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Our specialty is packs. Unlike companies that make packs just to complete their line of equipment, our only concern is making the best packs possible. They are made to be used and used hard.

Look them over closely and compare them with others. Check the sewing and materials. (Our shoulder straps and waistbands are stitched in six times and the regular stress seams are stitched twice!)

We use only the finest materials, our sewing quality is excellent and we confidently stand behind every pack we make. We're mountaineers; we enjoy making packs and we are very proud of what we make.





Jim Thomsen

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A few years ago we decided to make some packs for ourselves and a few friends. We had the experience to know what worked and how to make it. Word spread and before long we were making packs to meet the needs of mountaineers around the world.

Suddenly, giant corporations were making offers to buy us out. But we were having too much fun to sell out. We still are, we truly enjoy working with our friends and making the best packs we can.

Please take time to compare. We own 100% of Wilderness Experience, and that means a lot to us. We do not have to appease any giant conglomerate as do most of our competitors. We make packs because we enjoy it. We think it shows.



# Day Packs

## The **Honey Bee**

was designed with small children in mind. The zippered back pocket is perfect for holding school supplies. The top opening compartment is covered with a waterproof flap for better weather proofness.

## **Cricket Kid's Pack**

The CRICKET is a beautiful high quality child's day pack made at a reasonable price. Designed for grade schoolers, it has a zippered front opening perfect for holding toys, lunches or school supplies, and is made out of our special high thread count waterproof 8 oz. parapak nylon.



## **Tumbleweed**

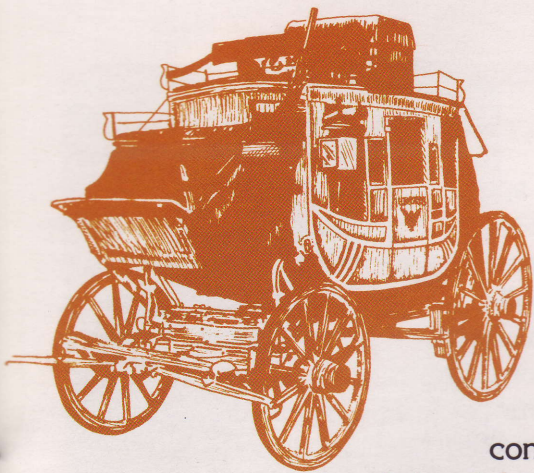
The TUMBLEWEED is an amazingly low priced, high quality book bag for adults. It is a practical single compartment bag with a zippered top opening. Perfect for the economy minded student who wants a long lasting rugged book bag at a good price.

## **Tundra**

A lot of pack for the money, the TUNDRA combines highest quality materials and workmanship into an extremely roomy daypack at a very affordable price. Access to the main compartment is by way of a top drawstring and cordlock covered by a buckled weather flap. The outside front pocket is closed by a continuous coil zipper and is perfect for those small easily misplaced items. The Tundra is constructed of waterproofed 8 oz. parapak nylon for durability, and utilizes soft nylon webbing shoulder straps which are completely adjustable for comfort.







## The **Bike Pack**

combines quality sewing and materials in a lightweight, inexpensive day pack that will hold two large notebooks and supplies, and still have room for more in the back pocket. As in our other packs, the zipper and all stress seams are either double or triple stitched. Made of 8 oz. waterproof parapack nylon for both durability and lighter weight. The BIKE PACK utilizes a double pull zipper on the main compartment. Adjustable webbing shoulder straps and waistband assure you a steady pack while bicycling or hiking.



## **Hummingbird**

This modified Teardrop pack is excellent for short bird watching excursions or for carrying your things around back in the city. The main compartment opens fully across the top, with a covered double pull zipper. Perfect for books or a tennis racket. A separate diagonally zippered back pocket can easily accommodate folders, magazines and much more.

## **Meadow Day Pack**

A most practical day pack, it has a large single compartment with more than enough room for a jacket and a lunch. The large back pocket and zippered top pocket are perfect for holding all the little easy-to-lose items. The MEADOW is made of rugged cordura nylon and has the same 1/2 inch thick padded shoulder straps as our other packs. The main compartment closes with a drawstring and clamp. An adjustable 3/4" webbing waistband is included.







