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Amy Whitley's Family Travel Outdoor Gear Picks

For me, 2013 was the year of wilderness travel for me and my gang, and my top travel gear reflects this. It's hard to pick just one favorite, but topping my list has to be my Osprey Verve 5 L, reviewed in [this hydration pack round-up post](#). Not only did the Verve get me through ski season well hydrated, but it continued to work hard throughout summer mountain hikes and desert road trips. I even got gross chair lift oil on my Verve, and it came out good as new.

What else did I reach for again and again? My pair of [Tilley Endurables Venture Trek Pants](#). I wore these pants almost continually during a five-day river rafting trip, and then brought them along to backpack in the Trinity Alps. What makes them great: they're lightweight, stain-resistant, quick-drying, and convertible.

