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Gear Review

Featuring: Poco Plus

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As a family, we have had the opportunity to check out a number of different kid carriers. We have had kids only a few months old up to kids over 3 years old in them. Wearers have ranged in size and shape and conditions on the trail have varied from rocky terrain to easy paths to back country ski slopes. Previously, we reviewed both the Deuter Kid Carrier III and the 2012 Kelty Pathfinder 3.0. However, thanks to Osprey's new Poco line just released this spring, our family has a new favorite.



The Osprey Poco comes in three different models – the Poco, the Poco Plus and the Poco Premium. Osprey seldom disappoints with their packs and this is no exception. Engineered to work for younger children AND older children and with a variety of different sized wearers, it's an ideal all-around-pack. Features we thought were missing on the Deuter and Kelty all seem to come together fairly well with the Poco. The market for kid carriers is definitely becoming more competitive and companies are rising to the need of active families. We tested the Poco Plus so this review is based on that pack. What we love:



- Integrated Sunshade
- Stirrups for bigger kid comfort (A HUGE plus for taller/older kids)
- Incredible Torso Length Adjustment (15.5" – 21.5") that is easy to change from wearer to wearer.
- Wide range of size for the hip belt (26" - 48") which is SO crucial because that is where most of the load is supported. Also, the padded part of the hipbelt itself extends in length for greater comfort for bigger hips.
- Easy to adjust to different heights for children in the pack.
- Mesh back panel for the wearer leaves room for air and plenty of comfort.
- Vertical hydration sleeve means better placement for the wearer and better functionality of the hydration bladder.
- Rail-based adjustments on the wearers' sternum strap mean easy movement.

