

REAL GIFTS FOR THE OUTDOORS

Make Your Life Easier

There is probably no doubt that yard work isn't the thing leading your enjoyability list for outdoor activities, but while you're out doing it, why not make your life a bit easier? The NO-Crank™ is the only water powered automatic hose reel that makes rewinding and storing your hose effortless. They come in a variety of styles (there's even one for your boat) starting at about \$50, and make looking neat a snap.

www.no-crank.com



Real Gifts for Real Men

Tis the season for all things manly. Fishing, outdoor adventure sports, golf, power sports, you name it – you need stuff to go with it. Here's our top picks of the summer season for the real man in you.



Got a Match?

No matter what your sport, the Woolrich Guide Vest (\$89) has enough pockets and features to keep items secure and handy. 100% cotton Island Cloth, enzyme-washed for a broken-in feel, this vest feels like it's been your old friend for years, with modern accessories. The mesh liner keeps you cool and 18 pockets hold more than you want to carry for a day. Perfect for the photography, fishing or outdoor buff.

www.woolrich.com



Gobble Gobble Gobble

Turkey hunting always sounds like such a great idea. Hanging out with the guys, drinking Wild Turkey, making rude noises, camping with no electricity. But then your body remembers that your job as a pencil pusher isn't building the muscles of a warrior, and that hidden warrior gets pretty damn uncomfortable. From our heroes at Bass Pro Shops®, comes the RedHead® Strap-Vest Turkey Lounger for Men (\$69.95). The patented design lets you set up anywhere any time. Adjustable game/decoy bag and a separate hydration compartment (bladder sold separately but we highly recommend always hunting with a bladder!). No girls allowed.

www.basspro.com

In Case of Emergency

Remember back in Cub Scouts where you were taught to "always be prepared"? That wasn't just for when you were a kid, camping in the backyard to earn a merit badge. It's also for life as a grownup taking long road trips or weekend hikes in the mountains.

So pack a Life + Gear Life Essentials Kit (\$24.95) before you head out. It comes with a US Coast Guard approved three day supply of food and water—in case you find yourself stranded in a blizzard, or in the woods—and a thermal blanket to keep you warm while you wait for help. All packed in a compact nylon carrying case with shoulder strap. Food and water have a five-year shelf life.

www.lifegearcompany.com



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Better Billiards Anyone?



We know, you generally don't spend time outdoors to play pool, but it counts because it's time well spent with your buddies, right? Like golf (a bonafide outdoor sport) billiards involves a white ball, copious amounts of booze, drinking, harassment from your friends and a healthy amount of betting. And you are barely passable at either game. Well, your golf game's on you, but the Billiard Aim Trainer BAT (\$39.99) can help you learn the fine angles necessary to get back that \$20 you lost last week. Working on the principle of visualizing the "ghost ball", BAT trains your eye to recognize the exact cue ball path for targeting, the degree of the angle, the contact point and exactly how much of the object ball needs to be cut. Also a fantastic tool for warming up before a tournament.

www.billiardaimtrainer.com

Never Be Afraid of the Dark

How many times have you propped up a flashlight on a rock, tried to hold it in your teeth while grabbing a steak off the grill in the dark, had to change a tire in the dead of night by the light of passing cars, or otherwise had insufficient outdoor lighting? Stanley has come to the rescue with the 95-148 Rechargeable Tripod Flashlight (\$49.99). With four hours of continuous run time, 4-position rotating head and shatter-resistant lens, this flashlight is ready to light up whatever mess you get yourself into.

www.stanleytools.com



Better Focus

Instead of dazzling you with dozens of gadgets and specialty tools, the new Buck-731 X-Tract (\$66) does one thing well – give you a serious blade. The knife is the brainchild of world-renowned mountaineer Peter Whittaker, and is easy to use one-handed. The feel of the knife is sturdy but light (the knife has a steel frame but thermoplastic sides) and the blade is one of the sharpest we've seen straight out of a box. The opening mechanism is unique, and very smooth to open and operate. In the bells and whistles department, you get a cool LED light (manual and auto shut off) for working in dim conditions and the screwdriver has a cool slide lever. You also get pliers, wire cutters, screwdrivers and opener. Pretty much anything you need on a hunting trip.

www.buckknives.com



Keep Your Feet Dry



Having the right footwear means the difference between being miserable after spending a day on your feet and spending a day on the water checking out the latest in bikini styles followed by a hot night on the town with some of the bikini models. Sperry Top-Sider's Barracuda Sport Fisherman (\$90) shoes are ultra light to reduce foot fatigue. The leather is stain and water resistant and Hydro-Grip™ Rubber Traction Compound gives ultimate performance traction. The style is reminiscent of the classic Sperry Billfish, the iconic boat shoe. The high-performance orthotics have improved the fit and performance without compromising style or wearability.

