

Outdoor Gear Swap Milton Public Library Saturday, April 5, 10:00 to 1:00

The goal of the Outdoor Gear Swap on **Saturday**, **April 5**, is to foster a sense of community and promote sustainability, reduce waste, and provide outdoor enthusiasts with affordable gear. For those with extra gear, this swap is a great way to declutter and pass on items that are no longer needed, ensuring they find a new home where they'll be used and appreciated.

We will accept gently pre-loved items that are clean and in usable condition. All items must have a clear label with its condition, brand, and size (if applicable).

Items can be dropped off at the Milton Public Library anytime during library hours, April 2 – April 4. We will accept items the day of the event as well but would prefer them beforehand! For every item you bring, you'll be issued a ticket to be redeemed at the swap.

Please follow a 1:1 swap etiquette and take an item for every item you bring during the 10:00 to 12:00 timeslot on Saturday, April 5.

The remaining items will be free to take between 12:00 to 1:00; an item to swap is not needed.

The Milton Public Library and the Ice Age Trail Alliance-Rock County has the right to refuse any items for the gear swap. Furthermore, the organizers of this event cannot guarantee the safety and durability of the items.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Camping Gear and Essentials:

- Tents, tarps, and shelters (must be clean, functional, and free of damage)
- Sleeping bags, sleeping pads, and camping pillows
- Lanterns, headlamps, and flashlights (must be in working condition)
- Camp chairs, coolers, and backpacks (must be in good condition)
- Camp stoves and cookware

Hiking and Backpacking Gear:

- Hiking backpacks and daypacks
- Trekking pole
- Climbing gear (harnesses, helmets, carabiners, etc.)

- Maps and guidebooks (must be current and published within the last 2 years)
- Compass, altimeter, and other navigation accessories/tools
- Hiking boots and trail shoes
- Snow shoes
- Ice spikes/cleats

Others:

- Paddles and oars
- Life vests
- Bike repair kits and pumps
- Emergency blankets
- Waterproof apparel (must be in good condition)

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Damaged, unsafe, or worn-out gear: Items should be free of significant damage, rips, tears, or stains (except where noted, like for worn boots or used gear). Items that are no longer functional or pose a safety risk (e.g., broken tents, worn-out shoes, faulty stoves) should not be swapped.
- No fuel sources such as propane tanks or kerosene.
- No containers that function to hold water, including water bottles and water bladders.
- Non-Outdoor Items: This event is for outdoor gear only—please refrain from bringing items unrelated to outdoor activities (e.g., household items, electronics, or non-sport equipment).
- Items with Expired Safety Certifications: Any gear that relies on certifications for safety (e.g., climbing harnesses, helmets, PFDs) that are expired or have no visible certification tag should not be swapped.