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### An Expedition Backpack

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#### Osprey Xenith Backpack

Expedition backpacks — those in the 90-110 liter range, capable of handling loads up to 70lbs, are very specialized. One problem with a pack this size is how much it can weigh before you've even put anything in it; the other is how few occasions require so much carrying capacity. The Osprey Xenith is one of the lightest "big" packs out there (starting at just 5 lbs, 3 oz with the 75 model) but it also happens to be the best fitting, with a suspension and hip belt system that are comfortable right off the rack and with a maximum load. The Xenith resembles other packs Osprey has had in its line since the

early 1990s, but is actually only a year old. It doesn't have the extra straps and adjustment points that can weigh a pack down and make it overly complicated to use. Yet, things like the seemingly extraneous hipbelt pouches prove to be even more useful than the top pocket for things you need at hand at all times — sunscreen, lip balm, camera, cliff bar, etc. [[ospreypacks.com](http://ospreypacks.com)]

**TIP:** Whatever pack you buy, plan on loading it up with sealed sand bags and training in it every chance you get. Breaking it in — and making sure it's the right one for you — is critical.