



Great Big Guide - 50 Free Off Grid Living Resources (updated April 23, 2020)

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If you're looking for ways to gain specific skills and knowledge for living off the grid without spending a ton of money or time to find what you need, you're in the right place.

Use this list of 50 free off grid living resources to help hone your skills - or learn new ones. Check back often as this list gets updated quarterly. And if you haven't already checked us out, head over to our [Free Resource Library](#) where you'll find 25+ free printables and more "great big lists" on homesteading, homeschooling, self-reliance and off grid living. These resources are free for our subscribers. Ready? Here ya go!

Food

Hunting

1. **Beginner's Guide to Hunting:**
<https://naturesportcentral.com/hunting/>
2. **How to Get Started Hunting As An Adult:**
<https://www.mantripping.com/stuff/how-to-get-started-as-a-new-hunter.html>
3. **How to Hunt for Deer and Elk:**
https://pace.oregonstate.edu/content/ODFW/deerandelk/story_html5.html?lms=1
4. **A Step-by-Step Guide to Butchering Your Own Deer:**
<https://www.fieldandstream.com/how-to-butcher-your-own-deer/>

Fishing

5. **Fishing 101:**
<https://cottagelife.com/outdoors/fishing-101-a-guide-for-beginners/>
6. **The Absolute Beginners Guide to Fishing:**
<https://www.outsideonline.com/2393713/how-to-start-fishing>
7. **A Guide to Fishing for the First Time (US Fish & Wildlife):**
<https://medium.com/@USFWS/fishing-for-the-first-time-e4b0a551676>

Foraging

8. **A Beginners Guide to Foraging (BBC Good Food):**
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/foraging>
9. **Checklist: What to Bring Foraging**
<https://www.energyanaturalfacelift.com/2015/05/the-foragers-kit-packaging-list-if-you-are-going-foraging/>

Gardening

10. **The Old Farmer's Almanac Garden Guide:**
<https://www.almanac.com/content/free-garden-guide>
11. **University of Minnesota's Guide to Growing Strawberries at Home:**
<https://extension.umn.edu/fruit/growing-strawberries-home-garden>
12. **Greener Gardening (U.S EPA):**
[https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/waste/wpp/Greener%20Gardening%20\(web\).pdf](https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/waste/wpp/Greener%20Gardening%20(web).pdf)
13. **Introduction to Growing Organic Food Sustainably:**
<https://alison.com/course/introduction-to-growing-organic-food-sustainably>
14. **The Old Farmer's Almanac Vegetable Gardening for Beginners:**
<https://www.almanac.com/vegetable-gardening-for-beginners>
15. **University of California's Free Gardening Brochures & Guides:**
<http://mgorange.ucanr.edu/General-Gardening/Free-gardening-Brochures/>
16. **University of Minnesota's Guide to Growing & Harvesting Food:** <https://extension.umn.edu/how/using-your-harvest>
17. **13 Free DIY Greenhouse Plans:**
<https://www.thespruce.com/free-greenhouse-plans-1357126>
18. **Greenhouse Gardening 101:**
<https://www.planetnatural.com/greenhouse-kits/>
19. **University of Minnesota's Planting & Growing Guides:**
<https://extension.umn.edu/how/planting-and-growing-guides>

Miscellaneous

20. **Root Cellars 101:**
<https://commonsensehome.com/root-cellars-101/>

21. **The Old Farmers Almanac: Root Cellar Types and Storage Tips**
<https://www.almanac.com/content/root-cellars-types-and-storage-tips>
22. **University of Minnesota's Guide to Small-scale Poultry:**
<https://extension.umn.edu/poultry/small-scale-poultry>
23. **How to Clean a Cast Iron Stove:**
<https://www.wikihow.com/Clean-a-Cast-Iron-Stove>
24. **How to Cook on a Wood Stove:**
<https://melissaknorris.com/cook-wood-stove/>
25. **How to Use a Smoker:**
<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ah/how-to-use-a-smoker/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90f6be364e>
26. **University of Minnesota's Guide to Preserving and Preparing Food Safely:**
<https://extension.umn.edu/food-safety/preserving-and-preparing>

Food Preservation

27. **How to Preserve Meat:**
<https://www.wikihow.com/Preserve-Meat>
28. **Living Without a Refrigerator:**
<https://modernhomesteading.ca/blog/living-without-a-refrigerator-5-easy-ways-to-preserve-food-without-electricity>
29. **The Old Farmer's Almanac Beginner's Guide to Pickling:**
<https://www.almanac.com/sites/default/files/webform/pdf/beginners-guide-pickle-relish-chutney2.pdf>
30. **How to Make Easy Homemade Pickles:**
<https://www.bonappetit.com/test-kitchen/how-to/article/how-to-pickle>

Shelter

1. **How To Build an Off Grid Cabin on a Budget:**
<https://offgridworld.com/how-to-build-an-off-grid-cabin-on-a-budget/>
2. **Step by Step Construction of a Log Cabin:**
<https://www.instructables.com/id/Step-by-Step-Construction-of-a-Log-Cabin/>
3. **One Year of Log Cabin Building:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_6b_cwuB6A
4. **A Simple Guide to Building a Cob House:**
<https://thetinylife.com/cob-houses/>
5. **Straw Bale Building E-Course:**
<https://www.strawbale.com/ecourse-reference-list/>
6. **Choosing to Live Off-Grid: Energy Generation and Fuel Choices Course**
<https://www.propanetrainingacademy.com/course/3561/power-generation/aia-gbci-nahb/choosing-to-live-off-grid-energy-generation-and-fuel-choices>
7. **Introduction to Renewable Energy E-Course:**
<https://www.solarenergy.org/courses/introduction-to-renewable-energy/>
8. **Step-by-Step Earthbag Building:**
<https://www.instructables.com/id/Step-by-Step-Earthbag-Building/>
9. **Survival Shelters: 15 Best Designs and How to Build Them**
<https://www.outdoorlife.com/survival-shelters-15-best-designs-wilderness-shelters/>
10. **How to Build a Mongolian Style Yurt:**
<https://www.instructables.com/id/Build-yourself-a-portable-home---a-mongolian-yurt/>
11. **How to Build an Underground House:**
<https://www.wikihow.com/Build-an-Underground-House>

12. **Efficient Earth-Sheltered Homes (Department of Energy):**
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/types-homes/efficient-earth-sheltered-homes>
13. **The Ultimate Guide to DIY Off Grid Solar Power:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4qcoEXYqK0>

Water

1. **Securing Water Off Grid:**
<https://homesteading.com/securing-water-off-grid/>
2. **The Basics of Rainwater Harvesting:**
<https://accidentalthippies.com/2018/05/02/off-the-grid-water-the-basics-of-rainwater-harvesting/>
3. **Off Grid Water Systems:**
<http://purelivingforlife.com/off-grid-water-systems/>
4. **Off Grid Water Filtration Purification Guide:**
<https://www.maximumoffgrid.com/off-grid-water-system/off-grid-water-filtration/off-grid-water-filtration-purification/>
5. **How to Filter Your Water Without The Power Grid:**
<https://theberkey.com/blogs/water-filter/best-off-grid-water-filtration-how-to-filter-your-water-without-the-power-grid>

General

1. **Off Grid Guide:**
<https://geardisciple.com/living-off-the-grid-ultimate-guide/>
2. **Off Grid Living Food Guide:**
<https://www.conservationinstitute.org/off-the-grid-food-guide/>