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5 Great Kid-Friendly Hikes Near Las Vegas

by Deborah Wall

All around Las Vegas lie areas of breathtaking natural beauty, offering families with young children the easy opportunity to explore unspoiled wilderness without traveling great distances. To compose this list, I tapped the memories of three experts: my children, who spent much of their childhoods hiking Southwestern trails with me. These came up as the five places they most enjoyed when they were small.

Badwater, Death Valley National Park, California.

One of the most popular places in the park, this salt flat will have you walking on the lowest terrain in North America, 282 feet below sea level. It is easy walking on a flat surface, and in the cooler months can even be walked barefoot. A special treat: Imagine walking on snow, if the sun could warm that snow. Travel as far as you feel comfortable or until the terrain gets too bumpy to walk easily. The salt flat offers spectacular views of the 11,048 foot Telescope Peak to the west; this is one of the few places you can see such a disparity in elevation. Best done November-March. www.nps.gov/deva



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Riverside Walk, Zion National Park, Utah.

This paved and nearly level trail travels along the North Fork of the Virgin River, through a healthy riparian habitat of cottonwood, box elder, and velvet ash, surrounded by Zion's signature red and orange sandstone walls. Wildlife commonly seen includes deer, wild turkeys and rock squirrels. Highlights include short unpaved spur trails, allowing access to the river where your party can

play in the water, picnic, or just relax. After one mile going upstream, the trail ends at the Gateway to the Narrows, the literal jumping-off point where adventuresome hikers drop into the waterway and head



upstream using the river as the trail, into the world-famous and spectacular Narrows of the Virgin River. Good year-round, except note that the trail can ice up in winter. www.nps.gov/zion

Kelso Sand Dunes, Mojave National Preserve, California.

No official trail here, just a great place for all ages to climb as much as 700 feet to the dunes' peak. Look for animal tracks in the sand, and perhaps get sandy by rolling back down. These are "booming" or "singing" dunes, which means they make a peculiar noise when the moisture



is just right. Only a few dunes in the world do this. Some think the sound resembles a distant airplane motor, while others compare it to a musical note. All kids—and adults, too love it. Our family tradition is to always fly kites here. www.nps.gov/moja

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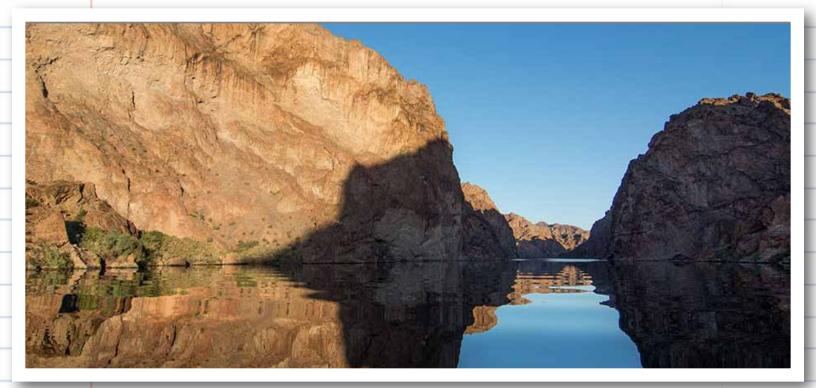
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When hiking with children, always carry extra water, jackets and snacks. Keep the distances short and brush up on your geologic and animal information so you can comment on what they see as they walk along. Family hikes can foster self-reliance and an appreciation for the natural wonders found just beyond the city lights.



THE LOST COAST

by Remi McManus

photos by Joel Sunderland and Justin Balog



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"RUGGED...AS IN STRAIGHT UP!"

That was how the terrain of the Lost Coast was described to us by a friendly, elderly woman on the plane as we flew into the small but accessible airport in Eureka, CA. Rugged has since come to describe, and define, not only this trip and this terrain, but this team. The plan was simple: put the squad together for the first time and explore The Lost Coast of California.

But Mousie, thou art no thy-lane, In proving foresight may be vain: The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men Gang aft agley, An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, For promis'd joy!

- Excerpt from the 1785 poem "To A Mouse" by Robert Burns.

That's right, throw 5 guys—well, 4 and 1 vegan—without maps or cell service, in a rental van, with 3 bikes, 15 cameras, and 20 lbs. of meat, and you know you are in for one hell of a Rugged Adventure.



DAY 1

The climbing started immediately, and within minutes we would lose one cyclist, while adding one badass photographer to the ground team. The climb up Mattole Road—which led us out of Ferndale en route to Petrolia—was hot, muggy, and steep. It was already a crushing day and we had only been pedaling for 25 minutes. Over the crest of the ridge we would enjoy our last taste of warm sunshine for what turned out to be days. The next few hours weaving through the fog and "straight up" and down Mattole Road felt like a dream, like riding through a fairy tale. Rolling in and out of the clouds we were met with waves of colorful wildflowers and edibles around every turn; the smell of wild fennel wafted in from the fields.



