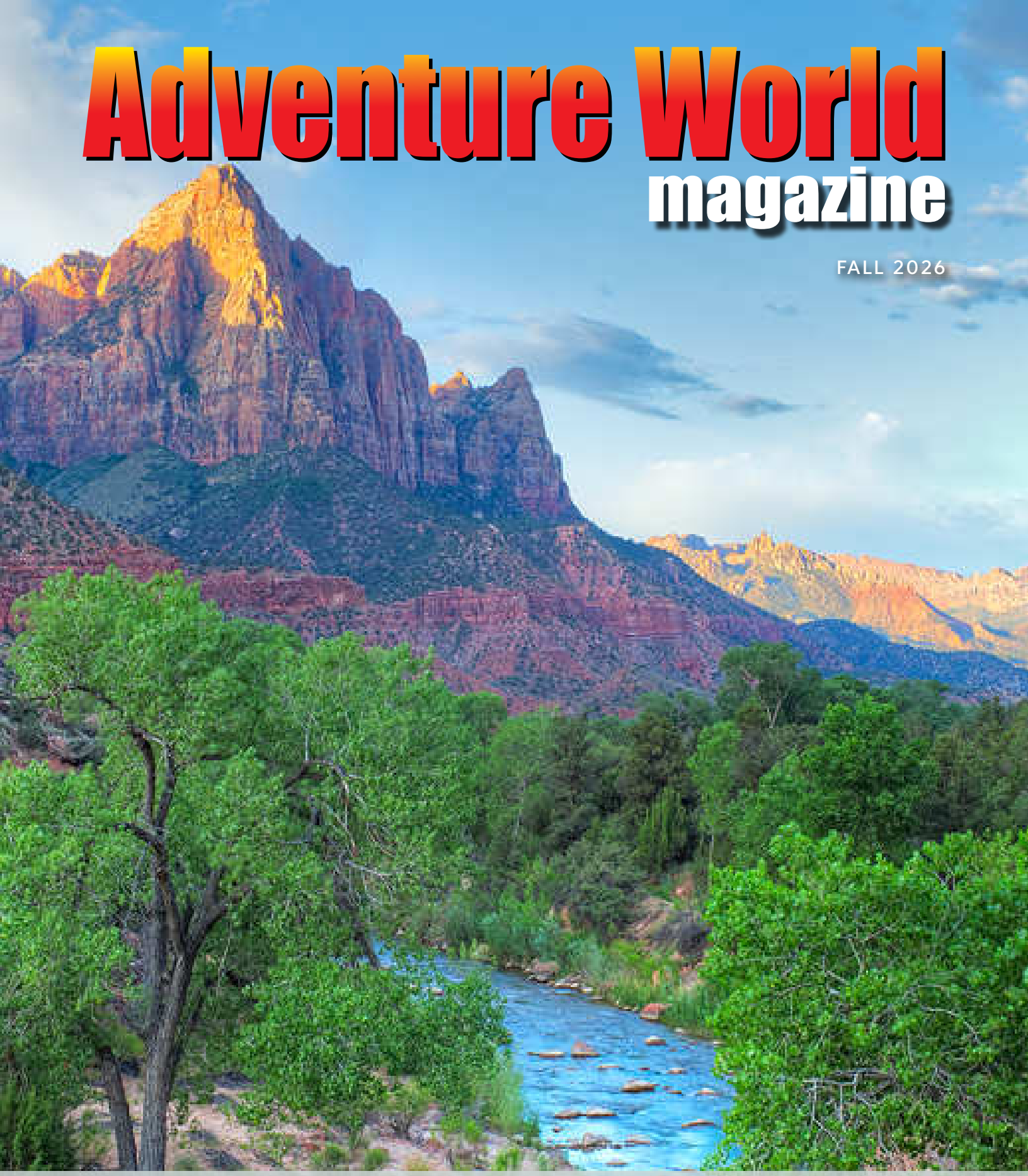
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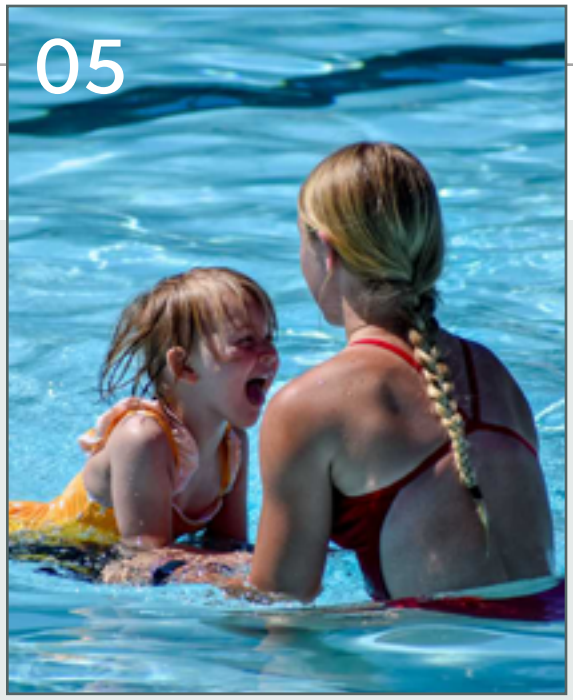


