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Portable Go-Kit Checklist

A grab-and-go bag for 12 to 24 hours on foot or at a field site

Name / Callsign: _____ Last checked: _____

Handheld Radio & Power

- [ ] Dual-band handheld radio
- [ ] AA battery case and fresh AA batteries
- [ ] USB power bank and cables
- [ ] Two spare batteries, fully charged
- [ ] Drop-in or USB charger
- [ ] Speaker mic or earpiece/headset

Antennas & Coax

- [ ] Upgraded handheld antenna (longer whip)
- [ ] 25 ft of coax with the right connectors
- [ ] Adapter kit: SMA, BNC, PL-259
- [ ] Roll-up J-pole antenna
- [ ] Throw line or rope to hang the J-pole

Optional HF Station

- [ ] Low-power (QRP) HF radio
- [ ] End-fed or wire antenna with a throw line
- [ ] Key or mic and a small logbook
- [ ] LiFePO4 battery, 6 to 10 Ah
- [ ] Antenna tuner (if your antenna needs one)

Paperwork & ID

- [ ] Printed frequency list
- [ ] Pencils and a waterproof notebook
- [ ] Copy of your amateur radio license
- [ ] ICS-213 message forms and a logbook
- [ ] Reflective vest and AUXCOMM / ARES ID

Personal Gear

- [ ] Water (at least 2 liters) and snacks
- [ ] Sunscreen and bug spray
- [ ] First aid kit and whistle
- [ ] Multitool and duct tape
- [ ] Rain gear, hat and gloves
- [ ] Personal medications
- [ ] Headlamp and spare batteries
- [ ] Some cash in small bills

My notes and extra items:

Pack it, test it, and check it every 6 months. Charge batteries and rotate food and water.