



Hoadley Hide 2026

Venturer Equipment List



Venturer Leaders are to go through this list with their Venturers before Hoadley Hide to ensure the Patrol is prepared with the correct equipment and basic skills knowledge as outlined below.

Please read this document carefully... Hoadley Hide 2026 - 'Lights, Camera, Action!' is a 3-day-long competition hiking event, and you need to be prepared for the following:

- Rapidly changing weather conditions
- Appropriate gear for the environment, and to be self-sufficient within your patrol
- Packing enough food to sustain yourselves for 3 days of physical activity

In terms of specific requirements for Hoadley Hide, you're going to need the following equipment. If you don't have these items, you may have trouble successfully completing each stunt or activity.

Each Patrol must carry

- 2x Compass
- 2x Whistle
- Waterproof Map Case or similar (To protect your Passport, Maps, and important Documents)
- Small Trowel and Toilet Paper, for burying toilet paper and human waste while out hiking (Toilets are provided in the forest during the event, as marked on your map)
- Sufficient tents for all members of the patrol, allowing for separate tents for males and females, and/or 18 year old and under-18 Venturers. (if you need clarification, please contact us)
- Sufficient cooking equipment and fuel for the event; Knives permitted for cooking

Phone use at Hoadley Hide

Mobile phones can be brought to this year's event, but we will not be providing charging facilities.

As per "Conditions of Entry 4.j", phones are not to be used as navigational aids.

Mobile phones must not be used in a manner that makes other people feel uncomfortable.

Photos are not to be taken in bathrooms, tents, or changing areas.

Refer to the Code of Conduct for more information on phone use at Hoadley Hide.

Gear & Services Provided by Hoadley Hide

Each night you will be camped at an overnight camp that provides services to assist you, including:

- Dishwashing Sinks, with Hot Water, DishSoap, and Sponges/Cloths
- Fresh Drinking Water
- Camp Fires (for warmth, not for cooking)
- Toilets and Toilet Paper
- Sheltered areas to hang out with friends
- Designated areas for camping & cooking

Hoadley Hide Personal Packing List

- Hike Pack with cover and liner (or heavy-duty garbage bag) to protect from rain
- Tent, including Fly & Pegs (you could share with other patrol members to save weight)
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Mat
- Clothes – as light as possible, allowing for a change of outer layers over the weekend
- Underwear & Socks – enough for 1 change per day, along with a spare pair
- Hike Boots or sturdy, comfortable shoes; they should be already worn in
- Waterproof Raincoat, a requirement even if no rain is forecast.
- Warm Jacket (Fleece recommended)
- Sun Hat & Sunscreen
- Beanie and Thermals if cold temperatures are forecast
- Minimal Toiletries
 - o Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 - o Roll on Deodorant
 - o Hand Sanitiser
 - o Wet wipes (there will be no showers)
 - o Insect repellent
- Head Torch, check it is fully charged and has new batteries
- Dilly Bag; Bowl/Plate/Mug, Cutlery, Tea Towel (consider weight)
- Water Bottle(s) - at least 2L total capacity
- Bag for rubbish, ziplock bags work well
- Food**, see *Menu Planning* document
- Venturer Uniform, Scarf, and Clothes Hanger
- Personal First Aid Kit (including 1 roller bandage and blister self-treatment supplies)
- 2x Lashing Ropes, Approx 3-5m Long
- 2x Pen/Pencil
- Shared/Patrol items as listed above

Prohibited Items

- ❖ **No Sandals, Crocs or Thongs, Steel cap boots** are not recommended
- ❖ **No Singlets**, they do not provide suitable sun protection, and are not ideal when wearing a pack
- ❖ **No Excessively amplified or large Portable Speakers** (too heavy to carry around anyway)
- ❖ **No Energy Drinks, No-Doze, Caffeine tablets, or similar**
- ❖ **No Alcohol, Cigarettes, Vapes, Drugs, or Non-Prescription Medication**
- ❖ **No Laser Pointers, Air Horns, Whips, Blowtorches, or other dangerous equipment**

Notes on Equipment

- A puffer jacket is NOT a raincoat, when a puffer jacket gets soaked its ability to keep you warm is severely affected. If you bring a puffer jacket you must bring a shell style raincoat as well.
- Consider your clothing material; cotton is not great for hiking, as it doesn't dry easily.
- Some of these items (eg. tent, stove, food) may be shared with other team members.
- You will be required to carry all your gear, so consider weight when packing.
- Equipment and Food will be checked during pack inspection on Thursday Night.
- Participants must adhere to legislation regarding the possession and carrying of knives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email hoadleyhide@scoutsvictoria.com.au