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Snugpak RocketPak review

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Description :

RocketPak is a large, modular, solid, and comfortable backpack.

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I've used this pack for more than a year and half, and these are my opinions of it.

Overview

A large, extremely solid, comfortable and well done backpack, the RocketPak seems to have all the features needed for a trekking/long range hiking backpack. Modular, it will take the exact amount of gear you need for a specific job, a day hike, everyday use, a long trip or a week in the mountains. It is comfortable, with heavy padded back and straps. Versatile, with on/off side pockets and capacity to "hang up" large items on lateral compressing straps.

Modularity

The pack is a system with three components: the main pack, the side pockets and the yoke. It can be configured in three ways:

- ▶ as complete system (70l)



Complete system

- ▶ just main pack (40l)



Main pack, without side pockets

- ▶ daypack - side pockets rigged on yoke (2 x 15l).



Side pockets on yoke

Also, the side compression straps can be used to carry large items (I used to carry two Snugpak Navigator sleeping bags to free the main compartment for food, clothes, tent and mountaineering gear).

Comfort

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Heavy padded on back and straps, mesh covered, wide straps, waist strap and chest strap help to very easily distribute a heavy (50kg/110lb) load over a great period and distance.



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Accessories

In the base you'll find a zippered compartment with two raincovers, one in british DPM woodland camo and one in a dull sand brown. I use this compartment to store a spare lighter, flashlight and pocket knife.



Post-scriptum :

I recommend this pack for everyone who want to have an foolproof and versatile backpack. It you do not like the colour, it's available in a black version beside this "military" green.

If someone wish to buy it, check www.snugpak.com and search for dealers/stockists in your area.