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Review

Featuring: Hornet 46

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Osprey Packs has been making some of the best packs in the industry for the last 37 years and the new 2011 Hornet 46 is no exception. The Hornet is one of the lightest packs Osprey has ever made at an impressive 22oz. for the 46L size.

The Hornet seems to be the perfect niche pack for ultralight thru-hiking and also it works exceptionally well for day-and-a-half weekend style trips. The small size and weight of the pack still provide a large enough volume to allow me to pack everything I needed on the trail. For those who travel a lot and find themselves on a plane traveling to their next great adventure, the Hornet is also the perfect carry-on size.



For a durability and abrasion test, I went caving through the boulders at Enchanted Rock in Fredericksburg, TX. After an hour or so of constant scraping against the rough granite inside the caves, the Hornet showed absolutely no sign anything had happened. No scratches, scuffs, absolutely nothing. I was very impressed to say the least. Another thing I love about the Hornet is its fit. The pack is incredibly comfortable to wear and the combination of the BioStretch™ ErgoPull™ hipbelt and the Bio-Stretch™ harness allow for a stable and form-fitting system.

The Osprey Hornet 46 is a phenomenal backpack that certainly exceeds the already high expectations from a company with a reputation for making awesome packs. The fit is the most comfortable I have had from a pack in this size range and the 46 liters accommodate a lot of gear while still keeping things as small, light and compact as possible. Simply put, I loved every time I used the Hornet and the benefits of having a durable and comfortable pack are really positive influencing factors in making this more than a niche backpack. The \$159 price point for a pack this impressive is also a great reason to pick one up for all your weekend pursuits. Look for the Hornet 46 the next time you're out at your local gear store and try it out. I know you'll be as impressed with it as I am.

Osprey's Hornet 46 – \$159 – [ospreypacks.com](http://ospreypacks.com)

