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Eddie Bauer Flying Squirrel \$299

BEST FOR: Music festivals and bivouacs.

THE TEST: They had us at Flying Squirrel.

Think of it less as a sleeping bag and more as an 850-fill down burrito wrap that works just as well in your car's emergency kit as your Coachella bag. You'll be plenty warm on nights above 40 degrees enveloped within the two sheets, while the zipperless design makes it easy to customize the bag fit—keep it loose like a blanket, or pull it tight for a mummy-ish feel. The Squirrel packs down tiny, stuffing into a pocket about the size of a travel pillow, while the 20-denier nylon face fabric proved tough. This rodent almost won Gear of the Year on personality alone.

THE VERDICT: The coolest sleep solution we've seen in years. 40°; 1.5 lbs

NEMO Moonwalk \$280

BEST FOR: Sleeping under the stars.

THE TEST: Buy the minimal Moonwalk and you can get rid of your tent and tarp.

The underside is 100 percent waterproof and designed to lay directly on the ground, with minimal overhead cover (like the company's Escape Pod bivy), if you're adventuring in dry climes. A sleeping pad (not included) slides into a fabric sleeve along the bottom, lifting the 700-fill down baffles off the wet. Affording even more protection, the treated feathers are hydrophobic and kept their loft even on dewy trips. The hoodless design cuts weight and bulk, but we missed the warmth on nights nearing the bag's limit.

THE VERDICT: Perfect for fast-and-light back- and bikepacking. 30°; 2.1 lbs

Coleman Comfort-Cloud 40 \$80

BEST FOR: Picky car campers.

THE TEST: This one will make you want to ditch your mattress at home. Coleman built a layer of memory foam into the bottom of the massive rectangular unit that's thick enough to skip the pad. The roomy interior is lined with furry fleece that's as warm as it is cozy. The synthetic insulation let testers sleep soundly several ticks colder than the bag's 40-degree rating. The downside to all this comfort? Size. Even if it's rolled up and compressed with the built-in retention string, you'll need a Thule box to bring it along. But when it comes to unbeatable comfort, who cares?

THE VERDICT: The most comfortable sleeping bag—heck, actual bed—we've tried. 40°; 6.4 lbs



CREATURE COMFORTS First, forget the balled-up fleece. Consider a pillow like Sea to Summit's Aeros Ultralight Deluxe (\$60). It's seriously comfortable and weighs just 4.6 ounces. Next, upgrade the mattress with the four-inch-thick Big Agnes Insulated Double Z (\$110). It magically compresses to the size of a Nalgene. Keep the tent tidy with Nite Ize's GearLine (from \$15), or take organization to the next level with accessories like Eureka!'s laundry basket (\$15) and shoe organizer (\$10).