

Getting Ready for a Road Trip with Baby

Use this handy dandy checklist to get ready for your road trip with baby. Whether a journey of 20 minutes or 2 hours, this will help you get organized and make sure you don't forget to bring anything you need!

ITEM	PACKED FOR ROAD TRIP	PACKED TO BRING HOME
Diapers (even if cloth diapering, you might want to include a few disposables just in case) – A good rule of thumb is 1 for each hour and a half that you'll be out plus 2 more		
Diaper covers (if using cloth diapers)		
Baby wipes		
Baby washcloths		
A couple of change pads		
Diaper cream		
Wet/dry bag (or 2 depending on how long the trip is)		
Stroller (this can come in handy no matter where you're going, so if you can fit it in, do!)		
Baby carrier		
Baby bottles		
Insulated bottle bag		
Portable bottle drying rack		
Breast pump and supplies for it		
Nursing scarf/cover		
Breast pads		
Nipple cream		
Sippy cup for older babies		
Containers of baby food and snacks for older babies		
Baby spoon (I pack an extra one just in case)		
Pacifiers (you might want to put these in little containers to keep them clean).		
Pacifier clip		
Pacifier wipes		

A couple of changes of clothing (with the ability to layer for changes in weather)		
A few blankets – some lighter muslin/flannel ones as well as a warmer one in case it gets chilly. The lighter ones come in handy as spit up cloths as well.		
A car seat cover-up in winter (like a snow suit but goes over baby and car seat and so much safer)		
A few toys – maybe something soft like a little stuffed toy, something colorful like a rattle, and perhaps a book or two		
Teething ring/toy (if baby is at that stage) – they have those cool ones that are like necklaces for Mom to wear too!		
Hand sanitizer		
Baby safe sunscreen if your baby is at least 6 months old		
Sun hat for baby, warm hat for winter		
Mittens – the cloth kind if baby is prone to scratching themselves		
Nail clippers – you never know when the opportunity/need may arise to trim baby’s nails		
Booties or socks in case baby’s feet get cold		
A travel crib/bassinet – the ones that convert from bassinet to crib/playpen are fantastic. Even if only going to visit someone for a few hours having a safe place to put baby down for a nap is so important!		
Some extra clothes (at least shirts) for the adults in case baby spits up all over them		
Bottled water for the adults to drink (also handy if you’re nowhere near running water and need some for cleanup)		

Car safety kit		
First aid kit		
A couple of umbrellas		