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User Review

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I have an Arc'teryx Bora 95 for long hauls, so I'm used to quality and good fit. The Atmos amazed me. It was SO light, and I don't know WHAT it did with the weight ... but ... I was literally jumping up and down on the trail (I have a Marmot Swallow, so my tent has a chunk of base weight to begin with).

My Arc'teryx is for long excursions and stays, like Burning Man events and such. Nothing tops it for that. Well, until the Atmos 65. Its weight by itself is a feather. It has so many ways and places to put gear, you can almost forget what all you're carrying. For long tedious climb hikes in the White Mtns, amazing. It keeps me nimble, conforms to my profile so I don't snag on narrow/low passes. I'm 6', ~165lbs, and it fits excellent, with straps to spare. It sits well on my hips; I only feel weight there and a bit on shoulders. The pack seems to "want" my posture to be upright and healthy. I fit my Marmot tent, sleeping bag, stove, pans, fuel, 3 days meals for 2 people, Camelbak, clothes, tent footprint/liner, etc. in there well. It was snug, but adequate and I could have added a bit more. Lots of outside loops and resources for carrying add-ons like extra shoes, poles, pad, etc. make its baseline capacity very expandable. You do feel like a weightless astronaut with it ... like you're going to float down the trail. I couldn't shut up and my companion kept teasing me about my orgy of delight with the weight mgmt. Again, a Marmot Swallow is 8lbs+, and I didn't even feel it. After main bulk was offloaded (meals, whiskey, extra water) the weight was embarrassingly low.

I read reviews of both the Arc'teryx Bora and the Osprey AFTER I bought the Osprey. I have been spoiled in my choice of both. The statement on Osprey that they lead the way, set the standards for other packs, is well noted. I looked at a Gregory as well as some EMS ones ... the Osprey was awesome by comparison even in the store.

Rating: 