## High Country

The all new High Country is a spacious, quality day pack designed for those who desire extra carrying capacity without the external bulk of a larger pack. The entire front panel unzips via a continuous coil double pull zipper to reveal all the contents. This feature, plus the additional oversized zippered pocket, means no more searching, fumbling or completely unpacking to find a small item in the bottom of your pack. The High Country is fully constructed of 11.5 oz. waterproofed Cordura nylon to last indefinitely and to provide continued good looks. Other features include leather accessory patches, ice axe and haul loops, adjustable waist belt and foam padded shoulder straps.

## Teardrop

The ability to provide easy access organization makes the TEARDROP a very useful pack. For skiing, bicycling, and climbing, the TEARDROP offers toughness and beauty. The bottom compartment is double pull zippered and the top main compartment zips open for easy front loading. The foam padded shoulder strap, ice axe loop and leather strap patches give this pack the necessary accessories for climbing or overnight trips.

The  $\frac{3}{4}$ " adjustable webbing waist belt keeps the TEARDROP snug to your back. The 11 oz. cordura pack is tough and waterproof with a smooth comfortable nylon back.

If you find your fun on the rocks, we offer this pack with a leather bottom to take the bumps.



## Klettersack

"Kletter" means climbing. We designed this pack with the climber in mind, but with its clean lines and functional simplicity it finds friends in every camp. The large flap pocket provides quick access storage. The padded shoulder straps and adjustable webbing waistbelt hold the pack in close while 6" side foam pads your back. Smooth nylon back and 11 oz. waterproof cordura throughout can handle long rough use. All stress seams and zippers are double stitch reinforced or sewn six times where extra strength is needed. The leather strap patches on top, back, sides, and bottom can accommodate various accessories from ice axes to skis. Removable side pockets are available for any situation requiring additional room. The classic climbing pack, we offer an optional leather bottom for those who prefer it.





## Alpine

The new ALPINE is a modified version of our fabulously successful Klettersack. The additions of attached side pockets with ski slots, an internal slash pocket, and waterproofed top extension, make this pack ideally suited for general use on overnight hikes and ski touring outings. The large zippered flap pocket covers the drawstring closure and top extension to allow quick access and provide security for the main compartment. The Alpine is constructed of 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon with a smooth nylon back to provide continued reliability under all conditions. The nine leather accessory patches and an ice axe loop will accept items too large to conveniently place inside. The foam padded back and shoulder straps contribute to the comfort of this pack. We also offer the Alpine with a durable leather bottom.

## ROR Wraparound

This pack is designed to keep your center of gravity on your hips. The bottom compartment neatly holds your sleeping bag and integrates it into a padded form-hugging waistband. The top section is vertically divided to keep the weight close to your back, but away from your spine. When carrying larger loads, the vertical divider can be zippered out to provide a single large capacity compartment. When the sun is bouncing around the snow, you can take off your shirt and appreciate the comfort of the soft nylon back and padded shoulder straps. From the 11 oz. cordura nylon to the heavy duty No. 7 YKK nylon zippers, this pack is destined to last for years. Ski and strap patches provide convenient carrying of skis, ice axe or expedition wants. Accessory pockets add room to carry extra stove fuel.



## Deluxe Fanny Pack

Universally accepted by ski patrolman and cross country skiers as the best way to carry essentials when skiing. The Deluxe Fanny Pack has handy zippered slide flap compartments. A large zippered main compartment and leather accessory patches to aid in carrying extras.

## Standard Fanny Pack

The Standard is a smaller version of the Deluxe but without side flaps. Perfect for the economy-minded ski tourer.

## Mutt & Jeff Pouches

The Mutt and Jeff are extremely handy, personal travel pouches. The Mutt and Jeff Pouches attach to your belt to help keep those easy-to-misplace items with you at all times.



