

# Homesteading & Survival Skills to Learn

## HOMESTEAD

- Waste management
- Gardening/Permaculture
- Animal husbandry
- Horsemanship & 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
  - Veterenary 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 alterntive 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.)

## **TOOLS & 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