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DAY 2

The setting for the day's ride was almost mystical, with mosscovered trees and dark hillsides blanketed with ferns. Descending and climbing the rocky Briceland Thorn Road was like winding through a rainforest shrouded in clouds. Mind you, we did watch Planet of the Apes prior to this ride.

The day and the experience would only improve...as we descended to the cliffs above the sea, the road opened we were treated to a pretty amazing view of the ocean and a meadow filled with a herd of elk...being watched by eagles, no joke! Riding single-track among the elk while overlooking Needle Rock in Sinkyone Wilderness State Park will always be remembered as a highlight of not only this adventure but a highlight of life on 2 wheels. The confident power of these beautiful animals was on show as they quietly gazed in our direction.

As the squad regrouped, enjoyed a beer, a sandwich, and a whisky, we collectively decided we could not finish the day without a trip to see the Giants. The Redwoods of Humboldt county rise like towers from the loamy fern-covered soil, stealing the light from all other vegetation. To ride through the narrow roads lined with these monsters makes one realize how truly small we are.





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DAY 3

The Wall. I have seen it referred to by others online as "The Wall of Champions." Ok, every damn road on the Lost Coast is a wall, but where Mattole Road meets the coastline there is one climb that is extra deserving of the moniker. A straight, 500 meter 20+ gradient takes you above Sugarloaf Island then switches back right and continues to climb for miles.

We had ridden through the marine layer and low clouds for days. While the feeling was moody and beautiful, the squad was on the hunt for sunshine!



Beginning on Horse Mountain Road, we would journey over Saddle Mountain to Wilder Ridge Road. However, one stretch of King Mountain Road proved nearly too rugged for the rental van to handle. One water crossing was so deep and off camber that we were forced to build a makeshift bridge and verbally, emotionally, and physically push our driver {Steve, aka The Triathlete} over it. Shortly after, we realized this shortcut that promised us high elevation, views, and sunshine, was in fact an adventure-filled scenic route.

To finish off our day and bring our adventure to a close, we spent the last moments of daylight enjoying the sunset from one of the last remaining gravel sections of the original Highway 1, just above one of the most beautiful farms you can ever imagine, with an appropriately rugged coastline in view.





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Exploring Breckenridge

by Troy Farrar

We Spent a few weeks in the Breckenridge Colorado area this summer and discovered a ton of fun family adventures during the visit. The town of Breckenridge is a great home base and features lots of restaurants, shops, hiking trails and cool summer weather because the altitude is 9600 feet. We also took several short trips to other areas which expanded the adventures that were available when using Breckenridge as a home base. Breck is a definite must add area to the bucket list offering endless adventures which will build lasting memories.

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The Royal Gorge Bridge

The Royal Gorge is an amazing natural wonder and a fun way to spend the day. Start by exploring the highest suspension bridge in the US, but don't forget that the park offers lots of additional activities. There is a free children's playground, periodic concerts, gem panning, amazing scenic overlooks, a restaurant, gift shop and a cool water clock. You can take a gondola across the gorge or if you are feeling more adventurous you can ride a zipline across the gorge which is truly beautiful. For those that want a real thrill, The Royal Rush Sky Coaster is the answer. Strap into a harness as they lift you high into the air and then pull the release and experience a 50 mph rush as you free fall and then swing 1200 feet above the canyon floor! The Royal Gorge vBridge & Park is a fantastic park that will forever be eteched in your memories. www.royalgorgebridge.com

Skyline Drive

While you are in Canon City plan to take a ride down Skyline Drive. Skyline Drive is a 2.6 mile, one way paved road that ascends and follows the top of a high razorback ridge overlooking Cañon City. The entrance is off US 50 on the west edge of town and the landscape falls away quickly as you drive on the spine with a couple hundred feet drop offs on both sides. Enjoy the beautiful views and the interpretive display near the top that helps you locate dinosaur tracks embedded in the cliff face as you cruise along Skyline Drive. www.canoncity.org















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Mount Evans Scenic Byway

The Mount Evans Scenic Byway is the highest paved road in North America rising to 14,130 feet above sea level. The views are breathtaking featuring alpine lakes, massive granite walls and stands of twisted, ancient bristlecone pine. There is a parking lot about 1/3rd of the way up at Echo Lake with a bathroom incase you need to make a stop. It is a common occurrence to see marmots, mountain goats and bighorn sheep along the drive, so keep your eyes peeled. At the summit of Mount Evans you will enjoy a beautiful scene as the entire Front Range sprawls before you. There is another bathroom at the summit and the weather can be volatile so be prepared for wind, rain, lightning, snow, and hail any day of the year. As you continue the climb, the roads get narrow and the guardrails disappear, so use caution as you traverse the switchbacks to the top. The Mount Evans Scenic Byway is a beautiful and exhilarating drive that everyone should make at least once. www.codot.gov AW







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by Debbie Farrar

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Dino Egg

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What made you decide to compete in the Iditarod Trail Invitational (ITI)?