# Internal Frame Packs

## Vagabond

As the name implies, this pack is for anyone who likes to travel — whether on foot or skis. Made of 11.5 oz. cordura nylon, the VAGABOND has a large easy-to-get-to top pocket and three generous outside pockets for organized, yet simple packing. A unique internal frame system that can easily be removed if desired, transfers weight to the padded waist belt. This system makes the VAGABOND carry more efficiently with heavier loads than other packs its size. The aluminum stays should be bent to fit your back to achieve the best results.

A nylon covered ½" foam pad not only protects your back from misplaced objects, but also makes this pack one of the most comfortable packs you can wear. The VAGABOND comes with ice axe attachments, a haul loop and plenty of thick leather accessory patches so that nothing has to be left behind. Ski slots behind the side pockets make it easy to carry skis and poles.



## Europa

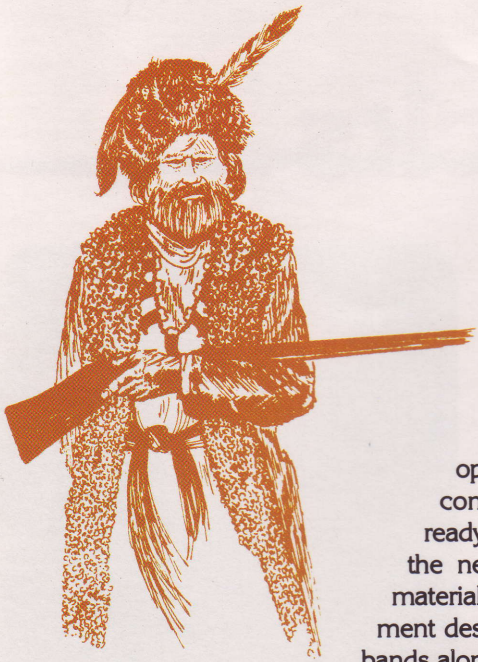
This is the finest traveling pack made. It has no metal frame ends to snag upholstery when you're hitch hiking. It is just small enough to put in an airport locker, and more than large enough for a year of vagabonding. The fully zippered front allows easy access for packing and complete organization. Three large outside pockets will hold all the items you want to be able to find in a hurry and leather accessory patches on the top and bottom if you need them. Constructed of waterproof 11.5 oz. cordura nylon, you needn't worry about your pack giving out on you as you cross the desert into Tangiers. The pack utilizes constriction bands to keep the pack profile narrow when a less than full load is being carried. The constriction bands also provide a nice spot to hang a jacket or slide in snow shoes, etc. Available in sizes small, medium, and large.

## Backpacker

The BACKPACKER is for the ardent hiker who prefers to travel off the trails, crossing rugged passes and boulder fields, but still wishes to carry more than a rucksack will hold. The BACKPACKER has the stability of an internal frame pack with a capacity equal to or surpassing most external frame packs. Side pockets are sewn onto ski slots for easy carrying of skis and poles. The lower U-shaped zippered compartment will hold a large down or Polarguard bag, while the outside back and top pockets will hold many extras. The Backpacker is constructed of 11.5 oz. Cordura nylon with a flared waterproofed ripstop extension at the top for overpacking. The back is made of smooth 8 oz. parapack nylon with a fully padded internal frame system that can be automatically adjusted for a perfectly comfortable fit. Drawstring and clamp close both the extension and top compartment.







# Alpinist

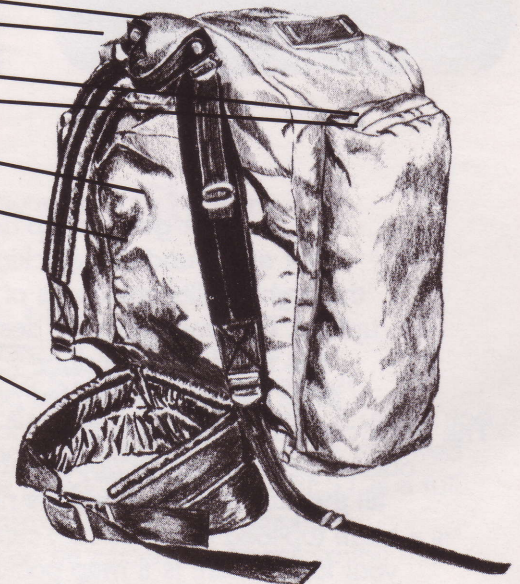
After a couple of years in development and testing in the most extreme conditions, we feel the ALPINIST is finally ready. The ALPINIST is a combination of the newest developments in design and materials. The ALPINIST is a single compartment design with four webbing compression bands along each side, a unique internal frame system, a new extremely tough and waterproof material, a foam padded back, a new style of waistbelt system, and much more. The ALPINIST is a limited edition pack designed and produced to fill the needs of the extreme grade alpinist.



