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On full-day or trans-alpine hikes, it's the details that really matter. This pack delights with its attention to small features: a helmet loop, a rain cover that zips out from a hidden hatch on the bottom, a drinking valve that attaches to a magnet on the sternum strap, and "stow on the go" loops where you can jam trekking poles without skipping a beat. Women's Adventure testers raved about the drinking valve (which pivots 180 degrees), and the wire-suspension system that keeps the packs weight away from the sweaty small of the back.

During a spring hike, one tester filled the accompanying 3-liter bladder, stuffed the main compartment with a jacket and gloves, and still had room for lunch. A top-side sunglasses or electronics pocket and an organizer in the front pocket kept small items easy to find—and access—and the side pockets had enough elastic in the top edge to prevent a GPS or other small item from falling out. Hip pockets are also large enough to fit small electronics.

