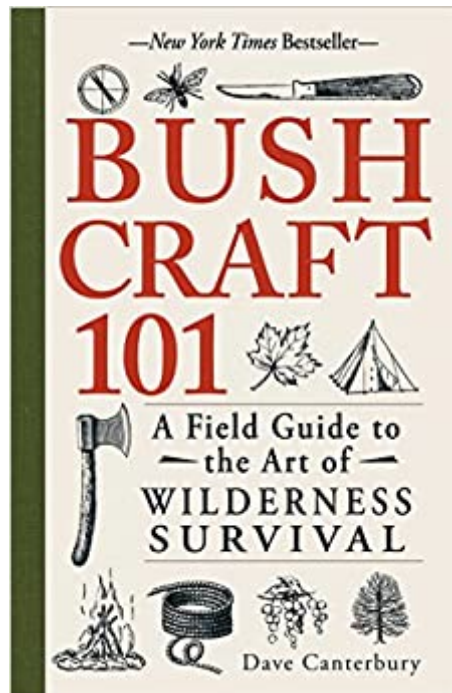




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# Bushcraft 101: A Field Guide To The Art Of Wilderness Survival



## Synopsis

A New York Times Bestseller in Sports and Travel! The ultimate resource for experiencing the backcountry! Written by survivalist expert Dave Canterbury, *Bushcraft 101* gets you ready for your next backcountry trip with advice on making the most of your time outdoors. Based on the 5Cs of Survivability--cutting tools, covering, combustion devices, containers, and cordages--this valuable guide offers only the most important survival skills to help you craft resources from your surroundings and truly experience the beauty and thrill of the wilderness. Inside, you'll also discover detailed information on: Choosing the right items for your kit. Manufacturing needed tools and supplies. Collecting and cooking food. Protecting yourself from the elements. With Canterbury's guidance, you'll not only prepare yourself for any climate and situation, you'll also learn how to use the art of bushcraft to reconnect with nature in ways you've never imagined.

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"Canterbury covers everything: building out your kit, manufacturing tools and supplies, food collection, cooking and protection from the elements. If you want to 'be prepared' for time in the wilderness, this is a great guide." --CoolMaterial.com  
"To say Dave is a survival authority is putting it mildly. Dave gets you ready for your next backcountry trip with easy-to-digest advice and practices on how to build the most critical survival skills. *Bushcraft 101* is a very inexpensive insurance plan that any practical person should buy, read and stuff into a backpack before heading

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Dave Canterbury is the co-owner and supervising instructor at the Pathfinder School, which USA TODAY named one of the Top 12 Survival Schools in the United States. He has been published in *Self Reliance Illustrated*, *New Pioneer*, *American Frontiersman*, and *Trapper's World*. Dave is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Bushcraft 101*, *Advanced Bushcraft*, and *The Bushcraft Guide to Trapping, Gathering, and Cooking in the Wild*.

This publisher (Adams Media) let Dave Canterbury down, and Dave admits that in his review of his

own book. Due to ignorant editing, parts of this book are completely useless. In the trapping section, there are NO pictures, diagrams, or anything to show how to set these traps. I know that Dave knows how to do these things because I enjoyed watching him on "Dual Survivor", but his stupid publisher cut out the diagrams, rendering this section TOTALLY useless. I hope that Dave finds a new, COMPETENT publisher for the next edition. Other reviewers correctly pointed out that some reviewers gave high ratings to Dave Canterbury himself rather than honest ratings of this book. BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THIS BOOK PROVIDES VERY LITTLE INFORMATION THAT YOU CAN ACTUALLY USE, due to the ignorance of the publisher.

So, I sat down with this book, a glass of scotch, and one of my completely manly dogs (read:Pomeranian). Then I surrounded myself with knives, snares, axes, saws, and other various implements of survival. After about a page and a half, I realized that this book was great. After two pages, I was learning. After ten pages? I was making modifications to camping gear and even getting rid of some. Halfway through the book I sprouted a brand new mountain man beard. Flannel sprang forth from my chest. and the scent of pine leapt forth from my pores. By the end of the book I had constructed a fire, a lean-to, and was cooking a rabbit, all while in my air conditioned living room.If you ever have any questions about bushcraft and survival in the wild, this book is a great way to start (thus the 101). That being said, if you're new to the idea, read this book before you start buying gear as you'll save yourself a lot of unnecessary expense, and you can start practicing a lot of what is in this book before you ever go outside the city.

