

Day Camping Checklist - Mt. Madonna — Saturday, Sep 5, 2026

Location: Redwood Grove Group Picnic Site - Mt. Madonna County Park, 7850 Pole Line Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076

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TLDR

This is a shorter list than the overnight trip — no tent or sleep gear needed. Decide whether you're joining the hike or coming straight for the BBQ, since that changes your arrival time and meeting spot. Don't forget the \$6 parking fee at the entrance.

Trip Essentials

- Joining the Hike (Option A) – 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, meet at Campground - Valley View 2, Campsite 216, 7850 Pole Line Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076
- Joining the BBQ (Option B) – 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, meet at Redwood Grove Group Picnic Site, 7850 Pole Line Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076
- Parking: \$6 fee for day campers, payable at the entrance

Packing List, Rental Options & Buy Links

Category	Item	Notes	Rent It?	Buy on Amazon
Camping & Hiking Gear	Portable camp chairs	Look for packable ones — extra seating matters for groups.	Yes – Sports Basement	Amazon Best Sellers: Camping Chairs
	Bug repellent (kid-safe)	Especially important for kids on the hike or around the picnic site.	No	OFF! FamilyCare Picaridin Repellent
	Blankets (as needed)	Handy for sitting on the ground or an extra layer if it's breezy.	No	(use what you have at home)
	Hiking / sports shoes	Suggested for anyone joining the hike starting at Valley View 2.	No	Amazon Best Sellers: Hiking Footwear
	Extra tarp (to sit on)	Bring one to sit on during group activities at the picnic site.	No – buy, ~\$20–\$40	REDCAMP Waterproof Tarp
Food & Drink	Reusable plates / cups / bowls / utensils	No paper products provided — pack enough for your family for the full day.	No	48-Pc Unbreakable Dinnerware Set

	Drinking water + reusable bottles	Bring at least 1 gallon per person — more if joining the morning hike.	No	(no link needed)
	Snacks	Pack Snacks as required. Please bring enough to share with the group if possible.	No	(no link needed)
Toiletries & Health	Toiletries	Flush toilets and hot showers are available in the campground.	No	(no link needed)
	Flushable wipes	Handy backup for the on-site restrooms.	No	Cottonelle Fresh Care Flushable Wipes
	Sunscreen	Even in fog, days can get sunny once it burns off.	No	Coppertone Sport SPF 50
	Medicines (as needed)	Pack your own prescriptions, plus a basic first-aid kit for the day.	No	100-Piece Waterproof First Aid Kit

Next Steps

1. Decide today: hike (8 AM start) or BBQ-direct (11 AM start), and plan your drive.
2. Bring \$6 cash or card for the parking fee at the entrance.
3. Pack water based on your option — at least 1Gallon/person, more if hiking.