## Features

Using high quality 6061-T6 aluminum bar stock, our internal frame packs are a blend of both the balance and stability of a rucksack and the comfort and weight carrying capability of a regular external frame pack. We use the only method that will allow an internal frame pack to carry like an external one, that is, using a completely separate padded waistband that attaches to the internal aluminum frame with clevis pins. In this way the weight is transferred to the hips like a good external frame. The internal frame is completely inside the pack with no ends sticking out to catch or snag. The aluminum stays are all foam padded for extra comfort and extend five inches above the shoulder straps. Try bending the frame different amounts until you find the best position for you.

- 11 oz. waterproof, cordura nylon\*
- Extra reinforced at all stress points
- Double stitched zippers
- YKK coil zippers
- Comfortable parapack nylon backs
- 6061 T6 Aircraft aluminum frame, foam padded and fully enclosed in 8 oz. nylon
- Independent full circling waist belt



### Internal Frame Pack Size Chart

Pack Size	Height of Person						
	5'0" to 5'4"	5'5"	5'6"	5'7"	5'8'	5'9"	5'10" or over
Small	X	X					
Medium		X	X	X	X		
Large					X	X	X

Pack size is determined by the distance between the top of your shoulders and the top of your hip bone. When there is a choice between two sizes, long waisited people should wear the larger size.

\*Alpinist - made out of magnum ballistic material





# Frame Packs

## Kid's Frame Pack

The KIDS FRAME PACK is an exceptionally sturdy and lightweight small backpacker's pack. This pack's strong "S" contoured 6061-T6 aluminum frame has a unique heli-arc welded sliding adjustment to allow this pack to grow with its owner. Small enough

to fit properly, yet large enough to carry a complete outfit. The KIDS FRAME PACK is the perfect pack to keep the young backpacker on the right trail.



## Timberline

Designed as an economic alternative the TIMBERLINE, however, is not an alternative to quality craftsmanship. The TIMBERLINE is an excellent choice for the new backpacker with every necessary feature that a more expensive pack can offer. Made of our same specially waterproofed and woven 8 oz. parapak nylon, the TIMBERLINE bag is divided for convenient organization with a half moon zippered bottom compartment and two large outside pockets with double stitched nylon coil zippers for easy opening and closing. The hold open bar is attached directly to the frame, a more expensive method that helps transfer weight closer to your center of gravity through the frame. The TIMBERLINE also comes with a handy map pocket that can be used without taking your pack off, a ventilating mesh back band, and a padded waist belt all attached to the same frame we use on our Expedition model pack.

## Sierra Pack

Our goal was to design a simple, quality frame pack for all around backpacking and mountaineering. In all ways the high quality standards of Wilderness Experience have been upheld. By simplifying the design we have been able to produce this fine pack at a price you can afford. The SIERRA pack is a large capacity, undivided pack made of 8 oz. parapak nylon. The main compartment offers space for large or bulky objects. The large outside pockets are all zippered for secure, quick use, and will hold all the little items you always need while hiking. The back pocket is a huge top-load cargo pocket capable of carrying a good portion of your load. There is a map pocket on the front of the bag allowing you easy access. With the generous leather strap patches on the top flap, and an ice axe loop, the SIERRA is ready for any mountaineering use.







## Front Opening Frame Pack

The ultimate in organization.

The FRONT OPENING FRAME PACK sports

five outside pockets, perfect for water bottles, gas cans, and quick-to-get items, plus a handy easy-to-use map pocket.