Just finished reading Bushcraft 101 cover-to-cover and overall I am impressed. Dave covers a wide range of woodcraft related subjects, from tool and gear selection, to setting up camp, to harvesting food.In Part 1 he covers the "5 C's" (Cutting, Container, Cordage, Cover, Combustion) in-depth. These are the items that will most directly affect your survival and ability to maintain your core temperature outdoors. They are also the hardest to reproduce in the wild from natural materials.\* He lists many different options for each category, historic and modern, and lists some pro's and con's for most of them. He gives his personal preferences for each, which usually favor durability and longevity over weight and price. Getting the best bang for your buck, as it were.\* He covers gear maintenance and repair which is nice.\* The knots section is well done, with clear illustrations. There are not a ton of knots here, but the ones listed are multifunctional, and useful in many different scenarios.If looking for an ultra-light hiking guide you may want to look elsewhere, Dave does tend to go a bit tool heavy. But if you want solid choices that will last for many years and serve you well,

his recommendations are a great guideline. Also remember that they are just that, recommendations. If weight is a higher priority for you, and you want to choose a Sil-Ny tarp over Oilskin, go for it. If you want Titanium instead of Stainless (and can afford it), go for it. Your experience in the woods belongs to you, go with what will make the time more enjoyable for you. In Part 2 he gets more into the camping side of woodcraft. He covers topics ranging from how to set up your camp, navigating terrain, and trapping.\* The setting up camp section is well done, with a lot of tips on how to get the most enjoyment out of your time in the woods, and can help avoid many of the pitfalls that could lead to a negative experience.\* The navigation section covers Map and Compass use in-depth. He also gives suggestions on how to create your own maps of your local area.\* The trapping section is excellent. He covers several types of traps, modern and primitive, and gives recommendations on placement and baiting to help you achieve the most success. This is a bit of an advanced topic to be in a '101' book though. Some things that could be better:\* As others (including Dave) have said, the book could use more illustrations and/or pictures. There are a lot of illustrations in the book, but some of the sections like Trees and Plants would have been a much greater benefit with some pictures. Words alone can only go so far, and a picture is worth 1000 of them. :)\* Some sections could be expanded on a bit more. They felt a bit 'rushed', and not covered as deeply as they could be. For example Fishing is mentioned a couple times, but not really covered in depth. In many cases (if near appropriate water) fishing can be a much more reliable method for catching food than trapping.\* I wouldn't really label this as a 'survival' manual. While many of the topics covered could help in a survival situation, they are presented from the perspective of Wood/Bushcraft, camping, and just generally being comfortable and having fun in the outdoors. One thing to keep in mind here though is that this is a "101" book. It is an introduction, a primer to get you interested and get you out and enjoying the outdoors yourself. Overall I like the book. For my experience I've been an outdoorsman my entire life. My parents had me out camping when I was only a week old more than 35 years ago. :) And I've been camping/hunting/fishing every chance I get since. I have also watched all of Dave's Youtube videos and I watch/read many others from the Bushcraft/Survival field as well. I have a real passion for this stuff. Even with all that I still picked up some new knowledge from this book. It's good to get a different perspective on things to help in evaluating your own choices. I think this book deserves a place in any outdoorsman's collection. -Dark Jester

There are some good topics covered in here, but this is not a complete bushcraft guide. If you want to go into the wilderness with a hard-frame pack carrying wool blankets and 100 lbs of small animal

traps, this book is for you. There is also great detail in the coverage of tarps, shelters, and how to treat cloth to build a good shelter in the woods. The section on knife care is also superb; better than most. However, the emphasis seems to be on shelter, warmth, axe/knife care, compass navigation, and wood harvesting as applicable to the Eastern woods. There is barely a page on fishing and not nearly enough discussion of fishing, harvesting plants, cordage, and firestarting. Perhaps that's why the author has another book called "Advanced Bushcraft." Overall this book taught me some good things I didn't know, but I am glad I have some other bushcraft books to supplement with. The book is mercifully small and light, so it is one you can carry into the woods with you, unlike some. I recommend supplementing this book with Tom Brown, Jr.'s Wilderness Survival book which covers much of what this book lacks. However, neither of these books has quite enough in the way of pictures/illustration.

book has proper cover & binding to be your tramping companion. loaded with useful info for the beginner and moderate bushcrafter. well written in easily understandable english my 12 yr old great nephew understands but a good book even the most experienced can learn something from. this book should be a mandatory read for any young adult prior to driving lessons and hunting licenses. the info it contains could save a life. it will be in every stocking i stuff this year.

Wow, amazing. This book was just packed with wisdom and knowledge of the outdoors. I really liked that were so many primitive skills. Knowledge passed down from native americans to the early frontiersmen allowed people to inhabit and flourish on this land for thousands of years without even modern tools. With the knowledge in this book and a good book on foraging wild edibles in northern new england, I bet I could walk out into the woods with a pack on my back and never have to return.

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