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How many years did you compete and how did you finish each year? This was my 5th straight ITI.

2014: 350 Miles. 90 pound sled, got lost 25 miles first day, blistered feet (toe to heel) all within my first 48 hours. Last place 12/12 Finishers. SUCCESS

2015: 350 Miles. 45 pound sled, nailed navigation, took care of feet. 3rd Place! SUCCESS

2016: 1,000 Mile Attempt #1. To Nome. GIANT river scare falling through ice into moving water 200 miles into the race. I was able to go another 300 miles after the scare but QUIT at mile 500/1,000. FAILURE.

2017: 1,000 Mile Attempt #2. To Nome. Dealt with -60F on the trail and was one of 4 people to get to the 350 mile point. Nobody, on foot went on after that. McGrath (350/1,000) was not my destination though. FAILURE.

2018: 1,000 Mile Attempt #3. To Nome. Pieced together my childhood dream ONE DAY AT A TIME. In the end, I hiked 38 miles per day for 26 days, 13 Hours and 44 min, and won The Iditarod Trail Invitational 1,000 on foot. There were only 2 finishers out of 6 that attempted this colossal feat.



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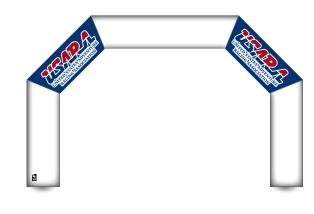
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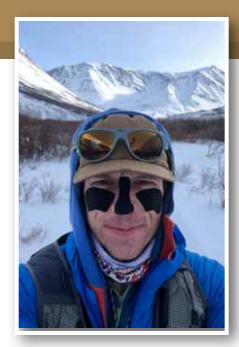
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What is the hardest thing about competing in a race like the Iditarod Trail Invitational (ITI)?

Making sound decisions when: tired, sick, dehydrated, hungry, scared, hallucinating, homesick and scared. And oh yea, the weather.

What is the most rewarding thing?

The Peace of b'eing alone in the wilderness and the connection to a very wild place. Alaska will always be my spiritual home and where I've learned the most about myself.

Name your Top 3 best moments during one of the Iditarod Trail Invitational (ITI) races.

Northern Lights, Freedom, Connections with all different types of people along the trail.

Name your Top 3 scariest things that happened during one of the Iditarod Trail Invitational (ITI) races.

Almost dying by falling through the ice on a river has to top this list. Getting the start of some frost nip, which is one step below frostbite, on a couple fingers. Having confrontations with inebriated folks on snowmobiles.

What advice would you give to someone else who is looking to take on a similar challenging event?

The stakes are high. You need to have all systems fluid with backups while still packing light. There are numerous winter ultras in the lower 48 (think Wisconsin, Minnesota) which are much shorter than the 350 or 1,000 mile ITI's. Come to think of it though, the ITI is starting a 150 mile race next year if you want to get your feet wet (hopefully not literally). Honestly, in the end, 99.9% of the general population would never think of doing such a thing! Let's be real.



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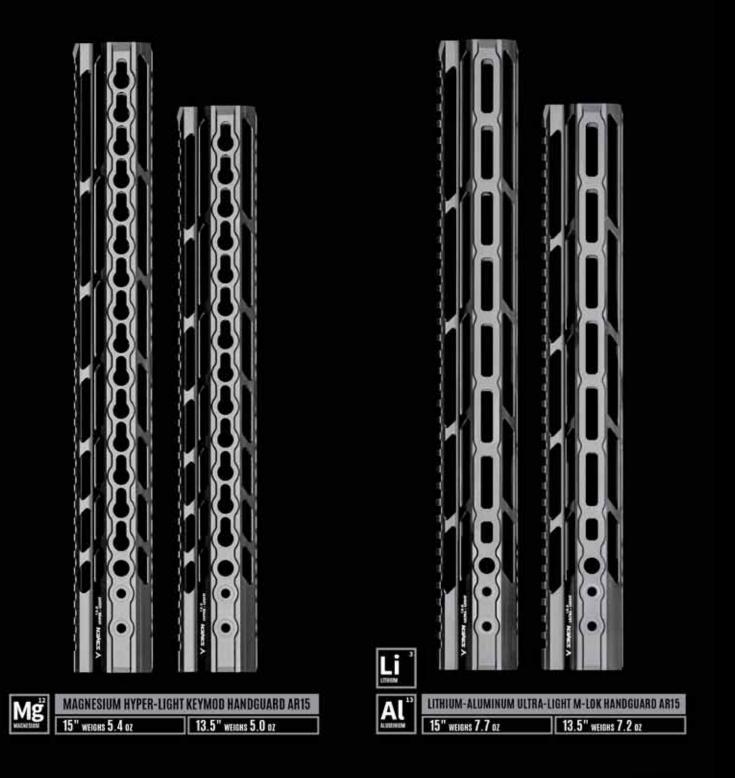


