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Osprey Sirrus 24

As one might expect from an Osprey pack—they routinely earn high marks for fit and comfort in our field tests—the Sirrus wowed our female testers with its contoured suspension and precision-wrapping hipbelt. The lightweight mesh hipbelt, combined with a rigid aluminum frame, can handle up to 20 pounds. “It was stable both on trails and during rocky scrambles,” said a tester after a 10-



mile day in the Rockies. Another tester took the Sirrus on a 10-day, plane/train/trail trip through Switzerland and Italy, and appreciated the trampoline-style mesh backpanel (see footnote, opposite page) when temps hit the 90s. Most of our testers loved the organizing features—multiple top and side pockets, two hipbelt pockets, a cell-phone holder on the shoulder strap—but some quibbled about the fussy extra compression straps on top. And for the price and weight, the panel-loading packbag proved plenty tough. Bonus: includes a removable rain cover.
\$99; 2 lbs. 7 oz.; 24 liters

