

## Trip Planning Checklist

Use this form to verify that you've completed all steps in the trip planning process and you are fully prepared for your backcountry trip. This checklist is only meant to be used as a guide to ensure that you considered all variables. It will help you plan your trip and make an informed decision, but you still need to remain vigilant in the field and stay alert to changing or different conditions.

<b>Step 1 – Where are we planning to go?</b>			
Trip/route name:		Alternate trip:	
ATES rating:	Choose an item.	Primary ATES factor:	
Elevation band(s):	Choose an item.	Secondary ATES factor:	
Trip Planner Guidance:	Choose an item.	Comments:	
<b>Step 2 – What are our objectives and who is coming on the trip?</b>			
Objective 1:			
Alternate:			
Is anyone familiar with the area?	Choose an item.	Describe:	
Describe areas to avoid			
<b>Step 3 – Access the Avalanche Danger</b>			
Avalanche Bulletin Region:	Choose an item.	Avalanche Problem 1:	Choose an item.
Avalanche Danger Rating (for highest elevation band):	Choose an item.	Avalanche Problem 2:	Choose an item.
Avalanche Danger Trend:	Choose an item.	Avalanche Problem 3:	Choose an item.
<b>Is the Danger ≥ Considerable?</b>	Choose an item.	<b>Is Persistent Slab a concern?</b>	Choose an item.
<b>Step 4 – Local Conditions and Weather</b>			
New snow (past 24/48 hrs):		Temperature trend:	
Recent winds:		Freezing level:	
Temperature:		Sky cover:	
Weather Forecast:			
<b>Step 5 – Snow, weather, and human factors to watch for</b>			
Are there any recent reports of avalanches in the area? (check Avalanche Canada and local resources)			Choose an item.
Is there a designated group leader and are they comfortable in this role?			Choose an item.
Do you expect high traffic in this area today?			Choose an item.
Has it been a while since you or your group has enjoyed great snow conditions? Are you powder starved?			Choose an item.
Is everyone comfortable with turning around even if your objectives have not been met?			Choose an item.
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