

SLEEPING BAGS	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
30-deg, synthetic, mummy	The North Face Cat's Meow	AT - Start	\$200	Too hot, confining for summer months
300-weight fleece, quilt	Woolrich Explorer Peak Blanket	AT - Middle	\$45	Inadequate for Fall conditions
0-deg, down, mummy	The North Face Superlight	AT - Finish	\$330	Overkill
40-deg, down, quilt	GoLite Ultra Quilt	2006-08	\$125	Down poor choice for humid East
45-deg, synthetic, quilt	Mountain Laurel Designs Spirit	Since 2009	\$195	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$505</b>	

SLEEPING PAD	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
Self-inflating, full length, 1.5"	Therm-A-Rest Trail Lite	AT - Start	\$70	Lighter options
Self-inflating, two-thirds length, 1"	Therm-A-Rest ProLite R	AT - Finish	\$100	Foam lighter & more reliable
Closed cell foam, torso-length	Therm-A-Rest RidgeRest	2004-09	\$30	Not comfortable enough in AT shelters
Air mattress, 2.5"	Therm-A-Rest NeoAir S	Since 2010	\$130	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$70</b>	

SHELTERS	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
Double-wall tent	Sierra Designs Light Year 1	AT - Start	\$170	Heavy, not versatile, poor air flow
Waterproof/breathable bivy	Outdoor Research Basic Bivy	AT - Finish	\$200	Poor breathability, no interior room
Rectangular tarp with hood	GoLite Poncho Tarp + Headnet	2003-2005	\$45	Inferior to standalone shelter, raingear
A-frame tarp + water-resistant bivy	MLD Grace Tarp + Superlight Bivy	Since 2006	\$280	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$135</b>	

TREKKING POLES	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
n/a	None	AT - Start	\$0	Too much stress on knees
Aluminum w/spring shock	REI Traverse Shocklight	AT - Finish	\$80	Noisy, heavy, and mushy
Aluminum shafts, foam grip	REI Traverse	2004-2005	\$70	Twist-style locks failed numerous times
Fixed-length carbon fiber	Gossamer Gear LT3C	Since 2006	\$110	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$40</b>	

STOVES	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
White gas	MSR Whisperlite	AT - Start	\$80	Heavy & stinky. Creates fireball.
Upright canister	MSR Pocket Rocket	AT - Finish	\$40	Canisters hard to find. Lighter options.
Alcohol	Fancy Feast Alcohol Stove	Since 2006	\$2	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$118</b>	

WATER PURIFICATION	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
Pump filter	MSR Miniworks	AT - Start	\$90	Heavy and slow
Iodine crystals	Polar Pure	2002-03	\$15	Not as effective as chlorine dioxide
Chlorine dioxide	Aqua Mira	Since 2004	\$15	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$90</b>	

BACKPACKS	EQUIVALENT MODEL TODAY	USED	RETAIL	REASON FOR CHANGE
75 liters, "bombproof," framesheet	Mountainsmith Apex 75	AT - Start	\$300	Way too heavy, at 7 lbs empty. Too big.
50 liters, peripheral rod	Mountainsmith Ghost 50	AT - Finish	\$180	Wanted lighter, simpler pack
50 liters, frameless	GoLite Jam 50	Since 2003	\$80	-
<b>Money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$400</b>	

<b>Total money wasted while finding something that made the cut</b>			<b>-\$1,358</b>	
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