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## The 10 Best Backpacks for Every Adventure

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Buying Guide: The 10 Best Backpacks for Every Adventure

Featuring: Escapist 30

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From easy day hikes to multi-day treks, a good pack on your back can make carrying a load a joy (relatively speaking), especially if you draw the short straw and have to carry the extra beer on a five day expedition through Zion National Park. The perfect pack is a simple one: it carries everything you need and nothing you don't. In practice, this is much harder than it seems and involves careful planning and design. Beware of the old trap. If you have the space, you'll try to fill it with something. Whether you're throwing gear together for a short hike to your favorite fly fishing spot or taking a month-long stroll down the Continental Divide, less is more. With that in mind, we've picked the best backpacks to put a few miles on this season. Features like load distributing-straps, rainflys and easy access to hydration all made the cut. Heavy materials, unneeded space, and dead weight? Not so much.

Osprey Escapist 30



**BUY NOW: \$129**

**Best Mountain Biking Pack:** Seeing the backcountry from the saddle of a mountain bike is as rewarding as a long trek — and can take half the time. Osprey's Escapist line is designed to fit better on a bike than when hoofing it, and the subtle differences will save your back and legs for those long climbs on the Porcupine Rim and Kokopelli or just a quick afternoon ride on your local trails. Using a perforated EVA foam Osprey calls Biostretch, the shoulder straps and back panel are so well ventilated you might just forget you've got a day's worth of gear on your back. The pack sits close enough to your body that you won't notice any shift in your center of gravity, especially important if that soft landing is a little more sandy than you thought and going over the handlebars becomes a reality. Enough pockets and organizers to carry all the spare tubes, tools and snacks you'll need will keep you on the trail far longer than you thought possible.

