



5 In 5 Q&A (Survival)

with Jeff Anderson for www.ModernCombatAndSurvival.com

1. What military surplus gear is the best bang for buck with regards to utility, durability, mobility, and appearance?

— Colton Hughes, California

- Appearance isn't a factor. You want to be tactical, but you don't want to LOOK tactical.
- Actual surplus military gear is of high quality and very durable, unlike cheap gear.
- The military poncho will last longer than most ponchos.
- A military e-tool (a folding shovel) is a great choice. Surplus models are better than cheap commercial e-tools.

2. I love hiking . What is the best affordable rain poncho to use for hiking and emergency shelter?

— Greg Medlin, Mississippi

- While we already mentioned the military poncho in question 1, I don't prefer the poncho for field work.
- I prefer a "rain top" and "rain bottoms" — waterproof garments that don't hinder your movement as much in the rain.
- Remember, *"If it ain't rainin', it ain't trainin'."*

3. What is the most common mistake you see that people make in their survival gear?

— Robin Kunzler, Utah

- Don't try to look like you're in the military or a "doomsday prepper."
- If you look prepared, like you have supplies, people will target you.

- First, they'll ask for supplies. Then they'll beg... and then they'll demand, before they start taking by force.

4. How do you keep your bug out bag from getting so heavy that you have to have two?

— Michael Harmon, Indiana

- It comes down gear selection.
- Do an inventory and you'll find that you have a lot of unnecessary gear.
- Know your limits and practice hiking with your bag.
- Know the difference between items that it's nice to have and items you actually need.
- Learn to do more with less.

5. What is the best defense in a disaster? Is bugging out or in better. Please give supporting facts and your opinion.

— Wayne Prince, Texas

- This is very situationally dependent.
- Your home is the best place to be... unless it isn't.
- You may be able to wait out a disaster in your home as long as the disaster doesn't force you out.
- If there's any question at all, I'm going to leave so I can get on the road faster than anyone else... and so I can get where I'm going that much faster.
- I prefer to be in complete control of my destiny.

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