**Low-Cost Gear Options for Hikers and Backpackers**

***Gear Rental options around Seattle:***

* REI (Alderwood, Bellingham, Issaquah, Kennewick, Olympia, Redmond, Seattle, Tukwila, Spokane, Tacoma). Each REI rents a slightly different set of gear. [See the checklist or give their rental desk a call for more information.](http://www.rei.com/stores/rentals.html#Washington)
* [Back 40 Outfitters](http://www.back40outfitters.co/our-services/itemized-gear-rental/) (Seattle) doesn't have a physical location, but specializes in delivering and picking up hiking and backpacking gear rentals in the Seattle area.
* [Feathered Friends](http://featheredfriends.com/rentals/) (Seattle) rents down sleeping bags, parkas and pants; climbing gear; avalanche safety gear; snowshoes and trekking poles.
* [Kingston Adventures](http://www.kingstonadventures.com/Kingston_Adventures/Rates_%26_Info.html) (Kingston) rents adult and children's snowshoes.
* [Outdoor Research](http://www.outdoorresearch.com/en/contact-us/retail-store)'s retail store (Seattle) rents ice axes, crampons, helmets, shovels, trekking poles, snowshoes, avalanche beacons and probes.
* [Second Ascent](http://secondascent.com/service-and-rental-en/rentals.html) (Seattle) rents snowshoes, trekking poles, helmets, plastic boots, ice axes and crampons.
* [Sports Authority](http://www.sportsauthority.com/category/index.jsp?categoryId=12455250) (Auburn, Bellevue, Bellingham, Everett, Issaquah, Kennewick, Lake Stevens, Lynwood East, Puyallup, Northgate North, Spokane, Tacoma and Tukwila) rents snowshoes and kids snowshoes. Call before you go, as availability varies by location.
* [KAF Adventures](http://www.kafadventures.com/about/rental-equipment/) (Seattle) rents a range of climbing, backpacking and hiking gear including raingear and high quality base and mid layer clothing

***Rental and borrowing resources for college students***

* [Washington State University's Outdoor Recreation Rental Shop](http://orc.wsu.edu/rental-shop/) has an incredibly extensive list of rental gear for hikers, backpackers and snowshoers, including tents, 3- and 4-season sleeping bags, sleeping pads, headlamps, stoves, bear canisters, trekking poles, snowshoes, gaiters and more.
* [Central Washington University](http://www.cwu.edu/opr/camping) rents camping, backpacking and winter activities gear.
* [Eastern Washington University](http://www.ewu.edu/epic/rentals.xml) EPIC Adventures outdoor program rents backpacking, hiking and snow gear including apparel like fleece jackets, cooking gear, tents and snowshoeing gear.
* [Western Washington University's](http://as.wwu.edu/outdoor/rentals/) Outdoor Center rents our backpacks, guidebooks, avalanche gear, snowshoeing gear and more.

***Free gear for educators and their students***

* [WTA's Outdoor Leadership Training program](http://www.wta.org/hiking-info/outdoor-leadership) offers free gear lending, money for transportation and other trip costs, and training workshops for teachers and youth workers to get the youth they serve outdoors. Workshop graduates have access to a new gear lending library, which allows teachers and youth organizations to borrow jackets, rain pants, layers, boots and packs to outfit their outdoor experiences.

***Rental resources for Washington's military***

* [Joint Base Lewis - McChord MWR Outdoor Recreation Rental Facilities](http://www.jblmmwr.com/outdoor_rec.html)
* [Fairchild Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation Program and Rentals](http://www.fairchildfun.com/orcequipment.html)
* [Naval Outdoor Programs and Gear Rentals for NBK Bangor, NAVSTA Everett and NAS Whidbeys](http://www.navylifepnw.com/site/210/OutdoorProgram.aspx)

***Gear trade, User-sell or Bargain Websites:***

* Bearfoots Hiking Gear Flea Market (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BearfootsHikingGearFleaMarket/?multi_permalinks=576607582504362&notif_t=commerce_interesting_product>
* Washington hikers and climbers ‘For Sale’ posts (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1523494334543575/forsaleposts/>
* Steep and Cheap: <http://www.steepandcheap.com/home>
* GearTrade: <http://www.geartrade.com/browse/hiking-and-camping/1>
* Planet Gear: <http://www.planetgear.com/Events.aspx>
* EBay (log on, then search for the type of item you want): [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)
* [www.backcountrygear.com](http://www.backcountrygear.com)
* [www.campmor.com](http://www.campmor.com)
* [www.sierratradingpost.com](http://www.sierratradingpost.com)
* [www.moosejaw.com](http://www.moosejaw.com)
* REI outlet: <http://www.rei.com/outlet>
* Backcountry.com outlet: <http://www.backcountry.com/outlet?CMP_ID=PD_BNmyDeviceIndicator=c001TM&utm_source=Bing&utm_medium=PSTM&gclid=CJHelNWkpcoCFcNAfgodlg0CHA&gclsrc=ds>

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* UP TO 50% OFF: Promotive.com (Experticity). member discounts on almost 100 different outdoor brands including Big Agnes, Gregory, and Helly Hansen.
* 30% OFF on some non-sale items: Backcountry.com
* 20% OFF: Danner Boots, Northside USA footwear
* 15% OFF on full price gear: Altrec.com, Belay Shades glasses and other merchandise, All Ibex gear at the University Village, Seattle store, All Mountain Hardwear gear at the downtown Seattle store, All Outdoor Research products + 10% off on non-OR products at the Seattle store. Present proof of membership.
* Outfittr.com: $10 towards outdoor gear rentals + free shipping. Login to redeem.
* Wilderness & Gear Stash: Show membership card to get 10% off.

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