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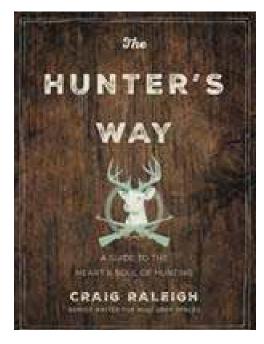


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6.5 Creedmoor

by: Troy Farrar

There has been a lot of talk lately in articles, blogs and at the ranges about the usefulness of the 6.5 Creedmoor. I have seen pro 6.5 Creedmoor conversations as well as discussions that state the round has basically existed for over 10 years in the 260 Remington. So we decided to take a poke at the 6.5 Creedmoor debate and started by having a conversation Jayden Quinlan, a Ballistician at Hornady.

Jayden said we can't really have the 6.5 Creedmoor conversation without first looking back 10 years at the 260 Remington. This round was created by necking down a .308 to accommodate a longer bullet so the shooter could reap the advantages of the longer low drag bullet. But there are trade offs when you neck down an existing round, one being that you are forced to live within the existing cartridge length limitations. The longer bullet for the 260 Remington posed a problem and the only solution is to shove more bullet down into the case, which reduced case capacity and is not a good practice for consistent dispersion (accuracy). The 260 also had a lot of case taper which made it hard to consistently center the bullet in the chamber, another factor that effects accuracy.

The idea for the 6.5 Creedmoor came about when National Champion Dennis DeMillel told long time friends Dave Emary and Joe Thielen that he wanted an off the shelf cartridge that was accurate enough to win shooting competitions with less recoil than the .308. The goal was to create a target/match cartridge that would have great longer range performance. First, the case length was determined by the burn rate of the temperature stable 4350 powder which would provide match accuracy when mated with the correct bullet. The idea was to get the bullet out of the case as much as possible. To meet the goal, the case needed minimum body taper to allow it to "center-up" well in the chamber and minimize Principle Axis Tilt (PAT) between the projectile and the bore, which improves the accuracy potential without compromising important firearm functions like feeding and ejecting. The result was a super accurate round that is effective out to staggering distances -1200 yard plus, that does not kick like a mule. An awesome side effect of the 6.5 Creedmoor design is that a budget rifle will often shoot group sizes that rival a custom made match rifle. Everything about the 6.5 Creedmoor was designed to shoot accurately and they quickly realized it would also make a superb medium weight hunting cartridge as well. Featuring less recoil than a .308, the 6.5 Creedmoor appeals to a large base of shooters from beginners to elderly. Combine that with forgiving external ballistics that are equal or better than a 300 Win Mag and the 6.5 Creedmoor is here to stay.

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The Spartan Precision Equipment Spartan 300 is the next step in the evolution of bipods by providing a light weight carbon fiber bipod that can remain folded and locked on the rifle when not in use. Using a guick connect magnetic attachment system, the stainless steel, aluminum & carbon fiber bipod is ultra-light weighing in at 5.6 ounces and has 6-9 inch extendable legs that will insure you are on target in any terrain. The Spartan 300 folds both forward and backwards on the stock and the legs are outfitted with tungsten carbide tips which come with detachable rubber covers. The 300 provides a large range of travel with both rotation & cant which allow you to make accurate shots from just about any terrain. The magnetic attachment system can be combined with a variety of adapters for just about any rifle and also allows you to switch the bipod between multiple firearms. Spartan Precision will be the last bipod you need and is guaranteed to keep you on target without weighing you down. www. javelinbipod.com

Timney Calvin Elite Custom Remington Model 700 Trigger

The Timney Calvin Elite Custom Remington Model 700 Trigger is an engineering break through providing a crisp trigger pull weight that can be ordered in 8 different weights ranging from 8 ounces to 2.5 pounds. Timney designed this trigger for ultimate customization featuring 30 degree right & left cant adjustability and 4 rotatable trigger shoes (curved, flat, heeled & knurled) which can be adjusted for cast, height & length of pull. The adjustable sear engagement, pull weight and over travel allow the shooter to get a perfect straight pull at the weight he desires which will produce more consistent accuracy and a happier shooter. www.timneytriggers.com

