Hiking backpacks

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City Library has expanded its collection of <u>kits and devices for loan</u> with these new hiking backpacks! These bright orange backpacks will help you explore local trails in greater safety and contain the following equipment:

- North Shore trail map
- Suunto MCB compass with mirror
- Day hiking essentials guide pamphlet
- Bear bell with carabiner
- Expandable hiking pole
- Reflective arm strap

- Purple miniwire carabiner
- Emergency-only supplies
 - Bivvy sack with rescue whistle and tinder chord
 - High decibel whistle
 - Emergency blanket
 - Day Tripper medical kit
 - Tikka headlamp (included batteries)

What else to bring?

Although the NVCL hiking backpacks contain a lot of useful resources, there may be some other things that you need to consider when planning a hiking expedition, such as adequate snacks and lots of water. North Shore Rescue also has a lot of great information on their website, including their fabulous what to bring page.

Useful apps:

- <u>AllTrails</u> This app gives overviews of local hiking, walking, biking, snowshoeing and crosscountry ski trails.
- <u>Cairn Safety</u> Hike safely! Share your route and GPS locations with friends and family, download
 offline maps and get real-time location and status updates.
- <u>Topo Maps Canada (iOS only)</u> This free app allows you to download topographical maps for offline use. Also contains a and distance measuring tool. iOS only.
- PeakFinder This app allows users to take pictures of distant mountain ranges and identify them.
- <u>iNaturalist</u> This app is used to help identify plants and wildlife. Take a picture and the app will
 make the Identification and then upload that information so scientists around the world have
 access to it.
- Geocaching Want to turn your hikes into a treasure hunt? Use this app to look up caches around your hike and find or add to other people's loot!

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