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

***Gear Rental options around Seattle and online:***

* 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%22%20%5Cl%20%22Washington%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
* [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.
* [Ascent Outdoors](https://ascentoutdoors.com/pages/rentals) (Ballard and Redmond) rents a range of camping, mountaineering and snow sports gear.
* [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. They have a complete backpacking gear kit for rent for $30/day.
* [OutdoorsGeek](https://www.outdoorsgeek.com/rent-it/) is an online rental store that offers a wide range of backpacking and outdoors gear. You choose what you want on their website and they ship it to you before your trip!
* [CoozieGear:](https://www.cooziegear.com/collections/get-outdoor-gear-shipped-to-you)  another online rental store that will rent you backpacking gear online and ship it to you!
* [OER (Outdoor Equipment Rentals):](https://www.oerentals.com/rental-products/)  rents backpacking gear as well as satellite communicators, avalanche vests and beacons, and more! Choose what you want online and they will ship it to you.

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

* [Washington State University's Outdoor Recreation Rental Shop](http://orc.wsu.edu/rental-shop/) has a great selection 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](https://sites.ewu.edu/campusrecreation/epic/gear-rentals/) 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 youth***

* [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.
* [The Mountaineers Gear Library](https://www.mountaineers.org/youth/gear-library) helps Mountaineers youth leaders provide gear to youth in our outdoor programs.

***Special Gear Discounts for Mountaineers Members!*** Go to [***www.mountaineers.org/membership/benefits***](https://www.mountaineers.org/membership/benefits)

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

* [Backpacking Gear Flea Market (Facebook)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Backpacking.Gear.Flea.Market/)
* [Mountaineers Marketplace (Facebook)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/377304859047281/)
* [Washington hikers and climbers gear swap (Facebook)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WashingtonHikersandClimbersGearSwap/)
* [USA Backpacking Gear Flea Market for Women (Facebook)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BackpackingGearFleaMarketForWomen/)
* [REI Used Gear Sales](https://www.rei.com/used/shop/gear)
* [Massdrop](https://www.massdrop.com/home) (a subscription service which offers one item at a steep discount during a fixed period – may be slightly different from the same item sold retail)
* [Steep and Cheap](http://www.steepandcheap.com/home)
* [GearTrade](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccasca%5CDownloads%5C%E2%80%A2%09http%3A%5Cwww.geartrade.com%5Cbrowse%5Chiking-and-camping%5C1)
* [Planet Gear (now The Clymb](http://www.planetgear.com/Events.aspx)):
* [EBay](http://www.ebay.com) (log on, then search for the type of item you want):
* [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)
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