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Making a Splash

Why Swim Lessons Matter This Summer

by Izzy Farrar

As someone who worked as both a lifeguard and swim teacher, I have seen firsthand why water safety matters. Being around a pool or at the beach can be a wonderful part of summer, but water also deserves respect. Knowing how to swim, understanding basic water safety and having adults actively supervise children are all important pieces of staying safe.

There is something special about watching a child discover that they can do something they once thought was impossible. Watching preschoolers realize they can put their face underwater, learning to blow bubbles, floating on their back without any help, and then eventually swimming across the pool completely independently is the coolest progression to watch. The moment everything clicks and the kids realize I can do this is incredibly rewarding, especially after a full summer working together.




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For some children, simply getting into the water can be intimidating. The first lesson often involves hesitation, nervousness or simply not knowing what to expect, but with patience and encouragement, those feelings can start to disappear.



A child who was initially afraid to put their face in the water will eventually love to cannonball in. A child who needed constant support will learn to float on their own. A child who struggled to coordinate their arms and legs will swim laps across the pool, all with a little patience and fun.

Those moments may look small to someone watching from the sidelines, but to a child, they can feel enormous.

Passing Along a Skill

Teaching swimming also has a special personal connection for me because of my experience as a lifeguard. Lifeguarding taught me the necessity of being a strong swimmer, and how few children are actually safe, comfortable, and strong in the water.

There is something cool about watching a skill move from one person to another. The goal isn't simply to teach a child a particular stroke or help them make it from one side of the pool to the other, it is about giving them tools they can continue developing as they grow.





