



WHAT TO BRING

Pack to be Zero Waste. Plan ahead and prepare before your trip with these tips.

General Day Supplies

Remember that you want to be able to carry your supplies efficiently! Come prepared with a setup that is compact enough to carry around. Striking a balance between comfort and efficiency is the key.

- Backpack** to hold all your
 - supplies and keep your hands free as you walk around.
- Clipboard or piece of foam board** for support under your paper or sketchbook.
- **Portable stool, camping chair, sitting pad, or towel** to sit on.
- Weather-appropriate attire**
 - (packable waterproof jacket for unexpected rainstorms).
- **Sturdy, water-resistant hiking shoes or boots.**
- **Sunscreen, sunhat, and sunglasses.**
- **Personal first aid kit.**
- **Bug repellent.**
- Lunch, snacks, and plenty of drinking water** (a reusable bottle is handy for refilling).
- Bicycle** (optional; but can be helpful to bring to get around Yosemite Valley).

Essentials

- **Warm jacket and rain jacket**
- **Long underwear**
- **Dry fit shirts**
- **Hiking pants**
- **Hiking shoes and socks**
- **Headlamp and flashlight**
- **Hats**
- **Gloves**
- **Sun protection**
- **Toiletries**
- **Bathroom kit**

Camping Gear

- **Tent w/ rainfly and stakes**
- **Sleeping bag and pad**
- **Gear repair kit**
- **Camp sandals**
- **Camp stove and fuel**
- **Cookware and utensils**
- **Snacks and meals**



Essential Art Supplies

- **Watercolor paints**
- **Watercolor palette**
- **Watercolor paper**
- **Bookmaking supplies**
- **Brushes**
- **Waterproof pens**
- **Pencil**
- **Eraser**
- **Water containers**
- **Spray bottle**
- **Binder clips**

PAINTS: Casondra uses Winsor & Newton (WN) and Daniel Smith (DS) paints, stored in half pans in a travel tin because it is compact while still containing her entire “paint kit.” Artist-grade paints, rather than student-grade, are a bit higher quality if you can afford them, but not essential. The most important factor is that your paints are portable, as we will be traveling to different painting sites throughout the park. If you have a kit you like, bring it! If you are just starting out and would like to buy a pre-made kit, [Winsor & Newton Cotman’s Sketcher’s Pocket Box](#) is a good and affordable start.

If you have an existing watercolor palette and would like to try out some new colors, you can find a list of candidates below. Casondra uses these and recommends them, though palettes are dynamic and extremely personal. You will likely find what you like through trial and error!

- **Reds:** Opera Rose (WN).
- **Yellows:** Winsor Yellow (WN), Cadmium Yellow (WN), New Gamboge (WN), Yellow Ochre (WN).
- **Blue:** Indanthrone Blue (DS), Cerulean Blue.
- **Green:** Sap Green (WN), Hooker’s Green (WN).
- **Purple:** Moonglow (DS).
- **Orange:** Italian Burnt Sienna (DS).
- **Neutrals:** Sepia (WN), Van Dyke Brown (WN), Neutral Tint (WN), Lamp Black (WN), Buff Titanium (DS).



ART SUPPLIES

PALETTE: You can either purchase an [Art Toolkit palette](#) or make your own by bringing a [white palette](#) that has both space for mixing your paints and placing colors. If you have a half pan set it will likely contain space for mixing, but you can bring a plate or [plastic tray](#) for more mixing surface. Casondra recommends buying some paints that are out of the standard palette, particularly primary colors and browns/neutrals, as they give you more color mixing potential!

WATERCOLOR PAPER: One sheet of watercolor paper will be provided for the artist journal. This paper is student-grade, so if you would prefer to bring a heavyweight watercolor paper of your choice, you are welcome to do so. Keep in mind we will be binding the paper into a journal so it should be twice the size of your desired page size (your desired page size when folded in half).

BOOKMAKING SUPPLIES: these are not necessary to purchase if you don't already have them, however, Casondra will have a limited amount of these supplies, so if you do have them, it would be great to bring them with you:

- Exacto knife.
- Ruler or straightedge (aluminum ruler or [Westcott Plastic Ruler](#)).
- Cutting mat.
- Bone folder/paper folding tool.

BRUSHES: Casondra likes to work with small and medium [Pentel Aquash Brushes](#), as it avoids the need to bring a water cup. If you have brushes that you are comfortable using, you can absolutely bring those. Try to bring at least one small to medium round brush, as well as any others you like to work with.

WATERPROOF PENS: Casondra recommends a Uniball Vision Pen or Micron Pens (there's also a PN version with slightly different nibs).

PENCIL: regular or mechanical. Don't forget a pencil sharpener and a small baggie to catch pencil shavings if you bring a regular pencil!

WATER CONTAINERS: Two Talenti (ice cream) containers or sealable plastic containers for paint water (one for dirty paint water and one for clean paint water). If you plan to use exclusively water brushes this is not necessary!

SMALL WATER SPRAY BOTTLE

ERASER

PAPER TOWELS

BINDER CLIPS or RUBBER BANDS