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Perfect Packs for Daylong Adventures

Featuring: Hornet 32

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Literally hundreds of day packs line the shelves of retail shops these days, but finding one that fits your specific needs and desires isn't always easy. In response to a few reader requests for recommendations in day packs, we used a bunch and found a few that should please just about anyone.

Finally, for those hikers who need lots of cargo space but want to stay as light as possible, the new Hornet 32 from Osprey gives you big volume, great performance and comfort, with minimal weight. Tipping the scales at a mere 1 pound, 4 ounces, the Hornet 32 in size S/M (fits torso lengths under 19-inches) holds 1,800 cubic inches of gear (30 liters).

The top-loading pack sports a closed-cell foam "frame sheet" to provide structure without weight, and we found the formed shoulder straps hug your upper body to keep the load close and in place on your back even when rock-hopping up the Lake 22 Trail. The Hornet 32 sells for \$139. More info at www.ospreypacks.com.

