Cooking tips for car campers and backpackers

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In the eyes of some hard-core backpackers, car camping is "camping lite." But to car campers, that so-called wimp factor lies at the heart of what we love about our hobby. Because you don't have to worry about dragging all your equipment to the site on your back, you can afford to bring along luxuries that make life a lot more pleasant. Think ice, a skillet, beer, and the makings of much better meals.

But even with a car to transport gear, you'll still want to pack efficiently to keep your campsite uncluttered and your time free for enjoying the great outdoors. Here are some tips to help you cook up tasty and hassle-free camp meals.

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