

# TOP 10 Essentials When Preparing For Adventure.

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## 1. Protective Riding Gear

DOT Dual sport or modular helmet, armored jacket and pants, protective gloves, and Dual Sport riding boot with good ankle support.

## 2. Training

Proper training will make you a safer rider, increase your confidence, improve overall abilities like conquering or avoiding obstacles and reading terrain - also applies to bike maintenance and trail repair.

## 3. Motorcycle Protection

Essential protection for your bike includes (but not limited to); engine guards, skid plate, brush guards, headlight screen, and radiator guard.

## 4. Lighting

Often the stock headlight is simply not enough to accurately read the terrain and identify potential obstacles in front of you. Additional lighting is recommended for both safety and better night time vision.

## 5. Luggage

Panniers (side cases), tank bags, top cases, engine bar packs, etc. Options range from pliable "soft-bags" to heavy-duty aluminum cases - each with their own advantages and size choices to suit your individual storage and travel needs.

## 6. Tires

A good dual-sport tire will give you the ideal balance of on-road / off-road performance in changing terrain.

## 7. Repair & Maintenance Equipment

AA bike-specific tool kit, tire patches and/or plugs, compact air compressor, lubes, oils, zip ties, and duct tape can mean the difference between a quick fix & go and being stranded miles from help.

## 8. Motorcycle performance upgrades

Get the most out of your machine with upgrades to shocks/suspension, wheels, exhaust, and power management.

## 9. Ergonomics and Comfort

Custom bar risers, wide foot pegs, specialty brake & clutch levers, seats, wide foot kick-stands, etc. all contribute to greater comfort, energy conservation, and a more pleasant riding experience.

## 10. GPS systems and personal locator beacons

Navigation in the back country comes with many challenges that are eased by having a GPS and knowing how to use it. Personal locator beacons can save the day if you have problems and both should be mandatory for any back country traveler.

## Packing For Adventure.

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We feel that what to pack for your adventure is the "honorable mention" to our "Top-10 Essentials list". This list outlines what every person should pack for self-reliance on a multi-day adventure ride.

### TOOLS & MAINTENANCE:

- Bike specific tool kit roll
- Rubber mallet
- Gerber/Leatherman tool
- Zip Ties
- JB Weld
- Electrical tape (wiring)
- Clear packing tape (light repair)
- Duct tape (everything else)
- Tow straps
- Tire change kit (plugs for tubeless - patches and spare tubes for tubed)
- Small air compressor
- Tire spoons
- Small bottle, water/windex mix (tire change lube and visor cleaning)
- Chain lube
- Oil bottle
- Spare fuel can
- Spare clutch & brake levers
- Rubber gloves & shop rag

### CAMPING:

- Sleeping bag
- Bedpad
- Small tent / tarp
- Small towel
- Head lamp & flashlight
- Jet boil with fuel canister
- Coffee mug and cutlery
- Zip-lock toiletries (TP roll, wet wipes, hand sanitizer Soap, toothbrush etc.)
- Chap stick / sunscreen

### SURVIVAL:

- Sat-Phone
- Camel-back & Water
- Comprehensive first-aid kit (add neosporin, iodine, rubbing alcohol, Snake bite kit, supe-glue, and lighter)
- Water purification tablets
- Spare batteries (flashlights etc.)
- Trail mix / MREs

### OTHER:

- GPS & Paper maps
- Locator beacon
- Cold weather / Rain gear
- Electronics charger(s)
- Motorcycle charging adapter
- Solar charge mat
- Spare ear plugs
- Black trash bags (2)
- Packed clothing (Appropriate to weather. If room, pack 1 set of clothing for any unpredicted weather change).

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