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Osprey Space Station 140 Travel Bag Review

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Each summer I visit our family cabin in a remote area on the Alaskan Peninsula. Needless to say, I take a lot of gear. For years I used a simple duffel bag, then I saw the Osprey Space Station 140 at the Winter Outdoor Retailer show. I immediately thought, "That's perfect for going to Alaska." As it turned out I was right. I was only limited by how much weight the airlines would let me carry. I was at the 50 pound weight limit, and the bag was only three-quarters full.



Osprey Space Station 140 Travel Bag



The Osprey Space Station 140 has the capacity to carry a whopping 8500 cubic inches of gear. The bag chassis is an 18 inch wide aluminum frame with rugged polyurethane oversized wheels containing sealed bearings. The peripheral hoop of the bag is constructed from high impact plastic to provide support, protection and easy loading. The bag itself consists of extremely durable 420 HD Nylon. The Space Station has three large compression straps on the outside of the bag to secure the load and three adjustable straps inside the main compartment to secure individual items. Six strategically placed grab loops allow for easy handling. The Space Station 140 has four pockets: one bellow pocket beneath the main compartment, one large ventilated wet/dry zippered pocket on the right side and two smaller dry zippered pockets on the left side.

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As I mentioned, you're only limited by the weight the airlines will let you carry. The aluminum and plastic frame provides some protection for the gear. Notice I have the compress straps cinched up pretty tight, because the bag is not completely full.

Osprey Space Station 140 Ready on the Float Plane



The Space Station 140 is getting ready to load onto the float plane. It was simple to roll the bag onto the dock. Our pilot said the bag was too big, but he complains about everything. I ended up loading the bag onto the plane and didn't have any problem. After we arrived on the river near the cabin, I wheeled the bag along the gravel shoreline, then dragged it over some small alder bushes and finally wheeled it up a dirt path to the house. The oversized wheels made it simple.

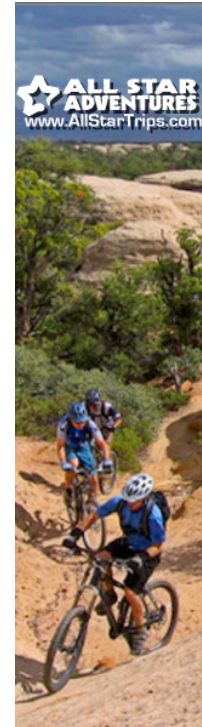
Osprey Space Station 140 Bellow Pocket



I really liked the bellow pocket located on the bottom of Space Station 140. This pocket folds up, if you have nothing in it which makes the main compartment larger. When in use, the bellow pocket can hold two pairs of boots. This works wonders on the way home, when my boots were wet and muddy. I separated them from the rest of my gear.

PROS: This bag is massive, yet you can easily maneuver it. It's got two separate areas for wet and/or dirty gear, and can handle being bumped around in the Alaskan bush.

CONS: It would be nice if there was a shoulder strap on this bag. I know the bag is not intended to be



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used that way, but I'm sure a lot of people take this bag into remote areas where you can't wheel it around.

BOTTOMLINE: HUGH BAG, EASY TRAVELS

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