Weather at Toolik Field Station can vary greatly in the summer. Temperatures can range between 0°C to 25°C (30s to high 70s°F). Sun, rain, and snow are all possible, sometimes on the same day. Come prepared with layers for all seasons.

Learn more about what to expect [at the station on our website](#).

**Clothing**

- Hiking boots
- Sneakers to wear around the station
- Rubber boots (optional)
- Slip-on shoes to wear in dorm buildings (optional)
- Sunglasses
- Sun hat/ball cap
- Warm hat
- Gloves
- Neck warmer
- Winter jacket/parka, down or synthetic
- Rain jacket and rain pants
- Midlayer fleece/sweater
- Hiking pants
- Long underwear or base layers
- Shirts
- Wool socks
- Underwear
- Casual clothes to wear around the station
- Pajamas

**Essentials**

- Sleeping bag, recommended rating of at least 0°C.
Visitors should bring their own sleeping bag, but if you get cold, there are a few extra sleeping bags available in the Cottongrass dorm.

- Water bottle(s)
- ID/passport
- Rapid COVID antigen tests (4 total — two taken before departure to Toolik, two in case of outbreak at Toolik).
  - Contact our Safety Officer & Lead EMT, Scott Filippone at smfilippone@alaska.edu if you have any questions.
- Cellphone & charger
  - Toolik does not have reliable cell service, but wi-fi calling works well. Remember to activate it on your phone before you leave Fairbanks.
- Medical insurance cards
- Prescription medications
  - If you need special storage conditions such as a fridge, contact our Safety Officer & Lead EMT, Scott Filippone at smfilippone@alaska.edu.

Recommended personal gear

- Headlamp
- Daypack for hiking
- Travel mug/thermos
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Watch
- Recreational hiking gear (e.g., gaiters, hiking poles)
- Towel for sauna and showering
- Cash for purchasing postcards at Toolik ($1 per card)

Toiletries

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Soap
- Shampoo & haircare products
- Feminine hygiene products
- Contact lenses & solution
- Deodorant
- Hand cream/moisturizer