

EQUIPMENT CARE



Mountaineering Clothing

Gaiters

At the OTC:

Try on the gaiters with the boots you will be using in the field. Check all the straps and buckles before leaving.

In the Field:

If you are wearing crampons, be careful not to rip the gaiters. Patch holes with duct tape. Then allow the trained rental staff to permanently patch the tear.

After your trip:

Return them clean and dry.



Overmitts and Gloves

At the OTC:

The rental program carries a variety of gloves and mittens. Ask the rental supervisor about the available styles and choose the appropriate mitt for your trip.

In the Field:

Keep your gloves in a dry place when not in use. If they get wet, do not put them near a fire to dry.

After the Trip:

Take out the inner liner to dry. This will speed up and complete the drying process.

Eyewear - Glacier Glasses and Ski Goggles

At the OTC:

Rent out eyewear with a protective case for storage in your backpack. Check eyewear and report any scratches.



In the Field

When you are not using the eyewear, store it in its case so that the lenses do not get scratched and the frames do not break. Be careful cleaning the lenses. Some materials may cause scratches.

Insulated Clothing

At the Cage:

Try on the clothing that you are renting. Each insulated piece has a stuff sack attached for storage in your pack.

In the Field:

Be aware that the insulated jackets and pants are not waterproof. You will need to bring an additional waterproof layer for your protection.

After your trip:

Dry out your gear before returning it. If it is dirty do not wash in a machine. There are specific care instructions for the clothing and cleaning will be done by the equipment room staff.



*The outerwear that is available for rent is filled with synthetic insulation. This fill will still provide warmth when wet.

**We do not rent down outerwear, but if you are using it, be aware that it will lose its insulating properties when wet.

Outdoor Trip Center Hours

Monday through Thursday 6 - 9pm

Friday 12—3pm

Fall and Spring Semesters only

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