

# Smart Hikers Carry This: The No-Guesswork Guide to What's Safe to Eat

*A quick, beginner-friendly cheat sheet to avoid dangerous mistakes and confidently identify safe foods in the wild.*

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## **Dangerous Berries to Avoid (Never Guess)**

If you're unsure, **don't eat it**. These are common mistakes beginners make:

### **1. White Berries (Avoid Completely)**

Most white berries in the wild are toxic.

👉 *Rule: If it's white, leave it alone.*

### **2. Bright Red Cluster Berries**

Small, shiny red berries growing in clusters are often dangerous.

👉 Many look edible—but aren't.

### **3. Milky or Bitter Plants**

If you break a plant and it leaks a milky sap, avoid it.

👉 This is a common warning sign.

### **4. Almond/Cherry Smell from Unknown Plants**

Some toxic plants give off a faint almond-like smell when crushed.

👉 Not worth the risk.

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## **Beginner-Safe Foods (Easy Wins)**

These are widely recognized and safe when properly identified:

### **1. Dandelions**

- Yellow flower, jagged leaves
- Entire plant is edible
  - 👉 One of the safest wild foods for beginners

### **2. Raspberries / Blackberries**

- Grow on thorny bushes
- Clustered, soft berries
  - 👉 If it looks like a raspberry, it usually is

### 3. Clover

- Small round flower heads
- Common in open fields
  - 👉 Flowers and leaves are edible

### 4. Wild Onions (Smell Test)

- Thin green shoots
  - Strong onion smell when crushed
    - 👉 No onion smell = don't eat
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## The 10-Second Rule (Use This Every Time)

Before you eat anything, ask yourself:

### 1. Do I recognize this 100%?

If there's any doubt—don't eat it.

### 2. Is this commonly known as edible?

Stick to well-known, beginner-safe plants.

### 3. Am I guessing?

👉 If you're guessing, the answer is NO.

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## Final Rule Smart Hikers Follow

**“When in doubt, go without.”**

It's better to stay hungry than take a risk on something unknown.

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## Want the Full System?

This cheat sheet covers the basics—but there's a lot more to finding food safely in the wild.

👉 This guide has color pictures, tips, and more and a whole lot of wild food

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