www.sperrytopsider.com

Fishing Must Have



We saw this at a recent outdoors show, and have been lusting after it ever since. The Bass Pro Shops® Johnny Morris Elite Series Baitcast Rod (\$199.99) feels like no other rod in the world, because it's built like no other rod in the world. The blank is crafted in a temperature--and humidity-controlled environment, using the finest 85 million super-high-modulus graphite available. Type I Slit Carbon Powerwall construction gives it a full carbon filament wrap on the INSIDE of the blank, plus a 1K carbon cloth butt wrap, resulting in unprecedented strength for a rod so incredibly light and sensitive. The rods come in five lengths from 6'3" to 7'10" and has three handle options. It also has flexible "shape memory," nickel-titanium alloy RECOIL single-foot guides. Recoil guides are made of a special nickel-titanium alloy that is extremely hard, yet flexible. Recoil guides offer true "Shape Memory," makes them the toughest, lightest, most durable rod guides available today.

www.basspro.com

REAL MEN TRAVEL

Boost Reception

Imagine instantly being able to boost your cell phone (or data card's) reception. The folks at Arc Wireless Solutions launched FreedomBlade (\$35 and up) at CES this year, to complement their FreedomAntenna product already on the market. FreedomBlade is smaller and easier to take on the road, and is easy to hook to your laptop or vehicle. We noticed a boost in speed for our data cards in most areas and cell service was better with fewer dropped calls. A must for anyone who drives long distances or travels thru dead spots.

www.freedomantenna.com



Less Tiring

One of road warriors' secrets for surviving long, delayed, cramped and crowded airplanes is noise cancelling headphones. Not only do they reduce the constant airplane noise, they cut out the people around you or allow you to listen to your iPod in relative comfort. The Maxell HP/NC-III Lightweight Noise Cancellation Headphones (about \$20) let you try out the technology without breaking the bank. They're a great gift for a frequent traveler or a specific trip.

www.maxell.com



Reduce Travel Time

We know, we've seen you. Wandering the aisles of the grocery store, trying to remember the last thing on your list. Or worse, wandering aimlessly trying to remember anything on the list she told you this morning while you were clearly trying to watch SportsCenter. SmartShopper (\$149.99) has the solution. It's a cool little gadget that uses voice recognition technology to store your list as you (or the hot woman in your life) think of it. Just press the center button and tell SmartShopper the name of the grocery item or errand. It will categorize the list so all the like items are together, and remember the quantities you need. When you head out for the store, just print the list. And don't lose it.

www.smartshopperusa.com



Have Wine, Will Travel

The STORViNO Nero Wine Storage System (\$19.99) was designed with traveling wine lovers in mind. Whether you're returning from Napa with several choice selections, or taking a few bottles to a friend's house for dinner, you can fit up to six bottles in this heavy-duty, 100% post consumer recycled plastic crate, with room for another three on top. Integrated handles make it easy to carry, while the interior dividing fins protect the glass bottles from damage during transport. And since some of us have a love for wine that exceeds our storage space, the STORViNO is also a modular storage system, stackable in any configuration. Great for turning closets, or that wasted space under the stairs, into a wine cellar.

www.storvino.com



REAL MEN CAN BE GEEKS

Improve Your Performance

Until they think up a better way to talk on your cell phone while doing 10 other things, headsets are an unfortunate necessity. Jawbone® (\$119.99) is the world's first intelligent headset. With Aliph's Noise Shield Technology that adapts at up to 500 times per second, background noise is identified and either dramatically reduced or sometimes completely eliminated, which makes the call quality better for you – and whoever you are speaking to. It also makes your call more discreet, meaning the boss can't hear the clatter of Starbucks in the background while you are supposed to be working.

www.jawbone.com



Life Gets Full

With today's technology, the big question is storage. Where are you going to find the room to store everything? Next time you upgrade your hard drive, slide the old drive into a ProtectaDrive (about \$10) and turn it into an external storage solution. ProtectaDrive comes in all the standard sizes and protects your bare drive from shock, short circuits and static electricity. It's a great solution to a common problem – what more could you ask for?

www.newertech.com



Don't Lose Things

Already an award winning favorite of creative professionals, the Guardian MAXimus External RAID (\$149 and up) ensures that your data is stored quickly and securely. The RAID writes the same data to multiple hard disks so that the failure of one disk doesn't spell disaster for your data. No expensive data recovery fees either. Installation is pretty much plug and play and the software is intuitive and simple to use. If you can't afford to lose files but your Geek Squad computer skills need a brush up, this is the gadget for you.

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