

Savanna

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Packing List

(Remember yours should be 10-15 items)

1. Bottled water- I would bring an abundance of bottled water with me on my trip to the savanna because the area can suffer from 4-8 months of drought each year (Panel 2014).
2. Matches- I would bring matches because a controlled fire can be very good for the savanna. If done correctly, it adds “the nutrients calcium, magnesium, and potassium” to the soil (Panel 2014). It also helps keep trees from taking over the savanna land, and I would need the fire to cook food (Tropical Savanna 2003).
3. Raincoat- Although the savanna suffers from extreme periods of drought, if the rainy season were to start while I was there, I would definitely need a raincoat. The savanna receives anywhere from 20-50 inches of rainfall each year, and all of that rainfall is concentrated into one long rainy season (Tropical Savanna 2003).
4. Rifle- I would bring a rifle along, but only for protection. The savanna is inhabited mainly by herbivores, or primary consumers, such as zebras, rhinoceros, giraffes, kangaroos, gazelles, antelope, hippopotamus, and elephants, but it is also the home to secondary consumers such as lions, wild dogs, anteaters, and hyenas. I would not hunt these animals on their land, but would want to protect myself if, for some reason, one attacked me (Tropical Savanna 2003).
5. Sunscreen- I would bring sunscreen because the savanna is “grass-dominated” and, in some places, trees only cover about five percent of the land (Savanna 2012). Therefore, there are few places to hide from the sun.
6. And so on and so forth...

Travelogue

(Remember that you should include 5!)

Monday

Today, I arrived in Africa, where the savanna covers about sixty-five percent of the land (Savanna 2012). I was so tired from jet lag, that I simply took the day to observe my surroundings and check out the plant life and vegetation. The land is almost completely covered by grass, and there are very few trees to rest under (Tropical Savanna 2003). The grass is not like the grass we have at home- it is very tough and tall, with roots that allow it to capture moisture even in the driest of seasons (Savanna 2011). Despite all of its grass and the small amount of trees, the savanna is very beautiful. Growing among the tall grasses there are wildflowers that give the savanna some color and diversity (Tropical Savanna 2003).

Freshmen: My internet at home wasn't up to snuff and decided not to let me access any databases. Hopefully the examples provided so far will provide you with a starting point. I will try to post more a different day.