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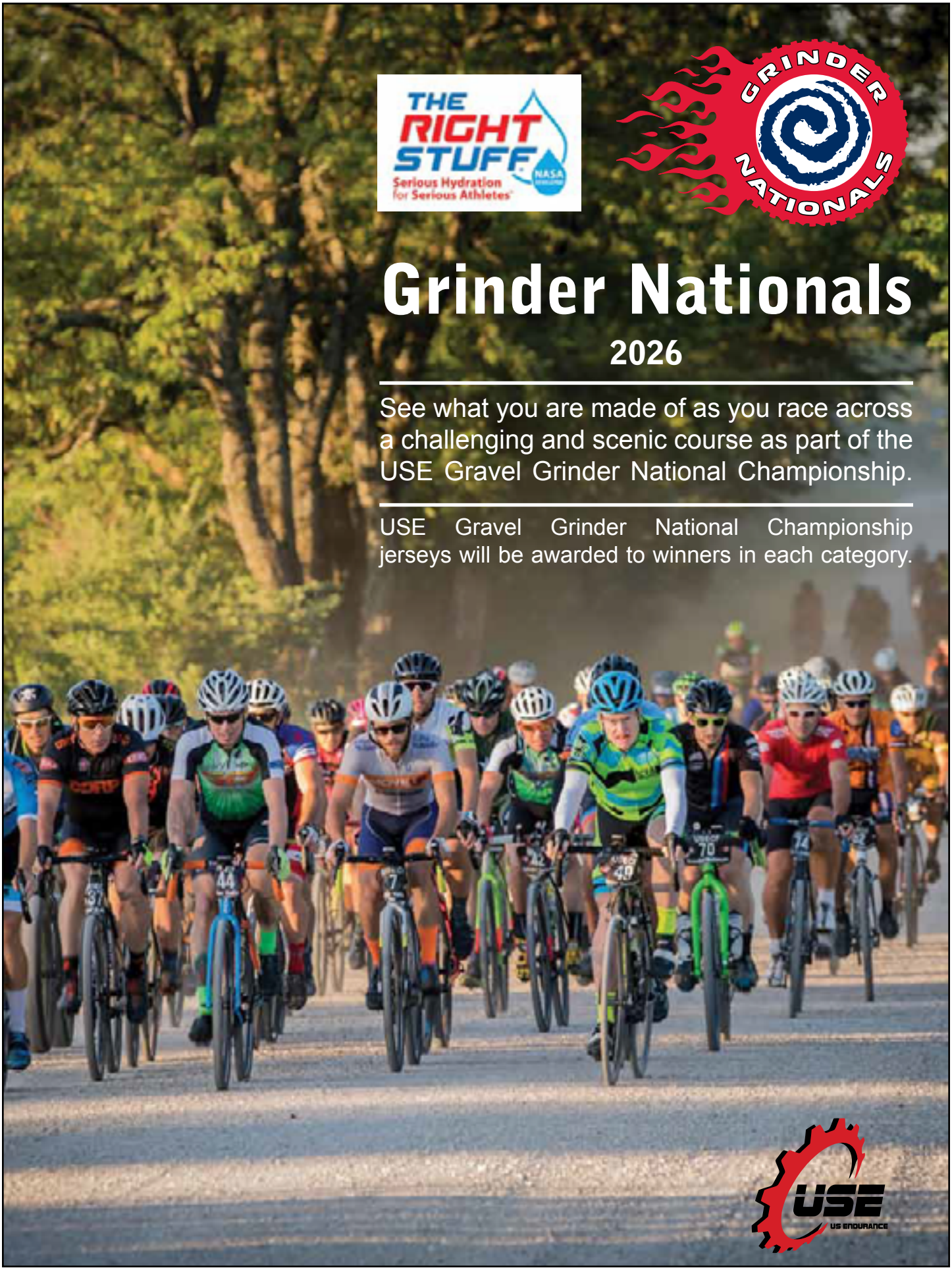
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Making Water Fun

Learning to swim shouldn't feel like a chore. Games, encouragement, and positive experiences can help children associate the water with fun rather than fear.

Every child learns diJerently. Some jump right in, while others need more time. Some love practicing kicks, while others would rather work on floating or learning to put their faces underwater. The most important thing is progress. Maybe today's accomplishment is simply getting comfortable in the shallow end. Tomorrow it might be floating independently. Eventually, that child may be swimming laps with confidence.

A Summer Skill That Lasts

Summer memories often revolve around the water: afternoons at the pool, trips to the lake, vacations at the beach and backyard swim days with family and friends. Knowing how to swim can make those experiences more enjoyable while helping children develop an important foundation of water safety.

For me, the best part is seeing a child's confidence grow right alongside their skills. There is nothing quite like the smile that comes after a child accomplishes something they were nervous to try.

This summer, every kick, float, splash and stroke can be more than just a swimming lesson. It can be a step toward confidence, independence and a lifelong comfort around the water.

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Step into Better Health

Why Walking Is the Perfect Exercise

by Troy Farrar

You don't need a gym membership, expensive equipment, or complicated training plans to get healthy. Sometimes, all you need is a comfortable pair of shoes and a place to walk.

Walking is one of the most popular forms of exercise around the world, and for good reason. Whether you prefer a quiet trail through nature, a lively city sidewalk, a peaceful walk along the beach, or a treadmill at the gym, walking is an easy way to stay active and improve your overall health.



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More Than Just a Walk

Walking may seem simple, but it is an effective cardiovascular workout. A brisk walk raises your heart rate and gets your heart and lungs working harder. Over time, regular walking can improve cardiovascular and pulmonary fitness while reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Walking also improves blood circulation, which can help lower blood pressure. As you move, your body releases hormones such as endorphins that can boost your mood and energy levels. Regular walking can also strengthen bones, improve balance, increase muscle strength and endurance, and help reduce body fat.





Put Some Pep in Your Step

For those looking for a low-impact workout, brisk walking is an excellent choice. Unlike high- impact activities such as running, walking places less stress on the hips, knees, and ankles.

