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Osprey Xenith 75

"This is the perfect pack for compulsive organizers!" raves a tester who loved the clever features in this streamlined pack. "Sleek, clutter-free lines are great," she admits, after a thorough testing of the women's version (the Xena 70), "but so is the ability to find things like a pocket knife, moleskin, bug spray, or lip balm without having to dump the pack's contents." She used the plentiful pockets to stay ordered on two weeklong trips through rough terrain in Washington and California. Easy-access side zips let her dive into the load from any angle. Unzip these and you get an entire sandwich profile of the pack's contents. Testers deemed the padded hipbelt and shoulder straps and the supportive framesheet capable of supporting loads in excess of 60 pounds. Bonus: The detachable lid doubles as a hip pack for dayhikes and quick summit bids. **\$319; 5 lbs. 2 oz.; 75 liters; 3 sizes each for men and women; ospreypacks.com**

