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HYDRATION BOTTLE
Hydrex Flask 24-ounce Narrow Mouth Stainless Steel

Staying hydrated is a must when you're out in the wilderness. The Hydrex Flask is a narrow-mouth stainless steel flask that's perfect for your adventures. It's made of high-quality stainless steel and has a wide mouth for easy drinking. It's also lightweight and durable, making it a great choice for your adventures.

ULTRALIGHT GEAR
Osprey Ozone 28"/80L

The Ozone is a giant rolling duffel bag that's perfect for your adventures. It's made of high-quality nylon and has a wide mouth for easy access. It's also lightweight and durable, making it a great choice for your adventures.

ULTRALIGHT LANTERN
Snow Peak Mini Honski Lantern

The Snow Peak Mini Honski Lantern is a small, lightweight lantern that's perfect for your adventures. It's made of high-quality aluminum and has a wide mouth for easy access. It's also lightweight and durable, making it a great choice for your adventures.

ULTRALIGHT TENTS
Tablax XTR

The Tablax XTR is a small, lightweight tent that's perfect for your adventures. It's made of high-quality nylon and has a wide mouth for easy access. It's also lightweight and durable, making it a great choice for your adventures.

[ULTRALIGHT ROLLER]
Osprey Ozone 28"/80L

Giant rolling duffels are a gear editor's best friend. I'm constantly schlepping heavy loads around the globe, and I often get dinged with overweight baggage fees. The Ozone, at just under five pounds, is less than half the weight of many other rollers I've tried, which lets me pack more gear, not more bag. The 210-denier nylon lacks the rubbery finish of many burlier bags, but after close to a year's worth of globetrotting (40,000-plus miles), the Ozone looks no worse for the wear. The large, U-shaped zipper accesses the cavernous, 80-liter interior, which has stealth side pockets to keep me organized. The 12-inch wheelbase mounts to an aluminum perimeter frame (the lack of a framesheet accounts for a big weight savings). When combined with the sturdy, collapsible T-handle, the design created a stable load whether I was dragging it down a dirt path in central India or a pebbly walkway in Chile's Andes. **\$249; 4 lbs. 14 oz.; ospreypacks.com**