Some people assume that walking cannot provide the same health benefits as running. However, research comparing walkers and runners has found that when people expend a similar amount of energy, moderate-intensity walking can provide comparable benefits in lowering the risk of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

In other words, you don't necessarily have to run to get results. You just have to keep moving.

How Much Walking Do You Need?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that most healthy adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity. For walkers, that could mean about 30 minutes of brisk walking five days a week.

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Starting Your Walking Routine

If you're new to exercise, getting started doesn't have to be complicated. Begin with about 30 minutes of walking per session and move at a brisk pace. A simple way to judge your pace is the talk test: you should be able to talk while walking, but singing a song would be difficult. You may also notice that you are breathing a little harder than normal. As your fitness improves, gradually increase your walking time, distance, or intensity. Setting a specific distance and keeping track of how long it takes can help you monitor your progress and stay motivated. And remember, your body adapts to exercise. What feels challenging today may become easy in a few weeks, so continue to challenge yourself as your fitness improves.

Don't Forget Your Gear

The right equipment can make your walking routine more comfortable and help prevent injuries. Start with a good pair of walking or running shoes that fit properly and provide appropriate support for your feet. Comfortable socks are important, too. If you plan to walk regularly, consider workout clothing made from moisture-wicking materials. These fabrics dry quickly and can help reduce discomfort and chafing during exercise.

Find a Walking Partner

One of the best ways to stay motivated is to find someone to walk with. A friend, family member, or workout partner can help keep you accountable while making your walks more enjoyable.

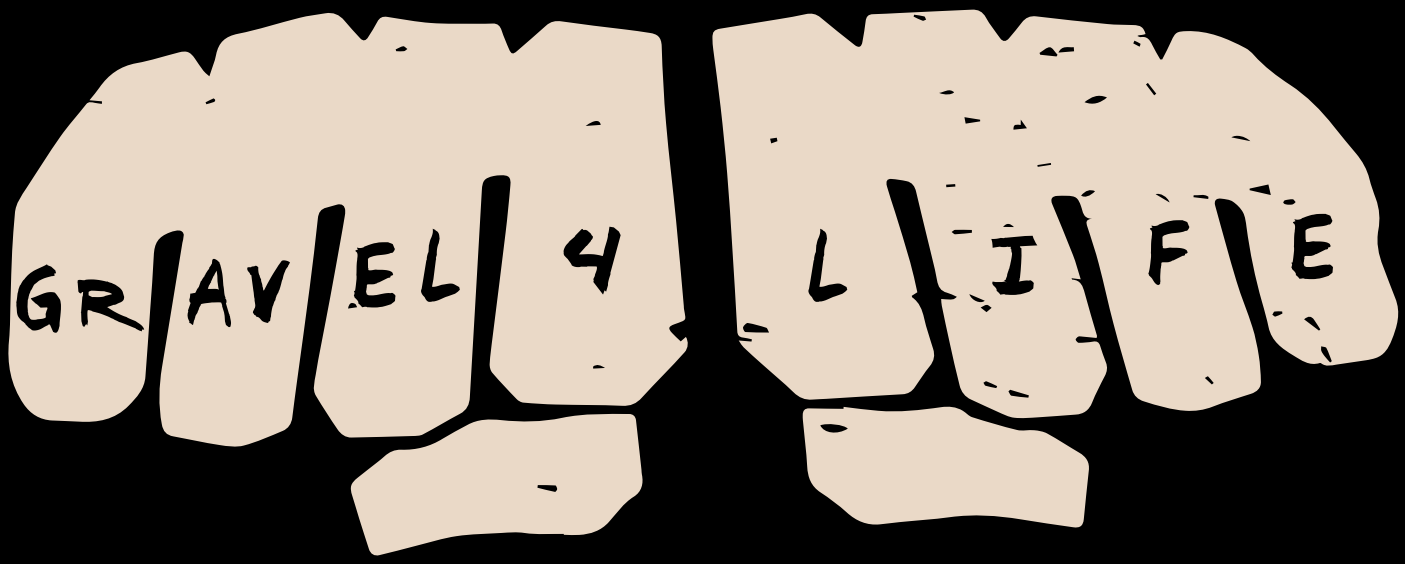
Walking can also be a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, clear your mind, and connect with someone you care about.



