

Outdoors with Ed

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When through the woods,
and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down,
from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art.
Carl Gustaf Boberg
(1859-1940)

In order to have a pleasant outdoor experience, there is some gear that you should carry with you. Over the next few issues, I will be assembling a hiking/exploration kit.

Necessary Equipment:

Firestarter:

Matches: Most people should know how to operate these... Keep them dry! Note: I recommend wooden matches instead of the paper matches. These can be purchased in bulk most places.



Do what you can, with what you have...

Lighter: Left is a Ronson lighter. Right is a Zippo. Keep these dry. Remember that the fuel for these evaporates... If you don't use it for a few days, you may have to refill it before you can use it. These can be purchased many places.



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Ferrocerium rod:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferrocerium>

Sparks are formed when you scrape a piece of carbon steel down the rod. This was purchased from a surplus dealer.



BIC Lighter: Can be purchased many places. Should be kept dry. Personally, I don't like this type of lighter because I'm apparently not coordinated enough to push down on the button while turning the striker without using two hands. Your experience may be different.



Important note:

Lighters that use fuel MUST be kept warm or they won't work.

Carry them inside your coat...

Tinder: Left – cotton balls dipped in vaseline. Right – magnesium shavings.

Magnesium bar can be purchased in the camping section of stores that have camping sections.....



The deeper you go in the forest, the more things there are to eat your horse.
-- 13th Warrior