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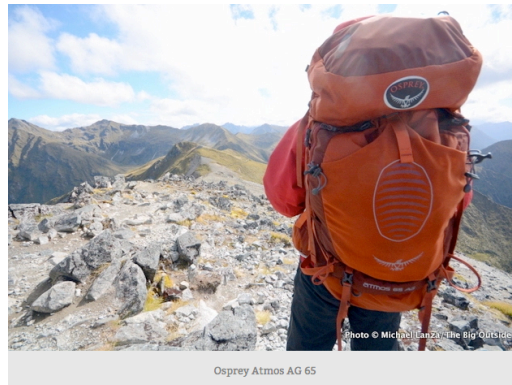
Featuring: Atmos/Aura AG 65, Ace Series, and Ultralight Dry Sack

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It's that time of year again, when you're looking for the right gift for a special person—or maybe you want to give a special someone the right suggestions for a gift for you. Either way, check out my annual list of 25 favorite new pieces of outdoor gear and apparel, with links to my original reviews of these jackets, packs, boots, tents, and other gear.

The biggest innovation to emerge in backpacks in 2015—and the most-read gear review at this blog for months (so apparently a lot of backpackers were interested in these new packs)—was the Anti-Gravity suspension in Osprey's Atmos AG series for men and Aura AG series for women. See my review of the [Osprey Atmos AG 65 and Aura AG 65](#).



Want your kid to like backpacking? Give her a pack that's as comfortable as yours with the [Osprey Ace kids backpacks](#), which come in 38L, 50L, and 75L volumes, for young people of all sizes. These are now my kids' go-to backpacks.

In my years-long quest for the lightest stuff sacks that keep extra clothes and other items in my backpack dry (short of complete immersion), I've arrived lately at two brands I like: the roll-top [Osprey Ultralight Dry Sacks](#) (\$13-25, 0.7-1.9 oz., 3L to 30L) or the [Hyperlite Mountain Gear Roll-Top Stuff Sacks](#) (\$35-\$70, 1-2 oz.) are my choice on backpacking trips with a high likelihood of heavy rain. And I always use one of those roll-top sacks for my sleeping bag because I'll take no chance of getting it wet.

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