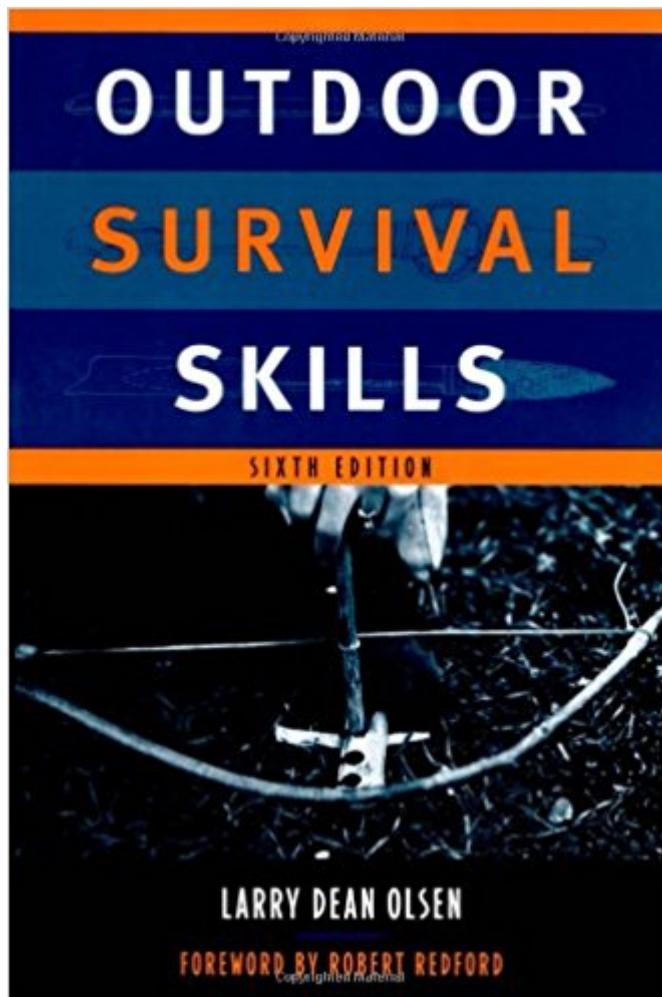


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# Outdoor Survival Skills



## **Synopsis**

Outdoor Survival Skills has taught three generations of wilderness adventurers how to survive in nature without expensive purchased equipment, instead drawing on knowledge of the land and carefully tested techniques, many of them ancient, for finding or creating shelter, fire, tools, water, and plant and animal foods. In this new edition, anecdotes from the author's lifetime of experience provide thrilling examples of the skills and attitudes that ensure survival outdoors.

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This Is BY FAR The Best and Most Informative Book about Surviving off the land that I have EVER READ!!! It is a Must have for anyone who wants the Ultimate Guide to Surviving with nothing but what you can find in Nature. From shelter building in any type of enviornment,to any type of material at hand, to any type of climate, to heating the shelter and yourself. Fire building not just the basic rub 2 sticks together but an in depth explaination of what woods work best for what type of fire starting, in depth how to make different types of fire starters, to how to keep the fire going, how to make fire carries so you can transport you fire with you. Water not just the boil it drink stuff, but where to find water when none is visible on the surface, treating water, Plants not just the eat this or that but what parts of the plants are not only edible but what type of medicinal purpose they have, how to harvest and store plants, how to process the food for food later, which areas (geographically) are the best for finding edible plants and what plants grow in each type of geographical area, plenty of color photos of each plant as well. Loaded with how to make tools, weapons, traps and snares all well explained how to and plenty of pics. Tanning hides, making jerky food prep of all kind from

meat, to seeds and everything in between. There is much more too much to type here. The book is well written and everything is set up in catagories in order of what is needed first thru last to survive. Can not Say Enough about HOW WONDERFUL THIS BOOK IS!!!!

I've read many books about primitive outdoor survival skills, and this is by far the best. I bought my first copy in 1977 and have been using it ever since. The instructions are unusually clear and easy to follow. I was able to learn even the most difficult skill in the book by simply reading and doing, never having seen them performed (long before the days of YouTube). This latest edition is even better.

I read in an article a few years ago that someone who had read the book were subsequently stranded in the desert. They used the methods he described and were able to survive. I had a copy of the first printing of the book but it was lost during a move so I purchased a replacement. Robert Redford gives a glowing introduction and explains that this book was used for technical advice for the filming of the movie Mountain Man. Anyone who enjoys orienteering would do well to use the methods described in this book. It has been said that ,the survival instructions in this book are better than the training given by the military. The various branches of the military require the soldiers to carry a wide assortment of items, whereas with the skills in this book can be used without any modern equipment.

I have had a copy of this book since the late 70's. It is the goto book for realistic survivalist, self sufficiency studies. If you only buy one survival book this year, make it this one.

This book is a classic. Very useful and interesting skill set taught here... much of which does not appear in print in any other book. This is my third copy - the first two are tattered beyond recognition due to extensive repeated reference to the content.

Larry Dean Olsen's book is funny, informative, and full of helpful photos and illustrations. It's written by an experienced outdoorsman who's tested these techniques in the field for most of his life. For anyone interested in survival skills, this is a must-have. Westerners will get particularly good information from the chapter on wild plant uses, as well as the color-plate appendix for plant identification. I've carried this book in field and found it a great resource on a number of occasions. (Hmmm....I don't THINK that's death camas, but maybe I should check!). Ancient tool enthusiasts

will find helpful hints for constructing useful field equipment (stone axes, knife blades, cordage, fire drills) as well as tips on constructing emergency shelters. There's even a section on harvesting wild animals. A great resource. If you travel a lot, I recommend you keep a copy in car for emergency situations or just some good old-fashioned exploring!

Great resource for learning survival skills. I have a copy of the original paperback from the 1970s. Decided that it was time for an update. The New edition is excellent. Updated pictures and an excellent plan guide

It's a good read, but not really what I expected. They need an updated version of this book, as the pictures are not clear.

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