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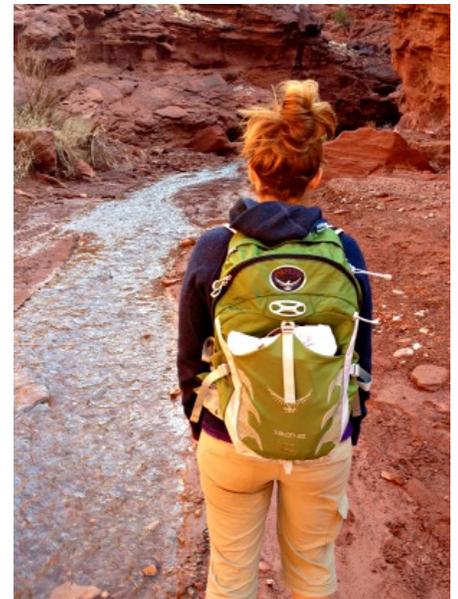
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I just want to start with how much I LOVE this backpack. It's pretty much everything I have been looking for in a backpack for day hiking. The backpack I am talking about is the Osprey Talon 22 from the Talon Series. This backpack is lightweight, but with the features that keep all of your gear organized and easy to carry. I pretty much use this backpack all the time. It is a multi-use backpack so it can be used for hiking, biking, adventure racing, travel, festivals or anywhere you need to lug gear.

Here are the features that I require in a backpack that the Talon 22 delivers on...

There is the much needed hydration sleeve situated in the back of the pack. I always use a hydration reservoir so this was a must feature. It also has water bottle holders on each side which come in handy when I need to bring extra water or a different type of beverage. There is a stuff pocket in front that is just as important as the hydration sleeve. I always stuff a jacket or long sleeve shirt in the stuff pocket with other items that I want easy access to. The Talon 22 is made with a stretchy fabric so you can shove A LOT of items in the stuff pocket making it a very handy feature. There are 2 zipper compartments, the main compartment and a smaller compartment on top. The main compartment unzips wide enough to get items in and out without any problems. I don't know if you've ever had a backpack where the main compartment only unzips half way making it very difficult to find anything or get large items in. It's one of my biggest pet peeves. Thank goodness the Talon 22 unzips wide enough that there are no problems. The smaller compartment is a great size for keys, wallet, sunglasses, sunscreen, toilet paper, plastic bags, hand wipes and anything else you want to keep separate from the main compartment, and yes, all of that fits in the smaller compartment. There are compression straps in just the right places on the pack and the mesh back panel allows air flow during your activity so your back doesn't get super sweaty and hot.



Osprey got it right when they designed the hip belt. When you are tightening it you are pulling forward in front of you instead of towards your sides. You have more strength to pull this direction allowing you to tighten the hip belt to the desired tightness. I've always had a hard time getting my hip belts tight enough when I have to pull towards my sides. Osprey has a much more efficient and easier way and they use this system on all of their packs. They actually call it the ErgoPull... I also like that the hip belt has zippered pockets, one on each side. I stash a camera in one and chapstick and a snack in the other. These are easy accessible pockets when you are on the go. There are also pockets on the shoulder straps for extra storage and easy access to gels and other snacks.