The main body is divided into two panel opening, double stitched compartments for easy organized access to food, clothing, and shelter.

A convenient ice attachment on the back of the pack can also double as a handy fishing rod holder. An adjustable frame extension used in conjunction with two large latigo leather attachment patches aid in securely anchoring an additional stuff bag full of goods to the top of the pack completely out of the way of any pockets or pack compartments. A perfect place to hold the quickly consumed extra food needed for longer hikes.

## Top Opening "S" Frame

This is the most popular of all bag styles.

The main compartment is divided in two by a horizontal floor. The top compartment is the larger of the two and should be used to carry your heavier equipment.

Access to the bottom section is by way of a half moon double pull zippered opening. There are five pockets and a convenient map pocket that can be reached without removing your pack. Large accessory patches on the top aid in securing a foam pad, tent, or an extra stuff bag to the frame extension. A hold open bar helps to support any object strapped to the top accessory patches. This

sturdy aluminum tube is attached directly to the frame to transfer weight closer to the frame where it can be carried easier. It also helps to maintain the pack's profile, making it easier to pack and arrange equipment.



## Pacific Crest Expedition

The PACIFIC CREST, aptly named

after one of the longest continuous hiking

trails in the United States, is designed for the long range

hiker/mountaineer. The PACIFIC CREST has five large outside

pockets with double stitched smooth running nylon zippers. A useful and easily accessible map pocket is located so that maps can be removed

and replaced without removing the pack. The PACIFIC CREST is a full frame bag divided into two large compartments by a zippered

center divider. The center divider can be zipped out transforming the

PACIFIC CREST into a very large single compartment pack,

exceptionally useful for carrying large bulk packed expedition type loads.





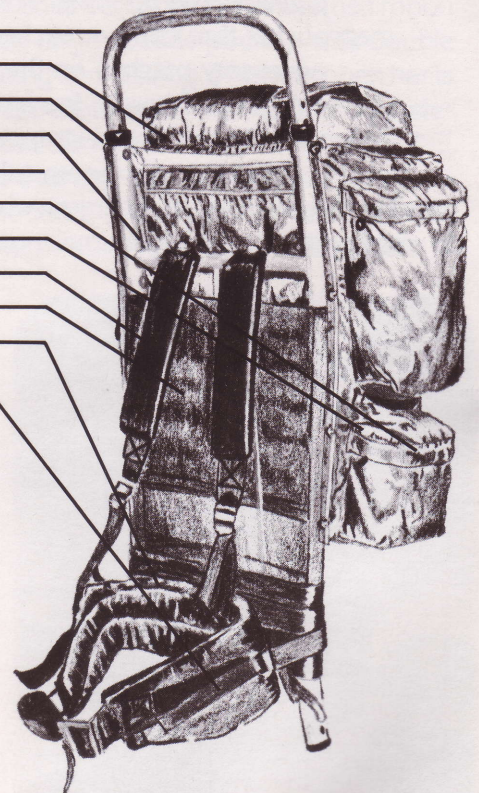
## Wrap-Around Frame Pack

The WRAP-AROUND hip carry frame is no longer a new idea. In use, it has proven itself to fit some people better than the "S" frame. The aluminum frame actually wraps around the hips to support a full circling waist belt from the center of your hips. This allows the belt to pivot independently from the frame. The pivoting action makes it an excellent pack for comfortable backpacking. The pack bag is the same as the Top Opening "S" frame. Though the WRAP-AROUND FRAME is more commonly used for backpacking, our WRAP FRAME is made from the same high strength materials as our "S" Frames and will hold up to a mountaineer's more abusive use.

## Features

It is probably true that the strength of most backpacks is more than adequate for the majority of today's backpackers. We feel that our external frame packs will be used by those who want their packs to last a life time of weekend trips, while also being able to take the abuse of expedition use. For this reason we feel it will be worth the time and expense needed to make all our frames of the highest quality, because the last thing you want to worry about is your equipment.

