

EQUIPMENT LIST - SPLITBOARDING

A word on equipment selection

When heading beyond boundaries you need to have enough scope in your kit to safely achieve your goals & deal with what if's. Whilst it's unwise to carry too little as your objectives could be compromised so too is it to carry too much! If you are continually not using something you should consider omitting it from your kit unless it's part of your emergency equipment. It's much like chains for cars, the day you leave them at home & need them is a bad day! The items below are all essential requirements for SMBC tours.

Backpack

A day pack suited to Backcountry Riding will be provided for all participants. These comfortable packs are well suited to backcountry travel being an ideal volume for day trips & capable of securely carrying splitboards. It is essential that a backcountry pack has the correct design to securely carry your board, at times seasonal variations may require walking on approach or during the tour.

Snowboard Boots for Backcountry Riding

You can use your general purpose snowboard boots for backcountry riding.

For Splitboard Mountaineering tours like our Western Faces Experience a full shank snowboard boot is ideal for kicking steps & using crampons. A boot like the K2 Aspect or Fitwell Backcountry is ideal.

Gear to bring for a Day Splitboard Tour

On arrival at Guthega Mountain Centre we will do a "Shakedown" & rationalise your equipment so that you aren't carrying any unnecessary weight or unsuitable equipment including your backpack. SMBC has the final word on this.

- Backpack with snowboard carry capability **SUPPLIED**; less than 30Lt is not suitable for Backcountry travel
- Shell jacket & pants waterproof & breathable
- Fleece mid layer **NO HOODIES**
- Insulation Jacket: Down or Synthetic packable jacket
- Thermals top & bottom **NO COTTON**
- Beanie & neck gaiter
- Gloves
- Sunglasses & Goggles: low light goggles
- Sunhat/cap
- Sunscreen
- Lunch & snacks: Simple easy to eat pre-made items i.e. bread rolls, snacks, trail mix, energy bars
- Water 2Lt
- Splitboard set up with ski crampons
- Adjustable/telescopic ski poles for uphill skinning, preferably triple section so they collapse to a small size for ease of stowing in your pack on descent.
- Climbing skins with correct fit for snowboard; try them on your board prior to tour day to ensure they are the correct fit & ready to go. If renting ensure they match the board & cover as much of the base as possible excluding metal edges!
- Be sure to bring any necessary medications!
- Helmets are mandatory for Western Faces Experience; at your discretion for other tours

Gear supplied

- Backpack suited to backcountry riding
- Emergency Equipment
- Avalanche Equipment, crampons & ice axe for some trips
- ***If you would like to hire Splitboard+Skins+Poles please go to our FAQ's for hire locations, we recommend booking ahead!***

Snowy Mountains Backcountry have some of the above items in their retail section, see STORE page.

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