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11 Best Backpacking Tents for Camping Off the Beaten Path

Stuff one of these top-rated backpacking tents into your overnight pack and head out to the mountains for some off-the-grid camping.

Backpacking is the next level of camping, as you can literally set up shop anywhere your two little feet will lead you. When you wake up as the only group at a high alpine lake with the sun glistening off the water and fog rolling over the peaks, you'll understand why backpackers will trek miles and miles for seclusion.

To be comfortable at your destination, you'll need a tent that's roomy and weatherproof. But you must also consider how small the tent can compress — and its weight, as you'll have to carry it in your backpack from start to finish. To help you make an informed decision before venturing into the backcountry, we've rounded up the best backpacking tents of 2017. *Note:* Most of these tents also include a fast-pitch option that allows you to pitch the rainfly with the footprint (leaving the tent body behind) so you can lighten up your pack.

If campsites with bathrooms, large coolers, and picnic tables are more your speed, check out our review of [the best car-camping tents](#).

Mountain Hardwear Ghost UL2 Tent



\$449

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At just over 2 pounds, the Ghost is the lightest tent in our review, catering to quick-moving, ultralight backpackers. Though it's a bit on the small side, it's plenty of room for a couple and a pup, or three small friends. It takes up barely any space in your pack, is a breeze to set-up, and it's surprisingly sturdy in strong winds, so we love this ultralight tent for longer multiday trips where each night is spent with a different view and weight-saving is a necessity. It's stronger than last year's model, too!