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Review

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Rating for Aura 50 Osprey  
women's backpack:



Osprey has come out with the Aura, a new women's series in their backpack line that offers their great comfort in backpacking. This is an extremely functional pack with key features that make things easily accessible and adjustable to best fit your body. The Aura 50 is the perfect size for a day hike up to a few days of hiking. It is also a great pack for a day of ice or rock climbing.

I took the Aura 50 on an ice-climbing trip to Ouray, Colorado, and all the gear I needed was easily stored in the pack. There was a place for everything and accessibility was fantastic. One of the first things I noticed when putting the Aura 50 on my back was how it literally fit like a glove. I've never had a pack that has fit this perfectly to my small torso. There were no pressure points on any parts of my back, shoulders, torso or hips. Everything seemed so perfectly proportioned. There was a bit of a hike to some of the climbs, and most of them required rappelling down to the bottom to start the climb. I wasn't worried about any of my gear falling out of the Aura 50 pack as it was all very secure. The pack wasn't bulky whatsoever and didn't throw me off while rappelling down in the gorge. The dual vertical zippered front pockets were nice and roomy to stash extra hats, carabiners, ATC devices, and gloves. In addition to the dual vertical zippered front pockets, the center pocket was very convenient to hold my climbing helmet when I didn't need it. The hip belt pockets were perfect for storing smaller things like chapstick, food bars, and keys. The side pockets held extra food bars, my camera and anything else I needed immediate access to.

The Aura 50 has unquestionably been the most comfortable, versatile and convenient backpack I have used while on my outdoor ventures. Osprey has always produced great products, and the Aura 50 is just another one they can truly be proud of. The attention to detail and functionality of the pack was very impressive and it's definitely one to add to your "must-have" list. The Aura comes in a 50 and 65 liter. The men's series is the Atmos that also comes in a 50 or 65L.

