
Hayden goes camping

Hayden likes to spend time outdoors. This summer, he is going camping across BC. He is reserving campsites from the [BC Parks website](#).

Why does Hayden like camping?

Hayden likes to explore nature. He feels relaxed when he is away from the city. “When you are camping, you get to see nature in a new way,” he says. “I like learning about local plants and animals.”

What does Hayden bring when he camps?

Campsites in BC have a picnic table and a fire pit. Sometimes, a campground will have a toilet or a water pump. They are shared between all campers.

Hayden likes to sleep in a tent. He uses a sleeping bag to keep himself warm at night.

Hayden brings his own food. He keeps perishables in a cooler. If there is a fire ban, he cooks with a portable stove. He always stores uneaten food properly, so wild animals can't eat it.

Hayden likes to stay comfortable and safe. He brings a tarp so he can keep dry if it rains. He brings bug spray and a first aid kit, too. He tells a friend where he is going before he leaves home.



Hayden sleeps in a tent to stay warm and safe.

Hayden's camping tips:

1. If you are camping with your family, bring something for everyone to do. Hayden likes to read or draw. You could bring sports equipment or board games.
2. Bring extra water. The water at your campground might not be safe to drink.
3. Check to see if you can have a fire at your campsite before you leave. Bring firewood with you. Never use wood from the trees around your campsite to start a fire. Collecting wood is illegal in BC.

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