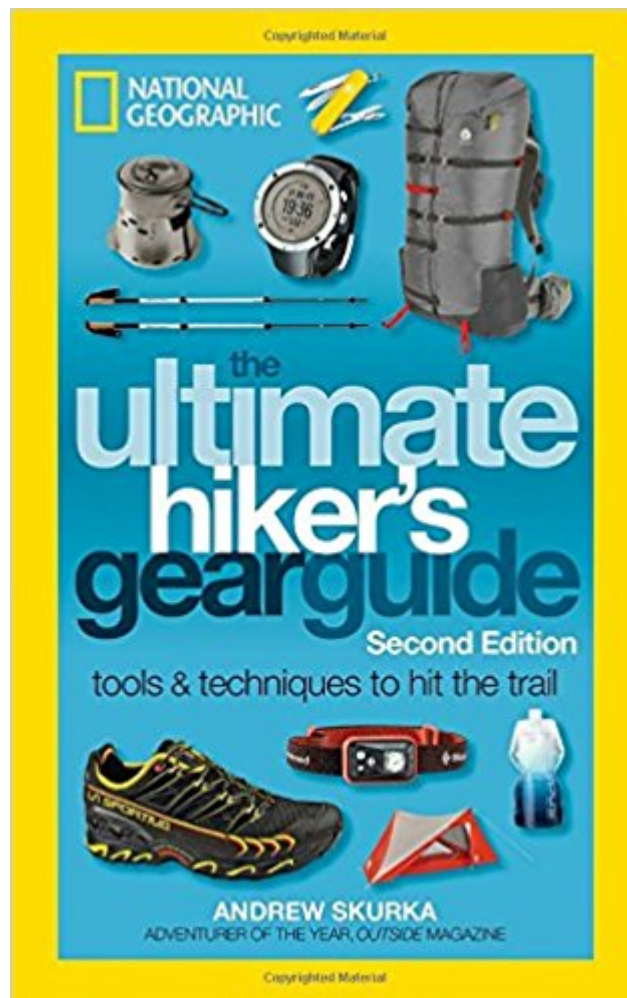




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The Ultimate Hiker's Gear Guide, Second Edition: Tools And Techniques To Hit The Trail



Synopsis

Whether you're a first-time backpacker, an occasional weekend warrior, or a seasoned long-distance trekker, this guide is a must for any backpacking, hiking, or camping trip. Supreme long-distance hiker Andrew Skurka — an accomplished adventure athlete, speaker, guide, and writer — shares his knowledge in this essential guide to backpacking gear and skills. Skurka recounts what he's learned from more than 30,000 miles of long-distance hikes, including the Appalachian, Pacific Crest, and Continental Divide Trails, and the 4,700-mile Alaska-Yukon Expedition. A show-and-tell guide to clothing, footwear, backpacks, shelter and sleep systems, camp stoves, and more, as well as tips on foot care, campsite selection, and hiking efficiency, this single book contains all the knowledge you'll need to hit the trail. This second edition features 16 new pages (including food on the trail and other essentials), and updates all gear recommendations.

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“Breath of fresh air” — “I learned most of this backpacker voodoo the hard way, wasting hundreds, if not thousands of dollars on the wrong gear for the conditions I had to hike in. Instead, Andrew distills the knowledge you need in a very readable book that is chock full of war stories, gear recommendations, and sample gear lists.” — sectionhiker.com
http://sectionhiker.com/the-ultimate-hikers-gear-guide-2nd-ed-by-andrew-skurka/ — “So does Skurka pass the Comparative Standard test? Yes, and with flying colors” — “The book is well laid out, presents a ton of solid and useful information, is easy to read and understand.” — Popular Backpacker

ANDREW SKURKA is an accomplished adventure athlete, speaker, guide, and writer. He was named Adventurer of the Year by Outside and National Geographic Adventure magazines and Person of the Year by Backpacker. When not living out of his backpack, Skurka resides in Boulder, Colorado.

Put simply, Skurka's gear guide is the most efficacious written compilation of hiking and backpacking knowledge for outdoor enthusiasts (not just hikers!) of all levels and ages that I have come across. The focus is not just on the gear, but also on how and when to use it, in addition to expert tips and techniques from trip planning to campsite selection. I have learned a great deal from perusing the first edition and have referred back to it on countless occasions. I have recommended it to many friends and acquaintances, gifted several copies, and even included it in a raffle for BigCityMountaineers. And if you already own the first edition, the second one is still worth getting as it offers a comprehensive update that makes this guide the most up-to-date on the market (e.g. to Cuben fibre, or not to?). Sure, there are other good hiking books and plenty of free online advice (Chris Townsend's meatier "Backpacker's Handbook" and SectionHiker.com come to mind), but few sources are as concise, insightful, comprehensive, and well presented as this one. Best of all, you will save hundreds of dollars on future gear purchases by making more informed decisions--the book pays for itself many times over!

Found it full of great info that helped me put my pack together. Must have for beginners and helps out intermediates

This is not only a good read, it's also simply invaluable for the author's tips and purchase suggestions. He's "been there", and it shows. Every serious hiker should probably own this outstanding book.

A very useful reference and an easy ready to help anyone serious about pushing limits in the outdoors. I'm in NZ and still very useful for me.

Good Update. Worth buying again.

Excellent guidebook. It was obviously written by a very experienced hiker/backpacker who shares valuable information on travelling in the outdoors. Anyone who enjoys hiking/backpacking should read this book and can learn & apply the information covered.

Great read so far. Full of information about backpacking!

Helpful for campers to backpackers.

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