Burris Eliminator III 3-12 x 44

The Burris Eliminator III 3-12 x 44 Laser Scope has raised the bar by providing a simple to use scope that automatically adjusts your zero for pinpoint accuracy. With a push of a button, the built in 1,200+ yard range finder determines the distance to the target, factors in your trajectory and illuminates the perfect holdover. The Eliminator III also displays a 10 m.p.h. wind value to indicate wind hold-off for your specific cartridge at the indicated range to target. The trajectory compensation is accurate at any magnification and the integrated inclinometer compensates for shots at any uphill or downhill angle. The Burris Eliminator III combines outstanding optics, accurate laser range finding and precision trajectory compensation while eliminating most of the variables and guesswork to significantly extend the range and accuracy of your favorite rifle. www.burrisoptics.com



AR-10



Aero Precision M5 Upper & Lower Receiver

The Aero Precision M5 matched upper and lower receiver are the perfect foundation for your custom AR-10 build. Machined from 7075-T6 forged aluminum with a matte black anodized hard coat the M5 accepts standard DPMS .308 components. The Aero Precision upper features M4 feed ramps with a high-profile tang and laser engraved T-marks. The M5 lower features and integrated trigger guard, safety selector markings that work with 45, 60 or 90 degree selectors, a threaded rear takedown pin dent and a screw pin threaded bolt catch. The US made M5 is designed so there will not be a gap when aftermarket pistol grips are installed. The Aero Precision M5 matched upper and lower are a precision made receiver set that will provide a durable and reliable foundation for your next AR-10 build. www.aeroprecisionusa.com

Lancer LCH7 Handguard

The Lancer LCH7 Carbon Fiber Handguard is a great looking, light weight free float handguard made for the AR-10 platform. The octagon shaped handguard provides a sure grip and has cooling slots for the barrel and holes for a bi-pod or sling swivel. Lancer designed the sturdy handguard so it does not flex or compress when you apply pressure making this handguard durable enough for any application. The Lancer handguard comes with an aluminum barrel nut and is available in multiple lengths with multiple rail options. Customize your rifle with a beautiful and functional Lancer LCH7 carbon fiber handguard. www.lancer-systems.com

Ballistic Advantage Barrel

Ballistic Advantage has a great reputation as quality barrel makers, so we were excited to use one of their Premium Series 6.5 Creedmoor chambered 24-inch barrels that was machined from 416R Stainless Steel with a bead blasted finish on this build. The Ballistic Advantage Premium Series 6.5 Creedmoor Barrels are all prooffired and MPI tested, ensuring the best in quality and accuracy. The heavy profile Ballistic Advantage Barrel features a 1:8 inch twist rate and is a great looking barrel that promises to be a real tack driver. Look to Ballistic Advantage for your next custom build and have the confidence of knowing that your barrel will provide reliable accuracy for the life of your rifle. www.ballisticadvantage.com







Tactical Expressions 6.5 Creedmoor Engraved Upper

Tactical Expressions are our go to guys for engraving on uppers, lowers or any other gun part. Tactical Expressions carries a huge selection of engraved upper and lower parts in just about any color you can imagine so you can customize your gun exactly how you like. We like to have our different uppers engraved with the calibers to prevent accidentally loading the wrong round, especially when there is more than one shooter who has access to the guns. Tactical Expressions allows you to choose your font and did an excellent job of engraving our 6.5 Creedmoor upper. Let Tactical Expressions help you create that unique one of a kind rifle. www.tactical-expressions.com



WMD Guns NiB-X Full Auto Bolt Carrier Group

The WMD Guns NiB-X Full Auto Bolt Carrier Group is a great upgrade for your AR-10. The Nickel Boron is 40% more wear resistant than chrome and produces an easy to clean BCG that resists fouling and does not require lube. Great for users who shoot lots of rounds, suppressed weapons or weapons that are used in tough environments such as sandy areas. The NiB-X coating will allow the user to run 2-3 times the amount of rounds between cleanings. The heavier full auto BCG will add strength to your BCG making it more durable and less likely to fail. WMD Guns is so confident in their made in the United States BCG that they will guarantee the NiB-X coating forever, and that is a very long time. www.wmdguns.com



Lucid Optics MLX 4.5 -18 x 44

Lucid Optics did their homework before developing the MLX 4.5-18 X 44 by going to the long range matches and picking the brains of the competitive PRS shooters as well as some of the top hunters in the country. When the dust settled Lucid had found a nice balance between the must have list of features and the optional list of specifications and the result was the MLX 4.5-18 X 44 optic. The waterproof, fog proof and shock proof MLX provides a high-resolution image that is bright and clear and the 44 mm objective lens is exceptional at gathering light which extends your shooting range in those low light dawn & dusk environments. The first focal plane etched MLX reticle provides constant subtensions allowing for accurate holdover and ranging at all magnifications. The Mil based reticle features 10 MIL's of hold over and 5 Mil's of hold under on the highest magnification and the windage and elevation turrets are nice and big making them easy to use. The turrets feature a 1/10 Mil click that is both easy to feel and hear when adjusting the MLX and you can lock in the changes by simply pressing the turret down. The Lucid Optics MLX 4.5-18 X 44 is a real performer and features everything you could ask for in a long-range optic including Lucid's lifetime warranty. www.mylucidgear.com



