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Featuring: Hornet 32

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As a lightweight extended-day pack, the unisex Hornet 32 has just about everything you'd need and nothing you don't. As evidenced by the removable top pocket in case you don't need the full 32 liters of storage, the Hornet is a feature-rich lightweight pack. But even with the top panel—which adds protection in case you find bad weather—the roughly 20-ounce pack is far from heavy. Slotted-foam shoulder straps, minimalist buckles and adjustment straps, and a lightweight, yet durable nylon help it shed ounces. And ice axe loops, side compression straps, water bottle side pockets, gel pockets in the shoulder straps, and zippered pockets on the hip belt round out the features. It has a single main pocket closed by a cinch cord as well as a front stretch pocket for smaller items you need more often. You can easily fit a hard shell, mid-layer, digital SLR camera, water and snacks in it with room to spare, but we found that the weight threshold was around 20 pounds. There's little back ventilation as the pack uses a foam frame sheet for support, but a pack like this isn't meant to be burly.

www.ospreypacks.com; \$139

