



PRIMALOFT

Eco synthetic insulation

Good for the planet and high performance, Eco high-loft insulation is made of a fifty-fifty blend of PrimaLoft fibers and recycled materials like melted-down, re-extruded soda bottles. Currently being used in Sierra Designs and Big Agnes sleeping bags, Eco insulation is also designed for outerwear and footwear. 800-833-3836; primaloft.com

JETBOIL

Helios series group cooking system \$199.95

This superefficient camp stove optimizes the convenience and safety of canister fuel and the consistent high-output and cold-weather performance of liquid butane. It

includes an attachable windscreen, a neoprene side cover, a remote igniter position, and two- and three-liter FluxRing pots. The system with the two-liter pot only costs \$149.95. 888-611-9905; jetboil.com



TRAK KAYAKS

T-1600 kayak \$5,495

Throw away your roof rack—and any fear of rough seas or white water. The T-1600 not only folds up into a four-foot-long pack in 15 minutes, but it is also the only boat in the world that can alter its shape in motion to adapt to changing conditions. This 16-foot, 47-lb. chameleon is built of eight pieces around a frame of shock-corded anodized aluminum tubing with a tough polyurethane skin. You steer the rudderless boat with two hydraulic levers in the cockpit and use a different lever to dramatically increase the upward curvature of the hull along the entire keel line, instantly transforming it from a straight-tracking, flat-water speedster to a high-maneuverability, rough-water rider. 888-35-KAYAK; rethinkkayak.com



ENDOUTDOOR

Stumptown trail running shoes \$80

END, which stands for environmentally neutral design, is dedicated to making high-performance footwear out of 100% RSR (recycled, sustainable, and renewable) products within five years. The year-old company has already come a long way toward its goal with its 12-oz. Stumptown trail running shoes, which use 35 to 59% less material, foam, resins, and glues than conventionally made shoes. 877-654-9129; endoutdoor.com



the wool is made shrink-resistant without chlorine, yielding a truly earth- and animal-friendly, durable, all-natural wool with the longest, softest fibers in the world. 800-450-5784; tekosocks.com

BLACK DIAMOND

Contour Elliptic carbon trekking poles \$149.95

This high-end, lightweight trekker (11lb., 3 oz. per pair) features a comfortable, strong elliptical shape and Control Shock Technology, a progressive, four-stage shock absorption. The patent-pending design quietly smoothes out light strikes, absorbs medium strikes, prevents hard bottoming-out, controls rebound, and maximizes pole collapsibility. 801-278-5552; blackdiamondequipment.com

TEKO

EcoMerino micro organic socks \$13.95

Start with the long, soft, non-itchy fibers of merino wool. Then make it organically farmed merino wool, harvested on a pesticide-free Tasmanian farm from flocks field-rotated every 24 hours and carefully sheared leaving two to three cm. of wool for the animal's comfort. Finally,



SUREFIRE

L1 LumaMax flashlight \$135

The small, ultralight, military-spec, anodized-aluminum L1 has what Surefire calls "the best of both worlds": a high-output tactical-level beam bright enough to temporarily blind a night visit from a wilderness predator, and a lower-output beam that lasts 16 hours. Just 32 oz. and 4.5" long, it is powered by a 123 lithium battery that allows its "unbreakable LED" to run 90 minutes at 65 lumens and ten hours at ten lumens. It includes lanyard tubing and a clip for attaching to a pocket, backpack, or shoulder strap. 800-828-8809; surefire.com

JANSPORT

Whittaker Alpine and Whittaker Soloist packs \$190, \$100

Tested in partnership with Peter Whittaker, famed mountain guide of Rainier Mountaineering Inc., these sail-cloth and ballistic packs put durability first. The Alpine is optimized for snowy weekend treks, while the Soloist is a lightweight fast pack for one-day mountain hikes. 510-614-4000; jansport.com