- Adjustable extension bar\*
- Handy map pocket
- 606T T6 Aircraft aluminum frame
- Heliarc welds
- Waterproof, 8 oz. nylon parapack material
- Double stitching on all zippers
- YKK nylon coil zippers throughout
- 5/8" thick adjustable shoulder straps\*
- Full mesh back band\*
- Special closed cell foam waist belt\*
- Load stabilization bands\*



Frame Pack Size Chart

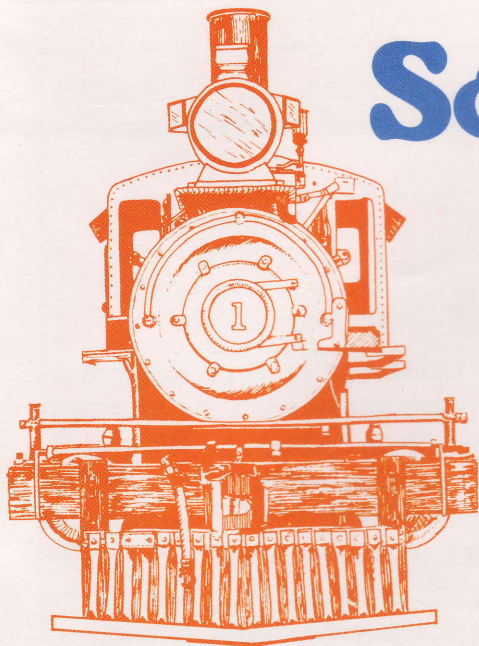
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Medium		X	X	X	X						
Large					X	X	X	X	X	X	
X-Large										X	X

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\*Designed to adjust to personal preference



# Soft Luggage



## Brief Case

Finally a high quality inexpensive alternative or companion to your standard hard brief case. Made out of rugged 11.5 oz. waterproofed cordura nylon, this BRIEFCASE has two separate zipped compartments for better organization and a more adventurous look.



## Flight Pack

We call it a FLIGHT PACK because it fits neatly into the airlines regulations for carry-on baggage. The FLIGHT PACK is made of 11.5 oz. waterproof cordura nylon with four outside pockets, two zippered for security and two slash pockets for easy entry. The FLIGHT PACK can either be carried by its comfortable leather handle, or carried like a backpack by lengthening 2" webbing straps into shoulder straps. Perfect on so many occasions.

## Carry On Bag

This is a smaller version of our Flight Pack without the adjustable shoulder straps. The CARRY-ON BAG has two outside zippered pockets and a large zippered pocket main compartment. The CARRY-ON soon becomes a necessity for every trip you take.

## Duffel Bags

DUFFLE BAGS have long been the standard choice of experienced travelers. These rugged DUFFLES have a narrow easier-to-carry shape with an extra zipper pocket on one end and a convenient slash pocket on the other.

High quality leather accessory patches aid in strapping any extras to the outside. You'll be happily surprised with just how much you can pack into one of these DUFFLES.

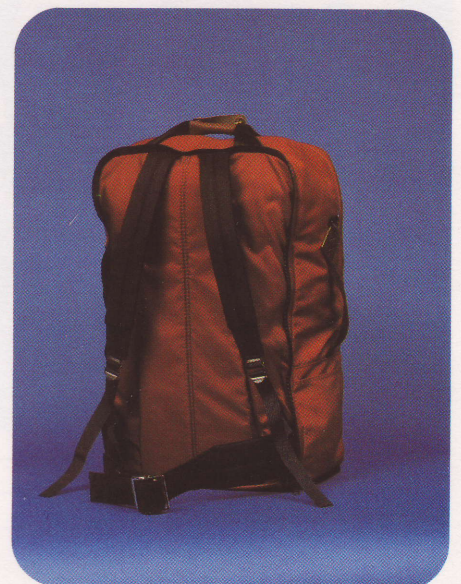






## Railroaders

Railroaders are from an old design of travel luggage used for years by travelers around the world. An extremely convenient and organized piece of luggage, RAILROADERS are made in two sizes out of 11.5 oz. waterproofed cordura nylon with smooth running dependable nylon coil zippers. Three handy outside pockets and a suitcase style main compartment make the RAILROADER a very easy piece of luggage to pack and a very organized one when packed. A handy shoulder bag designed in the same style and built with the same old fashioned quality is a perfect complement to a set of RAILROADERS.



