# Best Places to Buy Outdoor Gear

Warm weather presents a wide range of activities to do outside. And especially now that we've been stuck indoors for over 12 months due to Covid-19. Whether kayaking, hiking, fishing, or camping, having the right gear is essential. And since we're still adhering to government directives of keeping social distance, taking your family out for a weekend camping in the mountains or down at the beach is one way of keeping them safe. So, where can you buy the best camping gear?

Whether you are looking for the best camping trailers, the right paddle for your long-awaited kayaking, or hiking boots that won't leave your feet with blisters, the following are the top best places to buy the right camping gear.

## Camping Checklist

The proper camping checklist is the first step to a successful camping trip. This applies to campers of all experience levels, from first-timers to seasoned folks who've been at it for years. To ensure you don't get confused when you enter a camping gear store, we've listed nearly everything you need for a successful camping trip. And, of course, the items depend on the kind of trip you're taking.

- Camping tent
- Camping mattress
- Camp pillow
- Camping sleeping bag
- Camping chairs
- Camping table
- Dinnerware
- Food prep and dish-washing supplies
- Cookware (pots and pans)
- Coffee-making supplies
- Cooler
- Moisture-wicking base layer
- Headlamp
- Lanterns
- Portable toilet and shower
- Camping Stove
- Fuel
- Down jacket or synthetic jacket
- Rain jacket
- Hiking pants
- Gloves and beanie

- Hiking shoes or hiking boots
- Wool hiking socks

### 3 Best Places to Buy Outdoor Gear

Here are the top best places to buy outdoor gear for all your outdoor camping needs.

REI

REI Co-op is the king of outdoor gear. While most of its inventory is available online, the company has an extensive brick-and-motor presence across the United States. You could spend a long time wandering through their physical stores, spoiled for choice since everything in their inventory is worth buying.

REI offers high-quality products, including backpacking tents, mountain bikes, and hiking boots. Whether in their brick-and-motor stores or online shops, you won't find many product categories that REI Co-op doesn't sell. Whether on a road trip or going off the grid, REI Co-op has you covered.

#### Moosejaw

Moosejaw is a Michigan-based retailer specializing in outdoor products. Its inventory, available in its brick-and-mortar store and online shop, comprises some of the best camping gear for all adventures. At Moosejaw.com, you'll find the right gear for snowboarding, hiking, rock climbing, and camping. Every piece of outdoor gear and recreation apparel you can think of is available here.

Their products are always available in stock, in different colors and sizes. Moosejaw offers Rewards Program that lets buyers earn the Moosejaw Reward Dollars on every transaction. The MJ\$ can then be used to pay for gear and apparel. Additionally, every purchase exceeding \$49 attracts a free shipping offer that takes four to six days to arrive. For all your camping gear, Moosejaw is currently running a summer clearance sale with up to 40 percent discounts.

#### Backcountry

Backcountry is an online retailer of outdoor recreation gear and clothing for all outdoor activities. From camping and hiking to road biking and kayaking, backcountry.com has you covered. The shop stocks products from top brands such as The North Face, Santa Cruz, and Patagonia. Backcountry also has its own line of affordable outdoor gear and apparel.

One outstanding feat of this store is its massive out-of-season sale that offers high-quality products with discounts up to 60 percent. Backcountry has a subsidiary store called <u>Steep & Cheap</u> that specializes in these massive sales. Although Backcountry does not have a brick-and-motor store, a specialized agent is always ready to answer your inquiries professionally. These experts are called Gearheads.

## **Final Thoughts**

Whether you are an expert outdoor adventurer or just getting started, there's no shortcut to fun outdoor camping except with the right gear. It'd be a disappointing experience driving to the top of the mountain and finding you brought the wrong boots or mountain climbing harnesses. Check out the above camping checklist, and visit either one of these stores for the best camping gear on the market.

Enjoy your next trip.