



Outside – Buyers Guide

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2011 Outside Gear of the Year: Backpacks

Featuring: The Hornet 32

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3. OSPREY HORNET 32 \$139

THE SELL: An ultralight daypack with the appetite of a weekender. **THE TEST:** While the spartan suspension (just a quarter-inch of back padding) would limit some packs to day-hiking loads, Osprey gave the Hornet just enough volume (32 liters) and big-pack features (an assortment of load-stabilizing straps, a floating top lid, and a bunch of attachment points) for us to eke out an overnight with ultralight gear. **THE VERDICT:** Thumbs up for the fast-packing set, but if you tend to overpack, you'll want something with more suspension, like the Gregory Z40 (see page 56). 1.3 lbs; ospreypacks.com

HAULING COMFORT: 27 POUNDS

VERSATILITY: 4.5