## 747 Travel Pack

Versatility and comfort combine to make our 747 a most desirable traveling companion. Within seconds, the 747 will convert from an attractive piece of Cordura luggage with webbing and leather handles, to an internal frame backpack with foam padded back, shoulder straps and waistbelt. When used as luggage, all backpack suspension components are neatly enclosed behind a zippered flap. Access to the large main compartment is easily accomplished through a hefty #10 coil zipper. Inside are two sets of tiedown straps to secure fragile items in a less than full pack. Other features include two zippered outside pockets, two slash pockets for convenience, four leather patches for attachment of your sleeping bag or other bulky items and D ring attachments for optional shoulder carrying strap.



NUMBER	MODEL	CAPACITY*	WEIGHT**	SUGG. RETAIL
190	Cricket Kid's Pack	220	4	6.95
192	Honey Bee	360	6	7.95
200	Tumble Weed Book Pack	446	7	9.50
203	Tundra Book Pack	909	12	10.95
205	Bike Pack	513	8	12.50
210	Hummingbird Day Pack (Parapack Nylon)	850	9	16.50
212	Hummingbird Day Pack (Cordura Nylon)	850	16	18.50
215	Meadow Day Pack	1038	14	17.95
218	High Country	1160	19	18.50
220	Teardrop Day Pack	841	13	22.50
221	Teardrop Day Pack W/Leather Bottom	841	23	27.50
250	Klettersack	1600	24	28.50
251	Klettersack W/Leather Bottom	1600	28	33.95
253	Alpine	1863	28	37.50
254	Alpine W/Leather Bottom	1863	32	42.50
350	ROR Wraparound Pack	2597	33	48.50
815	Deluxe Fanny Pack Large			12.00
816	Standard Fanny Pack			7.95
805	Jeff Belt Pouch (4 x 5)			3.00
810	Mutt Belt Pouch (5 x 8)			6.00

NO.	MODEL	CAPACITY*			WEIGHT**			SUGG. RETAIL
		Small	M/Reg	Large	Small	M/Reg	Large	
330	Vagabond W/Ski Slots		2771			38		45.00
430	Europa	2615	2783	2951	50	52	54	59.95
440	Backpacker		3784	3940		58	60	65.00
460	Alpinist							87.50

NO.	MODEL	CAPACITY*				WEIGHT**				SUGG. RETAIL
		S	M	L	XL	S	M	L	XL	
150	Kids Adjustable Frame Pack	1106				39				35.00
500	"S" Frame Timberline Pack	2083	2323	2590	2823	60	63	66	69	57.00
505	"S" Frame Sierra Pack	2888	3219	3593	3896	67	70	73	75	69.95
512	"S" Frame Front Opening	2267	2528	2819	3065	77	80	83	95	87.50
532	"S" Frame Top Opening	2795	3126	3500	3863	76	79	82	84	85.00
550	Pacific Crest Expedition		3690	4114	4484		93	96	99	95.00
632	Wrap-Around Frame Top Opening	2907	3519	3972	4782	77	81	84	86	85.00

NUMBER	MODEL	CAPACITY*	WEIGHT**	SUGG. RETAIL
645	Brief Case		8	7.00
640	Shoulder Bag			20.00
655	Carry-On Bag	1152	17	22.50
650	Flight Pack	2083	28	27.50
656	Railroaders Medium	2008	26	32.50
657	Railroaders Large	2628	30	37.50
652	"747" Travel Pack	2760	66	62.50
670	Deluxe Duffle Bags	Small (9 x 15)		15.50
		Medium (11 x 20)		19.50
		Large (12 x 26)		23.75
		Ex-Large (14 x 32)		26.50

\*Measured in Cubic Inches

\*\*Measured in Ounces





# Warranty

Look for our exclusive warranty attached to every Wilderness Experience Pack.

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