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APA Optic Mounts

The American Precision Arms Optic Mounts provide a light weight sturdy solution without sacrificing reliability. APA has cut it's teeth on providing some of the best equipment for long range competitive shooters and the APA Optic Mounts follow in that tradition. The APA rings provide strength & reliability by utilizing titanium beta series crossbolts and jaws in conjunction with hard anodized black aluminum bodies. Available in both 30mm and 34mm sizes at a variety of heights, there are APA rings for just about any rifle/optic configuration. Lock your optic in with APA Optic Mounts and know that once you are zeroed APA Optic Mounts will keep you zeroed. www.americanprecisionarms.com



Holland Scope Level

The Holland Scope Level is an easy to add option that will improve your accuracy & consistency in long range shooting. The Holland Scope Level is ambidextrous and does not protrude out from the windage or parallax turrets. The scope level can be seen from the firing position and the reflective illumination is easy to see in low light environments. Available in 1 inch, 30 & 34 mm sizes Hollands Scope Level features a hard-anodized black finish and no sharp edges. Made from 7075 T-6 aluminum, the scope level eliminates shooter cant to the right or left improving your precision shooting. www.hollandguns.com

ATI TactLite Mil Spec Stock & Buffer Tube

The ATI AR-15 Tactlite Stock weighs in at a super light 5.85 ounces but boasts some heavy weight features. The TrakLOCK System eliminates movement on the buffer tube using a constant inner diameter without sacrificing the low friction smooth movement. The 6 position adjustable Tactlite Stock was designed to have zero snag points and comes equipped with a slim line Scorpion recoil pad, a dual sided quick detach (QD) sling mount and a slot for tactical sling attachment. The TactLite stock can be purchased with an anodized, 6061 T6 aluminum Mil-Spec diameter buffer tube for a perfect fit eliminating any horizontal or vertical movement of the stock. The full kit comes with an AR-15 recoil plug, buffer spring, castle nut and locking ring. The durable polymer Tactlite Stock is made in the USA and features a limited lifetime warranty. www.atioutdoors.com

ATI TactLite Recoil Pad

The ATI TactLite Recoil Reducing Butt-Pad is a must have option for the ATI TactLite Stock. Available in 1 and 1.5 inch sizes for varying length of pull, the Tactlite Recoil Pad takes the pain out of shooting larger calibers. The made in the USA recoil pad installs in less than 10 minutes with the included mounting plate and has a lifetime warranty. Reduce recoil impact, muzzle lift and stay on target for quick follow up shots with the ATI Tactlite Recoil Pad. www.atioutdoors.com







WMD Lowers Kit

The WMD Lowers Kit is the perfect addition to your AR build and gives you the same great protection and ease of cleaning WMD provides on their coated BCG's. All key parts have been coated with WMD's exclusive nickel boron coating process NiB-X, which minimizes friction & wear, and greatly reduces the need for lubrication and cleaning. The WMD Lowers Kit comes with all of the standard lowers parts needed for a custom build. Why build a regular AR when you can build an exceptional AR using the WMD Lowers Kit that handles the rigors of dirty environments and extends the period between cleanings without malfunction. www.wmdguns.com

KynSHOT Hydraulic Buffer

The KynSHOT Hydraulic Buffer reduces felt recoil by 20-30%, while largely eliminating muzzle rise. Adding a KynSHOT Hydraulic Buffer to your rifle provides an immediate improvement in accuracy and a reduced time between follow up shots. A result of the reduced recoil from the KynSHOT is that the target often remains in the scope decreasing the time needed to reacquire a target. The KynSHOT features a high strength 17-4 Stainless Steel construction throughout the unit, making it virtually impervious to corrosion. There are KynSHOT Hydraulic Buffers for just about any AR-10 or AR-15 setup and KynSHOT guarantees the buffer for 10 years or 1 Million Rounds. So grab yourself a KynSHOT Hydraulic Buffer, drop it in and start enjoying the benefits. www.kyntec.com/shop

Magpul ASAP QD Ambidextrous Sling Attachment Point QD

The Magpul ASAP QD Ambidextrous Sling Attachment Point provides a wide range of motion, enabling true ambidextrous weapon manipulation for both left and right handed shooters. Made from precision cast black Melonite finished steel, the ASAP replaces the standard AR-15 carbine stock receiver end plate and is designed to work with pushbutton quick disconnect sling swivels. Made in the USA, the ASAP works with both mil-spec and commercial buffer tubes. Install a Magpul ASAP QD Ambidextrous Sling Attachment Point and minimize the possibility of snagging your sling during CQB while providing easy transitions to and from your rifle and reaction side shoulders. www.magpul.com

