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THE BEST NEW GEAR

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HOT NEW PRODUCTS TESTED

Running Shoes
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SWEET DEALS ON SUMMER GEAR



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WANNA TEST GEAR? JOIN THE OUTSIDE ARMY



1. REI AURA 25 \$219

With few bells and whistles, this lightweight 750-fill down bag compresses to the size of a 12-pack—making it ideal for the fast-moving backpacker. Just don't push it: There's no collar, and a few testers got chilly on nights colder than 35 degrees. 25°, 3.3 lbs; rei.com

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2. EMS WOMEN'S BOREAL 20 \$139

It's what's on the inside that matters most, and because the Boreal 20 is stuffed with some of the loftiest, most compressible synthetic insulation around, it's remarkably warm and cushy for its weight. Bonus: The ergonomically tailored foot area and hood are designed specifically for women's bodies. 20°, 2.7 lbs; ems.com

3. BIG AGNES PEGGY SL 15 \$289

For such a light and warm bag, the 800-fill Peggy is packed with such thoughtful features as a built-in pillowcase. Like all of Big Agnes' bags, there's no insulation on the underside, but it's compatible with any 20-inch-wide sleeping pad. 15°, 2.5 lbs; bigagnes.com

4. SIERRA DESIGNS DÉJÀ VU 5 \$209

If we had a Most Comfy award, this recycled-synthetic Climashield bag would win. Credit the recycled Cocona liner—which wicks moisture and feels more like sheets than slick nylon—and the cozily lined foot area. The trade-offs: It's not as compressible as other synthetics, and it's a tad heavy. 5°, 3.4 lbs; sierradesigns.com

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