



CRYSTAL AIRE
ADVENTURES

Our Stance on Electronics

As a program, **Crystal Aire Adventures is not opposed to electronics** - we all have a lot of them! The reality is that we use a lot of technology (camp stoves, packs, boats!) in the field, but the only electronics coming into the backcountry with are cameras, GPS devices, and headlamps. Guides may carry radios or cell phones as an emergency precaution.

We would strongly recommend not bringing electronics (iPods, cell phones, etc...) into the field, or in any part of your trip. For decades, Crystal Aire's goal has been to get people to try living in ways that differ from your routine life - in the 21st century, living without electronics **IS** living differently. Electronics do a lot of good things for us, but they also come with costs - for the few days or weeks you are with us, please live without.

Bear in mind that in the places we go reception is hard to come by and there will be few opportunities to charge devices. We also cannot guarantee the safety of your devices, both in the van and on the trail. You will risk a lot, for very little benefit.

Many people come on our trips specifically because they want to "unplug" for a while. Your use of electronics can take away from the wilderness experience others are trying to create for themselves. Please refrain from their use - if you absolutely must bring a phone, they can be stored in our base of operations, "Moosehall," in a locked box for the duration of your trip. **Please leave all other electronics at home.** This is especially true for all portable music devices. There will be times where we play music (i.e. van rides) but we intend to use that time as a shared experience.