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Seven Days in the Valley – Desert Gear

Featuring: Manta 28

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TECH
SANUKI MONTANA 850T GPS (\$180)
 Finding the lowest spot in North America was easier with a rugged, waterproof GPS.

OLYMPUS TOUGH TG-3 DIGITAL CAMERA (\$180)
 Durable (survived 7-foot drops) and capable (25-100 mm equiv., 32 lens).

BIKES
FOCUS BLACK FOREST 4.8 MOUNTAIN BIKE (\$1,100)
 The bike charged through loose gravel with the help of extra-wide, 29-inch wheels.

GIANT XTC COMPOSITE MOUNTAIN BIKE (\$2,700)
 A "29er" with high-end Shimano components and a light carbon-fiber frame.

GEAR
SMITH SUNGLASSES (\$180)
 The large-coverage lenses eased eye strain when I was hiking up a blindingly bright sand dune.

ICEBREAKER SIRENA LONG SLEEVE ZIP (\$180)
 This Merino wool garment was more versatile than flexa when the temperature kept shifting.

BAGS
EDWARDS WESTWATER LARGE ZIPPERED DUFFEL (\$180)
 The sand-proof fabric of this bag helps when you're storing clothes for a week in a truck bed.

OSPREY RAPTOR 34 HYDRATION PACK (\$180)

CLIMBING
BLACK DIAMOND ATC XP BELAY RING (\$100)

BLACK DIAMOND VECTOR HELMET (\$180)

CAMPING
L.L. BEAN 18 DEK CAMP LANTERN (\$40)
 Up to 160 lumens when we needed it, and a dimmer when we didn't.

OSPREY MANTA 28 HYDRATION PACK (\$180)
 Enough to provide space between and eye among bulky gear for sleeping in the desert.

2012 FORD RAPTOR
 RANG FROM \$22,000 TO \$32,000. MSRP. CITY ONLY. EQUIPMENT AND DELIVERY IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE.



OSPREY HYDRATION PACK

The ventilation-enhancing mesh and hydration pouch made this ideal for desert exploration.

