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Featuring: The Aether 70



Osprey Aether Series Packs

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Between climbing, camping and camera gear I often have a couple mule loads worth of equipment on my back when I head out on extended alpine adventures. Sure I'd like to lighten the load, but when you need every rope, ice axe, and lens, there is only so much



you can leave behind. The Osprey Aether is the perfect choice for such trips as this series of large volume packs laughs at massive loads while not adding useless weight to the burden. All Aether packs feature a peripheral alloy frame, internal/external compression straps and a heat-moldable hip belt that combine to snuggle weight over your hips better than any pack I've ever stuffed 70 pounds into. The astounding range of available size and fit options (3000, 4000 and 5000-plus cubic-inch models with eight gender-specific torso sizes) also guarantees you'll find a good match for you and your intended use. Other worthy features to note are the multiple external straps allowing you to cleanly attach items such as trekking poles, skis or a tripod. A lot of packs seem to neglect this extra strapping in the name of weight savings but it's a deal breaker for a guy like me. I gotta bring my toys and clamoring up trail or talus shouldering a tight, secure package always makes the journey easier. —Seth Lightcap

