



Osprey Daylite

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Rating: ★★★★★

Source: received it as a sample, freebie, or prize (American Hiking Society)

Summary

This is a very lightweight pack, easily adjustable for either of the two us of, who are of very different sizes! Best used for short day hikes or winter activities in which a large capacity pack is not required.

Pros

- Very lightweight yet durable
- Quite comfortable
- Easily adjustable

Cons

- Small capacity
- Narrow unpadding waist strap



This little day pack weighs barely a pound, yet has served us well as a second pack for day hikes. It is very durable, comes in a variety of colors, and has nice features that project it a bit past other basic "sack" day packs I have had.

The capacity is a bit small for me to use it as my standard day pack. I usually carry dog and human first aid supplies, extra water, survival gear, camera gear, and outerwear "just in case"...the Osprey (793 cu in. capacity, holding 13 l. of gear) cannot adequately contain all my regular gear for most day hikes or winter snowshoeing trips. However, my husband loves the Osprey, so when we hike together, I split up the gear. He wears the Osprey, and off we go!

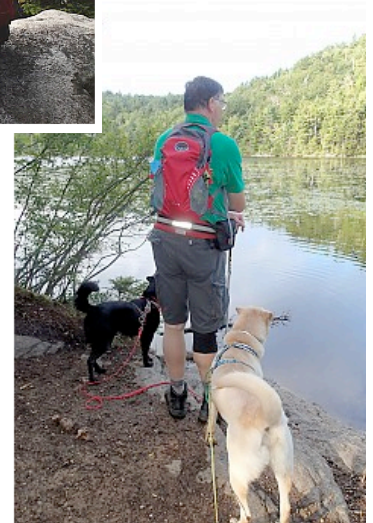
The pack has nicely adjustable straps, including a sliding adjuster for the sternum strap. The waist strap (which can be removed) is a plain narrow webbing strap, without padding, but serves quite adequately for this pack. The shoulder straps have nice padding, and there are accessory loops on them, which I really utilize. The pack can comfortably be used by either my 6'5 husband, or by 5'7 me, and it is nice to have that flexibility.

The back is ventilated, and there is a hydration reservoir. I did put in a hydration reservoir from my [Camelbak](#) once, to see how it fit, which was fine, but I have only used water bottles with this pack. There is no hook or loop to attach the top of the reservoir bag, but the hose can be placed under the accessory loop on the shoulder straps. The side pockets are large and deep, and there is a strap over the top at an angle which can help hold taller water bottles in place.

I mostly use the pack in the winter, when skijoring. It is so light, and non-cumbersome, that I can wear it, while using a skijoring belt, without any discomfort. The size is just right, to throw in a basic FA kit, water, paw wax, ski wax, and of course dog treats for the trail. It is comfortable over a summer trail shirt, or over a winter anorak. The reflective trim is a nice feature, especially if we are skiing or hiking in low light, on a trail shared by snowmachines.

There is a large main compartment, with a long zipper side to side, so it is easy to open the pack and find what you are looking for. There is a designated tablet sleeve area, though I do not use this for electronics. The smaller pocket has an attached clip, and elasticized pockets. This smaller pack can apparently be an "add-on", to attach to other Osprey packs...obviously increasing its versatility.

This is the second summer we've used this pack, and have been quite pleased with its level of quality, and durability. I certainly could recommend this as a simple, lightweight, day trip pack.



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