

Speed/ Summit Packs

While there is nothing better than taking your time and soaking up everything a climb has to offer, sometimes going fast is the only option. For those big pushes, here are some packs that will carry the essentials.



Osprey Mutant 28

MEC Travel Lite

the rack buyer's guide

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One of Osprey's best alpine climbing packs is the Mutant 28. With lots of room for your climb and heavy gear, it includes solid tool locks, webbing for crampons and beefy zipper that is easy to use with gloves. You can remove the helmet sling, straps and suspension system for the summit push. It's easy to strap your rope to the top and unload it. The green is good for visibility on glaciers or snowy peaks.

MEC Travel Lite Pack \$49

MEC has a big line of top packs, but this one is the best for long rock routes. It's a good size to shove your shoes, jackets and guidebook in. Designed narrow, it allows for full-range of motion. The shoulder straps breathe and have no pressure points. Stuff sacks in the side pockets. At 15 litres, this little pack will keep you moving.



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Arc'teryx Cierzo 18 \$120

With only 18 litres of capacity, the Cierzo is a top-end pack for those quick climbs. Constructed with Arc'teryx's nylon weave, it is water repellent and durable. It is a trimmed down design with no back padding to keep the weight at only 370 grams. There is a small pocket inside and one outside. The shoulder pads are very comfortable and there are even attachments for ice tools. A great summer alpine pack.

Black Diamond Bullet 16 \$65

Black Diamond help create the speed pack image with their many top designs over the years. The Bullet 16 is one of our favourite packs for long rock multi-pitch routes. It's durable for chimneys and has a low profile so it won't get in the way of your arms. Good sized pocket for snacks and the hip belt is easy to remove. The heavy duty YKK zippers, strong loops and mini daisy chains make this a perfect summer speed pack.

Petzl Bug \$90

The Bug is Petzl's best-ever single-day long route in-a-push pack. Lots of room for clothing, shoes and a hydration system. It is low profile, compact and is cushy to wear. It has 18 litres of space, handy side compression straps and a topo pocket. The orange colour is a top choice for long alpine or rock routes. It sits well above your harness and is made with strong material. Recommended for any long routes in Canada.

DMM Zenith 18 \$80

One of the most featured packs on this list. The Zenith's slick profile keeps it above your gear loops and chalk bag. The smart zipper design prevents things from spilling out when open at hanging belays. A great pack for routes where you have lots of gear, as there are two gear loops on the pack for extra storage. The helmet attachment is easy to use. This is the best 18 litre pack for big rock routes like those on The Chief or Yammnka.

Patagonia Lightweight Black Hole Cinch Pack 20 \$85

The cinch uses a similar close-and-open design as a chalk bag and is fast and easy to use. The Black Hole line of packs from Patagonia has been a game-changer for many climbers. Made from strong nylon that is durable and weather resistant, the front pocket is a good size for keys and a wallet. The breathable mesh straps make this a great pack for hot summer days.

The North Face Shadow 30 \$180

The Shadow 30 is another top North Face product and part of the summit series line of alpine equipment. It's lightweight and while not ideal for big rock climbs, it is ideal for summer alpine. The roll-top collar keeps the contents dry and you can pack it down once you have your gear out and on. The hip belt and frame comes off and out for summit push day and the 30 litres can fit an extra rope, down jacket and food.

Deuter Gravity Pitch 12 \$80

The Gravity Pitch 12 is the best multi-pitch rock pack Deuter has produced. With only 12 litres of space, it is the most compact bag on this list. With enough room for a coat, shoes, food and the two-litre hydration system. The big outer pocket is perfect for topos and snacks. The shoulder straps are soft and contour easily with big shoulder moves. Highly recommended.

Mountain Hardwear Scrambler RT 20 \$130

The Scrambler RT 20 is all-round made-for-the-mountains pack built with Mountain Hardwear's durable material. This is one of the most waterproof bags on this list. The slick design and profile make it easy to carry on that steep third- and fourth-class terrain. This pack is for you climbers bagging peaks quickly in questionable weather.