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BEST FOR RESORT SKIING Osprey Reverb 18

\$99; ospreypacks.com

The 18-liter Reverb is sleek and inconspicuous, but it packs a lot into a small frame. There are pockets for avalanche safety gear and goggles, as well as a zip-away hydration sleeve. Plus, you can strap on skis or a snowboard for hikes and still access the main compartment through a big back panel.

Outdoors

Backpacks

The season's most streamlined and supportive models, whether you're heading out on a hike or hitting the slopes.

BEST FOR CLIMBING
Gregory Alpinisto 50
22L
www.gregory.com
When you want less of the main pack to show, the Alpinisto sits out the back/side pack, suspension system, and water tent and you get a streamlined pack without losing the ultra-technical mountaineering features — for instance, a protected crampon pouch that lies flat when not in use and attachments for steel binding.

BEST FOR
50+ LITERS
Deuter Guide Tour 45+
20L
www.deuter.com
This smart, simple pack will carry all your essentials (including the winter white) and offering features like a roll-out shoulder carry system, two side top handles, a detachable top lid, and a hooded top. It's a simple idea, but it's a great one for a 45-liter bag, and the top pack is extra on extra 10 liters of space. It's a simple idea, but it's a great one for a 45-liter bag, and the top pack is extra on extra 10 liters of space.

BEST FOR MOUNTAINEERING
Arc'teryx Khamsi 48
22L
www.arcteryx.com
This top leader was designed specifically for the (top of all) mountaineering. The focus on functionality shows in the fabric — a tough nylon treated to be as permeable and slick off snow and sleet. The light frame comes along with your tools, but it can also be removed when you don't need it.

BEST FOR TRAIL RUNNING
Inov-8 Race Pro Extreme 4
20L, 1000 g
A hydration pack should carry water and stay out of the way. This does just that, with space for a few essentials like a shock sock, Whistle, just 11 oz with room for 2 liters of water in a bottom-lined bladder that doesn't bounce. It's great for trail runs, snowshoes, or even a cycling mode a bigger pack for mountain athletes.

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20L
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