Magpul AR Enhanced Magazine Release

The Magpul AR Enhanced Magazine Release provides an enlarged contact surface for quick and easy magazine changes. The bolt on Enhanced Mag Release is machined from light weight Mil-Spec hard anodized aluminum and is easy to install. Made in the USA, the Magpul AR Enhanced Magazine Release is compatible with most 5.56 and 7.62 pattern receivers and will provide a larger contact surface for positive activation even when wearing gloves. www.magpul.com



Magpul PMAG 10 LR/SR GEN M3

The Magpul PMAG 10 LR/SR GEN M3 magazine is designed for the 7.62x51 NATO and other .308 Winchester ammunition with a max OAL of 2.830". Made in the USA, the PMAG 10 LR/SR is a 10-round magazine that features a constant curve internal geometry for smooth feeding and an anti-tilt, self-lubricating follower for increased reliability. Built from next generation impact and crush resistant polymer with a high quality stainless steel spring for corrosion resistance the PMAG 10 LR/SR is a lightweight, cost effective, high reliability magazine in the smallest possible magazine size. Magpul includes a dust cover and a flared removable floor plate on the hardy PMAG which is guaranteed to provide you with years of reliable service. www.magpul.com

Precision Armament M4-72 Severe-Duty Compensator for 308

The Precision Armament M4-72 Severe-Duty Compensator for 308 provides maximum recoil reduction in a compact, rugged design. The M4-72 does this by utilizing a triple baffle reverse venting design that delivers industry leading recoil reduction of 65-75%. The M4-72 also features a closed bottom construction which eliminates dust signature combined with upward biased venting to minimize muzzle rise. The 2.6 oz lightweight compensator is available in matte black with an advanced lonbond high temperature CrCN coating or satin grey stainless steel in-the-white. Precision Armament machines the M4-72 from heat treated stainless steel for superior durability and the compensator can withstand extreme heat without being subject to rapid erosion. For best alignment use the Precision Armament Accu-Washer Muzzle Alignment System. Cap your barrel with a Precision Armament M4-72 Severe-Duty Compensator and start enjoying the benefits. www.precisionarmament.com

Precision Armament Accu-Washer Muzzle Device Alignment System

The Precision Armament Accu-Washer Muzzle Device Alignment System provides the most precise and easy to use muzzle device alignment system on the market. Precision Armament includes 18 individually marked Accu-Washer shims which allow for timing from 0-360 degrees in 20-deg increments with easy to follow instructions. Simply choose the correct size Accu-Washer shim to accurately index your muzzle brake or flash suppressor while maintaining perfect bore alignment. The Accu-Washer's are precision machined from high strength 400 series stainless steel to a guaranteed thickness uniformity of ±0.0001 and feature an oxide blasted non-reflective surface finish for low visibility. Designed to fit 1/2-28 or 5/8-24 threaded barrels, one Accu-Washer System will align approximately nine brakes (on average) before replenishment shims are needed. Minimizes the risk of baffle strikes and insure maximum accuracy and safety for your muzzle brake or suppressor with the Precision Armament Accu-Washer Muzzle Device Alignment System. www.precisionarmament.com







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Fab Defense AG-43 Pistol Grip

The Fab Defense AG-43 Pistol Grip is packed full of features that will enhance and prolong your shooting experience. The AG-43's ergonomic non-slip design improves your grip control and reduces wrist fatigue, improving your overall control during firing sequences. The extended beavertail combined with the finger grooves provide a comfortable firm grip in any condition. Available in black, olive drab green or flat dark earth, Fab Defense included a hinged storage compartment for extra batteries or any other necessary gear. www.fab-defense.com

KNS Precision, Inc. Gen 2 Mod Non Rotating Trigger/ Hammer Pins

The KNS Precision Non Rotating Trigger / Hammer Pins will prevent pin creep or rotation which can wear larger holes in the lower receiver of your rifle. Great for weapons using Slidefire systems, suppressed, full auto, and semi auto weapons, the stainless steel pins are super strong and the MOD 2 side plates look great. The set is easy to install and comes with 2 allen wrenches and an installation tool which is everything you need to install the pins. The KNS Precision Non Rotating Trigger / Hammer Pins set are a great upgrade to your rifle. www.knsprecisioninc.com

Battle Arms Development Ambidextrous Safety Selector

The Battle Arms Development Ambidextrous Safety Selector broke new ground in the ambi safety arena. These well designed levers are machined from bar stock and provide fantastic grip. The levers come in 9 different interchangeable options giving you 81 combinations to choose from when designing your perfect rifle. The BAD – ASS safety provides a positive crisp selector that never leaves any doubt about deployment. Great for lefties, ambi shooting and as an added safety measure that gives clear visual confirmation at the range. www.battlearmsdevelopment.com

