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It's freezing outside, the fire feels warm, there's a pot of tea steeping, and **the couch is calling my name**. Only one problem, I'm committed to an active lifestyle all year, not just in the warm months. Sure I ski in winter, but overall, I'm like many people who are less active during the freezing months.

This year I pledged to do things differently. I'm making an effort to get out and do something active most days, even if I don't have time for skiing, my favorite winter sport.

Looking for inspiration, I headed to the Outdoor Retailer Winter Market last week. Normally walk through the show all googly eyed over the newest alpine and backcountry ski gear, and there certainly was some of that. However I also looked for gear that gave me options to get out with non-skiing friends, or to fill short time-slots when I can't get on mountain.

What I found was a mix of solid options and new that make winter sports, including skiing, more fun and comfortable.

Skiing

First I'll share some products that excited me in the ski world.

Two of my favorite backcountry pack companies, Ortovox and Osprey, are launching revamped options in both male and female sizes.

Ortovox Haute Route 32 – Large enough to pack avalanche gear, and spare layer and small snack, this pack is shaped to fit the female form. I'm excited to have an option that won't dig into my hip-bones and sports a back panel shaped for a woman's form! Of course it has all of the features any serious backcountry skier needs such as ice ax loops, separate safety compartment, and ample gear loops.

Osprey Kresta – Available in three sizes, the Kresta, will be out next season and I can't wait to try it. I've been packing the unisex **Kode 32** for my snow adventures for two seasons and love most of its features. Always innovating, Osprey upped its game with the lady's Kresta, and the guy's model, the Kamber, by incorporating feedback from Kode users. New features include a big red Oh S#!t zipper on the rescue compartment, dual helmet positions, back and top load panels for fast access, and a strippable top pouch on the 40L size. There is also an ABS option available in the Kamber.



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