



**GARMIN OREGON 550T HANDHELD GPS**

**\$600** \* [GARMIN.COM](http://GARMIN.COM)  
 → The 7-ounce, palm-size Oregon 550t is waterproof and holds up to 10,000 waypoints. Dirt, dust, and hard drops had no effect on this workhorse of a GPS. A hunt-fish calendar, altimeter, and lunar phases are just a few choices you can scroll through on the touch-screen menu. You can also tag your location with photos (buck scrapes? elk wallows?) shot on the built-in 3.2-megapixel camera.

—J. Cermele



**SITKA GEAR BIVY 30**  
**\$300**  
[SITKAGEAR.COM](http://SITKAGEAR.COM)

→ Here is a no-b.s. backpack for hunters who like to go light: no pointless pockets that you'd stuff with gear you can do without; no dreadlock-like straps dangling off the back that snag on brush; and at 5 pounds 2 ounces, no extra weight that will slow you down. The features that the 3,200-cubic-inch Sitka Gear Bivy 30 does have, however, all make sense: a built-in sleeping-glassing pad; a removable lid that allows the bag to double as a daypack; a rain fly that will defend your gear in a downpour; a hydration system and water-bottle holders; and padded mesh shoulder pads. The suspended tension frame maximizes airflow, and the quiet Soft Shell fabric and Optifade Open Country pattern keep you silent and concealed.

—C.K.



**THERMACELL OUTDOOR LANTERN**

**\$30** \* [MOSQUITO REPELLENT.COM](http://MOSQUITO REPELLENT.COM)  
 → While turkey hunting in hot, humid weather that usually has mosquitoes swarming all over me, I set this by my calling position, turned it on (a flame from a butane canister heats a repellent-impregnated pad), and watched as bugs stopped short of an invisible wall 12 feet away. That night, I set the lantern on the camp table, where its eight LED bulbs helped light up the night.

—J. Cassell



**YETI TUNDRA 50-QUART COOLER**

**\$300**  
 \* [YETICOOLERS.COM](http://YETICOOLERS.COM)  
 → Is the Yeti cooler grizzly-proof, as the maker claims? Lacking a homeside *horribilis*, I shipped the cooler to my house, bounced it around the bed of my pickup truck, and had my son throw it 20 feet. It survived this abuse with, well, cool. It's expensive, but you'll buy a lot less ice over the years.

—M.T.



**EUREKA! SUITE V4 TENT**

**\$240**  
 \* [EUREKATENT.COM](http://EUREKATENT.COM)  
 If I were tall, this is the tent I'd want. A unique pole structure creates headroom where you need it most—by the door. The design also produces a huge vestibule, making it easy to store a lot of gear. It's not light, but it's ideal for car camping.

—A.L.



**ZIPPO CAMPFIRE STARTER**

**\$1.50** \* [ZIPPO.COM](http://ZIPPO.COM)  
 → Tinder, of course, is free for the taking. But this fire starter, a hockey-puck-shaped combination of cedar sawdust and wax, is worth the tiny price tag. It's basically tinder and kindling wrapped into one. Zippo suggests breaking the puck apart for four fires. It's especially useful in wet conditions.

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