Homesteading & Survival Skills to Learn

HOMESTEAD

- Waste management
- Gardening/Permaculture
- Animal husbandry
- Horsmanship & driving horses
- Wine making
- Mead making
- Brewing
- Livestock maintenance & raising
  - Chickens
  - Rabbits
  - Goats/sheep
  - Cows
  - Other livestock
- Distilling (water and alcohol)
- Animal maintenance
  - Hoof trimming
  - Castration
  - Medical
  - Veterinary skills
  - Shearing
  - Moving & organizing
  - Training
- Candle making
- Beekeeping
- Seed Saving
- Smoking (meats and cheeses, etc.)
- Wood working skills
- Welding
- Carpentry
- Cobbling
- Wildcrafting (edible & medicinal plant identification)
- Skinning, tanning & leather working
- Building & maintaining home, sheds, carts and more
- Record keeping (journaling & note taking for gardening and more)
- Alternative Growing Methods (not typical plot of land)
- Aquaponics
- Hydroponics
- Mushroom
- Vertical gardening
- Container Gardening
- Straw bale
- Forest floor
- Cooling & heating without electricity
- Processing the animal for use of all the parts
  - Tools from bones
  - Brain for tanning
  - Sinew for threadmaking
  - Gelatin from hooves, etc.
- Seasonal & Meteorological tracking
- Reading the land
- Making oil cloth

**HOMEMAKING**

- Preserving
  - Canning
  - Dehydrating
  - Smoking
  - Fermenting
  - Salt
  - Ice
  - Root cellar
- Off-grid cooking methods
  - Campfire
  - Smoking
  - Cooking in ash (versus open flame)
  - Solar
- Vinegar making
- Curing cast iron
- Teaching
- Stocking a pantry
- Keeping a root cellar
- Creating food storage
- Learning
Handicrafts
- Sewing
- Darning
- Crocheting
- Knitting
- Spinning
- Weaving
- Rag rug making
- Felting
- Fabric

Butchering
Broom making
Soap making
- Off Grid Homemaking – washing & drying clothes
- Proper home cleaning & sanitation without cleaners
- Rendering fats (for foods and homemaking)
- Using wood ash for cooking & lye making

HUNTING & FOOD GATHERING

Fishing
- trotlines
- conventional rods/reels
- baits
- nets
- traps
- spear
- hand

Hunting
- blind making
- stalking
- choosing weaponry

Trapping
- Different kinds of traps
- Baits & scents

Archery
- Sling shot, club and other alternative forms of hunting and self defense weapons

Foraging / Wildcrafting
- Processing & skinning & extended use
- Tracking
- Scavenging

**MEDICAL SKILLS**

- First Aid – General
- Medical & Surgical skills
- Midwifery
- Dentistry
- Wildcrafting for alternative medications
- Psychological
- Making salves & tinctures & essential oils
- Hygiene & sanitation

**PREPAREDNESS SKILLS & SURVIVAL**

- Water purification & filtration
- Fire starting & fire maintenance
- Tracking time/sun
- Camping
- Hiking
- Keeping dry/warm with alternative means
- Campfire cooking (open flame, ash, etc.)
- Making char cloth
- Orienteering/map reading/traveling by the stars/navigation
- Finding & making pitch tap
- Living and scavenging off the land
- Boat/float making
- Knot tying
- Scavenging (making tools & weapons & shelter from trash)
- Alternative shelters
  - Tarp
  - Wood
  - Scavenged
  - Debris
• Self Defense
  • Martial Arts
  • Camoflauge
  • Hand-to-hand combat
  • Hiding
• Rope making from alternative materials
• Ham licensing
• Alternative forms of communication
  • Trail marking
  • Smoke signaling
  • Morse code
  • Sign Language
  • Secondary and tertiary languages
  • Hand signaling
  • Pigeons
• Urban camoflauge
• Weather watching/reading/meteorology
• Water collection (from tarps, dew/leaves, etc.)

SOFTWARE & WEAPONRY

• Reloading
• Alternative forms of ammunition
• Situational awareness & Decision making
• Tracking & silent movement
• Knife making
• Forging & Tool maintenance
• Auto Repair
• Solar & electrical upkeep
• Blacksmithing
• Gun smithing
• Shooting skills

MISCELLANEOUS

• Spiritual
• Leadership
- People skills
- Bartering
- Listening
- Learning
- Teaching
- Budgeting & money management
- Organization