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In our First Look at the Osprey Talon 22, two things stand out: ventilation and extra super bonus features. This pack is for people who want clever features and are willing to pay a little extra and carry a little more weight. Every place that the pack touches you (back, hips, shoulders) has ventilated foam covered with mesh. Air can pass through the pack pretty much everywhere except the main compartments. This makes it ideal for warmer weather hiking.

The harness is not only adjustable, it is easily adjustable. You just undo the Velcro, move the straps to where you want them, and stick them back on. Very few packs let you do this. And those that do generally require a lot more effort. You can squeeze a handheld gps, iPhone or similarly sized smartphone in the the shoulder pocket for easy access. We love this feature and wish all packs had it. The pack has a great look. While feature-laden, it doesn't have tons of extra straps and material flapping around. When loaded up with weight it still is remarkably comfortable. The side compression straps pass under the side water bottle holder. This means you can get access to your bottle without undoing the side straps. There is also a stretchy outer pocket for cramming in extra stuff. It has a vent/drain hole at the bottom. This means you can throw your wet flip flops or bathing suit in the back and they will dry out as you hike. It will hold 13 or 15-inch laptop easily. A 17-inch laptop just barely fits.



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