

Backpacking Gear Criteria & Resources:

Backpacking Tent:

- ☐ as close to 4 lbs. as possible or less
- ☐ 2 doors
- ☐ clips to poles instead of sleeves
- ☐ full fly w/vestibule
- ☐ 30 square feet or more footprint

Clothes:

- ☐ micro-fiber (no cotton)
- ☐ thin and light
- ☐ fleece
- ☐ wool (fleece is lighter)
- ☐ nylon

Multi-day Backpack:

- ☐ stiff internal frame
- ☐ 3800+ cubic inches
- ☐ extendable top
- ☐ sturdy, well padded hip & shoulder straps
- ☐ as light as possible (3 to 4 lb. is possible)

Hiking Boots:

- ☐ mid-high (above ankle)
- ☐ strong ankle support
- ☐ vibram sole
- ☐ waterproof (sealed tongue)
- ☐ light weight is best

Sleeping Bag:

- ☐ down fill
- ☐ +30°F or lower rating
- ☐ lightest weight possible
- ☐ compression sack

Down	vs.	Fiber Fill
lighter	(for same °F)	heavier
warmer	(for same wt.)	cooler
smaller	(for same °F)	bulkier
cost more		cost less
can't get wet		not affected by moisture

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Backpacking Online Resources:

Equipment:

<http://www.rei.com>
<http://www.campmor.com>
<http://www.litebackpacker.com>
<http://www.backpacking.net>
<http://www.msrcorp.com/tents>
<http://www.backcountrygear.com>

2+ lb Tents:

Tarptent: (Double Rainbow)

<http://www.tarptent.com/doublerainbow.html>

Tarptent Cloudburst 2:

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/tentdetail.cfm/TT1700>

Tarptent: (Squall 2)

http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/tentdetail.cfm?PRODUCTS__ProductID=TT1600

MSR: (Hubba Hubba)

http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/tentdetail.cfm?PRODUCTS__ProductID=MSR516

MSR: (Missing Link)

http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/tentdetail.cfm?PRODUCTS__ProductID=MSR566

Sierra Designs: (Sirius)

http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/tentdetail.cfm?PRODUCTS__ProductID=SD1324

20oz Backpack: (Gossamer Mariposa Plus) “ultra-light concept backpacking”

<http://www.gossamergear.com/cgi-bin/gossamergear/Mariposa-Plus.html>

4lb-11oz Backpack: (Gregory Makalu Pro)

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/packdetail.cfm/GG341>

2lb-10oz Backpack: (Granite Gear's Latitude Vapor)

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/packdetail.cfm/GR1150>

5lb-8oz Backpack: (Gregory Triconi) “nice snug fit to body & good suspension”

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/packdetail.cfm/GR1605>

5lb-8oz Backpack: (Kelty Coyote Internal Frame) “most common pack for Scouts”

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/packdetail.cfm/KE5313>

5lb-0oz Backpack: (Kelty Trekkor 3950 External Frame)

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/packdetail.cfm/KE6256>

Osprey Packs: “custom modable hip belts”

http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/accessdetail.cfm?PRODUCTS__productID=OS144

http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/packdetail.cfm?PRODUCTS__productID=OS127

Western Mountaineering Sleeping Bags: “super light, high quality, hand made”

<http://www.westernmountaineering.com/index.cfm>

Big Agnes Bag: “light and large”

<http://www.backcountrygear.com/catalog/bagdetail.cfm/BIG225>

Therm-a-Rest Sleeping Pad: “light, compresses small and great support”

<http://www.rei.com/product/708472>