



GEAR CAMPING

## LEAVE NO TRACE

WILDERNESS PADDLE-CAMPING ESSENTIALS

### LOOKING TO LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD AND LESSEN YOUR IMPACT?

First, think about doubling down on your sleep system—meaning a bag, pad, and shelter that can each serve dual purposes.

For nighttime insulation, Sierra Designs' Mobile Mummy 800 offers an innovative twist that can combine your puffy jacket and sleeping bag into a single garment-meets-bag hybrid weighing just 2 pounds, 4 ounces (for the version rated for 15 degrees; the 30-degree bag is 9 ounces lighter). Free your hands for camp tasks through this funny mummy's zipperless "armports," then slide your legs out through the bottom of the front zip while clipping the bag's tall "footbox" up to morph it into your morning coffee outer layer of damp weather-busting DryDown inner loft. **(1. \$379, sierradesigns.com)**

Meanwhile, Crazy's Creek's tight, 4-inch-diameter bundle of a comfy and sturdy carbon-spined camp chair hides a second chamber that inflates to roll out and double as your ground pad. Think 2.5 inches of cushion long enough to rest all of a weary 5-foot-10 paddler. **(2. \$125, 2 lbs., 13 oz., crazycreek.com)**

To top you off, there's not much better in the way of minimalist shelter than a dependable tarp-tent combo. We liked Kelly's ultra-light Utopia. A tight-packing pound of nylon coverage provides 37 square feet of weather protection, popping up to an A-frame fit for two with a pair of paddles. **(3. \$99, kelly.com)**

Next question: Can you have a fire? If you're going boreal with ample wood to burn, consider Littlbug's Senior Stove, an ingenious 19-ounce cylinder of stainless steel that detaches into four pliable pieces that pack well around your sleeping bag. The stable surface for pots and pans captures heat from organic sources or alcohol burners. Pair it with Littlbug's hangable 10-ounce steel FireBowl (as pictured) to capture your ash and leave no trace. **(4. \$56 and \$24, littlbug.com)**

If you're in no-fire country, think about versatility and the ability to burn any and all fuel available (gas, diesel, butane, kerosene). The efficient Omniliite Ti cuts weight to 12 ounces, adding strength with a titanium body and supports, and reducing headaches with a simple design and idiot-proof control knob. **(5. \$218, primuscamping.com)**

When it's time to pack it out, don't forget about your own waste. For permitted wilderness stretches that require personal waste disposal, the C&K staff likes to let each handle his or her own (vs. the communal groover blues). Enter the kayak-ready, homemade PVC poop tube. Save a few bucks more by "collecting" in a large-cylinder coffee filter (available in office break rooms everywhere), dropping in a biodegradable pet waste baggie from the local dog park, and sprinkling with a little extra kitty litter to keep your well-sealed tube kosher. **(6)**

As the mantra goes, leave only footprints and take only photos. Keep your digital memory-maker humming with Cobra's slim, efficient, and lightweight CFP 300 that unfolds a pair of solar panels with micro and dual USB outlets to provide multiple devices a rapid digital boost. **(7. \$79, cobra.com)**



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