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Tested: The Most Adventure-Ready Bikepacking Gear

Ready to go on a vision quest? Consider this your packing list.



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Ortlieb Seat Pack

WHAT TO PACK INSIDE

1. Mountain Hardwear Ghost Whisperer Hooded Jacket // It's unbelievable just how warm this jacket is considering how light it is, and how compact it becomes—not much bigger than the size of my fist. Plus, its Q.Shield down is treated to resist moisture so it will still keep you warm if it gets wet. Just don't let floating campfire embers sit on it for any length of time—I learned that the hard way.

Buy it Now: Men's version, [\\$244.96 at Backcountry.com](#); Women's version, [\\$174.83-\\$349.95 at Backcountry.com](#)

Weight: 236g

2. Mountain Hardwear HyperLamina Spark 35 Sleeping Bag // This 35°F sleeping bag has a great ratio of weight to packed size at a reasonable cost. Little tricks boost efficiency, such as placing more insulation where you need it most (around the core and feet), as well as using a half-length, center-zipped closure to hold in warmth. I've mostly used this bag down to 30° temperatures, but on one outing, when temps dipped into the teens, I stayed comfortable with the addition of a puffy jacket, wool socks, and my leg warmers.

Price: [\\$220 at Backcountry.com](#)

Weight: 951g with stuff sack

3. PackTowl UltraLite Body // This ultra-absorbent towel makes that creek bath feel civilized, dries super fast afterward, packs small, and weighs little. I cut mine in half, and it's still big enough.

Buy It Now: [\\$32.32 from Amazon.com](#)

Weight: 98g