Strike Industries Ultimate Dust Cover

The Strike Industries Ultimate Dust Cover is a durable, light weight high-density polymer ejection port dust cover. The patent pending SI UDC enables users to attach and detach the dust cover in under 10 seconds and Strike Industries added a new feature which is a cut-out window on the rod for easy removal. The Ultimate Dust Cover features an adjustable detent set screw to compensate for wear on the receiver which allows the user to increase or decrease opening power. Choose multiple colors and designs to customize your AR with the Strike Industries Ultimate Dust Cover. www.strikeindustries.com







Elftmann AR-10 / 308 Trigger

The Elftmann AR-10 / 308 drop in trigger is specifically built to withstand the punishment of high powered calibers. Elftmann produces the only AR-10 trigger that uses aerospace grade sealed bearings to provide a no creep crisp glass break and short take up for lightning fast follow up shots. Available with a straight or curved shoe, the trigger pull weight can be adjusted from 2 3/4 to 4 pounds without removing the trigger from your lower receiver. The Elftmann AR-10 is absolutely drop safe regardless of pull-weight and the double wound hammer spring and heavy hammer ensure proper ignition of any ammunition. Elftmann is so confident in the 100% US made AR-10/308 trigger that they back it with a Lifetime Guarantee. www.elftactical.com

Superlative Arms Adjustable Gas Block

The Superlative Arms adjustable gas block has a unique design that bleeds the gas out of the block and forward away from the shooter instead of restricting the flow like conventional adjustable blocks. The pressure is reduced to the amount required to drive the bolt carrier with the excess being bleed off resulting in a cleaner and cooler system. The 30 position removable adjustment detent is located outside of the block to prevent contamination, corrosion or possible seizing and has a safety mechanism to prevent accidental removal. The Superlative Arms adjustable gas block is a game changer which is available in 4 sizes, solid & clamp on and black melonite or matte stainless steel finishes. The Superlative Arms adjustable gas block will reduce both the recoil and the amount of gas & particle blowback you sustain when shooting suppressed firearms. www.suparms.com

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Radian Raptor SD AR-10

The Radian Raptor SD ambidextrous charging handle features a ported shaft design that redirects gasses down and forward away from the shooter's face and minimizes blowback when shooting suppressed firearms. The US made 7075-T6 aluminum Raptor SD is designed for rapid palm "blading" or finger-thumb charging of the weapon with either hand. Available in an AR-15 and AR-10 model the charging handle comes in black anodized, brown, flat dark earth, NP3 coated and tungsten gray finishes. The Radian Raptor SD charging handle is smooth, functional & effective and will increase your control and decrease those blowback gases when shooting a suppressed firearm. www.radianweapons.com



Spartan Precision Equipment Pouch

Spartan Precision Equipment has teamed up with Niggeloh from Germany to provide a great belt pouch for their bipods. The neoprene & leather pouch is light weight and has a flap to keep your bipod secure. The pouch also features a webbing belt loop and is a great accessory for those who don't want to carry their bipod in a pocket. Niggeloh also makes a rifle sling and a rifle back pack sling for Spartan Precision Equipment www.javelinbipod.com

Spartan Precision Equipment Javelin Bipod

The Spartan Precision Equipment Javelin Bipod is an adjustable, light weight quick attaching bipod. Made to last a lifetime, the Javelin long is a sturdy bipod made from aluminum & carbon fiber that can withstand the harshest conditions. The extendable legs adjust from 8.1 inches to 11.8 inches and combined with the built in cant provide a large window of variation while being compact enough to carry in your pocket. Using a strong magnet, the bipod can be attached to your rifle in a couple of seconds. Spartan Precision has a variety of adapters for just about any rifle which allows you to switch the bipod between firearms as needed. The Javelin can be placed facing forward which allows swivel or placed backwards which locks the bipod in place. Featuring rubber & tungsten carbide feet that will insure a stable base in any environment, the Javelin bipod is a light weight heavy duty performer. www.javelinbipod.com

KNS Precision, Inc Take down & Pivot pins

The KNS Precision take down & pivot pins are precision machined from hardened steel and finished with a black oxide finish. KNS designed these pins for the DPMS patterned .308 rifles and they will provide the years of reliable service we have come to expect from KNS Precision. www.knsprecisioninc.com

Strike Industries Forward Assist

The new Strike Industries Forward Assist is the latest addition to the Strike Industries line of performance AR parts. The 0.2 oz lightweight aluminum forward assist is available in black, FDE or anodized red, blue or grey and features a tool steel pawl to ensure a long service life and positive engagement of the ratchets on compatible bolt carriers. The Strike Industries forward assist includes forward assist plunger with installed pawl, spring and spring pin. Install a Strike Industries Forward Assist and know that you have a great looking accessory that will work under any demands. www.strikeindustries.com

