments □ Portable stove or cooking kit (for multi-day expeditions) □ Extra food and water reserves
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