

## Another Winter Bug Out

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As preppers and survivalists, we must be aware that a needed bug out can take place anytime of the year. It can happen in the summer time and it especially can take place during the cold winter months. We should be ready for such actions regardless of the time of year that it takes place in.

There are due considerations that we can take advantage of by scheduling our bug out exercises during the winter months. It is at that time of the year when we can experience certain advantages that we may not see during the more desirable months. Although the weather may be quite a bit colder than other times of the year you will find that the crowds are almost non-existent. In this sense you can find a measure of solitude in bugging out to the great outdoors.

If you have all the required equipment and supplies that you need you can soon learn to appreciate bugging out in the wintertime. Although we use an RV rather than just a tent we have on several occasions ventured into a more or less abandoned campground to setup a few days training session. By abandoned I mean we were the only people in the campground. No water, no electric and no ideal conditions. Some of the state parks here in Delaware turn off the water supply at a certain time of the year thus we get to practice your emergency water conservation techniques as well.

Since you may be camping in some deserted mountain location you must be sure that where ever you venture that you carry enough essential supplies to get you through a possible snow in period of time. You can never know what the weather has in store for

you so take no unnecessary chances. If on the other hand you venture towards the beach areas you are likely to experience a few more winter storms than normal. Here in Delaware we have become used to winter storms and tend to not be too bothered by them. Naturally, we ensure that our supplies are up to par for the events.

One of the major differences which my wife and I have discovered when doing a winter bug out is that the landscape appears totally different than what we would see during the spring, summer or fall period of the year. Winter clouds often accent the beautifully background landscape providing a glimpse of the seasonal wonderland at your disposal. You can rest assured that the cooler weather and the possibilities of encountering a storm will frighten most casual campers off enabling you to experience the profound solitude of the outdoors.

Since these state parks are generally void in the winter months you will appear to have it all to yourself. You will likely find no crowds flooding the gates to gain entry as you would in the summertime. Your usual summer campers tend to avoid the winter time vacation so there are fewer crowds around. This provides you with an excellent time to practice many of your survival skills. As an example, if there is snow on the grounds you are afforded the opportunity to perfect your snowshoeing skills and other winter activities without being bothered by the masses.

Not only are there less people in the area during the winter but you have added benefits of the adventure costing you less than normal. Most of the state and federal parks, if they are open offer winter adventurers off season discounts. Although the summer and spring months are great times to practice your bug out skills you will still find that there are benefits in doing some of your bug out exercises during the winter season.

Not only will you have no mosquitoes' during the winter but if you venture into the wilds you will likely not have to worry about wildlife such as coyotes, bears or raccoon appearing at your door since most wildlife is less active in the winter months. Many animals will hibernate or migrate during this time and will not be outside your door to bother you.

On a side note you will find that cold weather bug outs help keep your fresh food usable for a longer period of time. These include cheese, milk as well as meats. If there is snow on the ground you won't need to purchase ice since all you will need to do is shovel some clean snow into your cooler. As I conclude this article, I would like to offer you a bit of humor. When winter bugging out you will never have to worry about the ice in your cooler melting as you enjoy this off season bug out time.