Take the First Step

You don't have to become a marathon runner to improve your health. You simply need to start moving. Walking is affordable, accessible, low-impact, and easy to make part of your everyday routine. So, lace up your shoes, invite a friend, choose a route, and take that first step toward a healthier lifestyle.

Your journey to better health may be only a walk away. AW



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7 Easy And Amazing Hikes

by Troy Farrar

You've started your walking routine and built up some endurance, now it's time to graduate to the next level with some amazing hikes. On paper, hiking sounds like something we can all get behind. It's basically walking, but with cleaner air, fewer overly friendly neighbors, and the chance to reconnect with Mother Nature. You can lace up your trendiest sneakers, pull on your favorite leggings, and finally dust off that CamelBak that's been sitting in the closet. Of course, there's always a catch. Two miles from the trailhead, your phone loses service. A mysterious puddle splashes your pristine outfit. Then something with far too many legs decides to join you for the afternoon. Suddenly, your peaceful communion with nature feels less like wellness and more like survival. That's where these hikes come in.

Below are seven spectacular trails that deliver million-dollar views without requiring you to sacrifice your entire weekend, your favorite leggings, or your ability to walk normally the next morning. These are trails for people who want the glory of the great outdoors without turning the experience into a full-blown ordeal. Hike, take in the scenery, snap a few photos, and then get back to civilization in time for a hot shower and dinner. Because sometimes the best adventure is the one that doesn't leave you limping to the car.



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The Watchman Trail: Zion's Overlooked Gem

While Zion National Park draws visitors from around the world to iconic destinations such as Angels Landing and the Narrows, some of its finest views can be found on trails that are easy to overlook. The Watchman Trail, together with the nearby Pa'rus Trail, is one of those quieter treasures.

Just over half a mile from Zion's South Entrance, the Watchman trailhead offers one of the park's most accessible introductions to its dramatic landscape. From the overlook, hikers are rewarded with sweeping views across the Springdale area and the valley below, framed by the imposing sandstone formations that give Zion its unmistakable character. The trail does not climb the Watchman Spire itself; instead, it winds along its lower slopes to a spectacular vantage point beneath the towering formation.

At roughly three miles round trip, with less than 400 feet of elevation gain, the hike strikes an appealing balance between effort and reward. It is challenging enough to feel like an adventure, yet approachable for first-time visitors and seasoned hikers alike. Along the way, the trail passes through classic Southern Utah desert vegetation, with hardy shrubs, evergreen trees, and the occasional prickly pear cactus adding texture to the landscape.

There is little relief from the sun, however. Much of the route is exposed, and summer temperatures in Southern Utah can become intense, particularly during the afternoon. Hikers should carry plenty of water and, especially if they are unaccustomed to the desert climate, plan to tackle the trail during the cooler morning or evening hours.

For visitors eager to experience Zion's grandeur without committing to one of its more demanding or crowded hikes, the Watchman Trail is an ideal first taste—a short climb with a decidedly big view.





Taft Point: Yosemite's Million-Dollar View

The hike itself is deceptively easy. From the trailhead along Glacier Point Road, the path begins as a gentle walk through the forest before emerging into a shaded meadow. The final approach slopes gradually downhill over rocky terrain, and after roughly 20 to 30 minutes, the trees give way to something altogether more dramatic.

Advance carefully toward the overlook and the landscape suddenly seems to fall away. Massive granite cliffs plunge hundreds of meters toward the valley floor, creating a vertiginous panorama that is both thrilling and humbling. Unlike the more heavily developed viewpoints at nearby Glacier Point, Taft Point has no substantial stone barriers separating visitors from the precipice. The openness is part of its allure—but also demands caution.

From the point, Yosemite Valley stretches out in spectacular fashion. Across the canyon, the sheer face of El Capitan rises dramatically from the valley floor, while Yosemite Falls cascades down the granite cliffs in the distance. Look closer, too, and you'll notice the fissures that make Taft Point especially distinctive: enormous cracks in the granite that split the rock and, in places, drop dramatically toward the valley below.

Taft Point also carries a bit of presidential history. The overlook takes its name from William Howard Taft, who visited Yosemite in October 1909 as a guest of naturalist John Muir. The two spent several days exploring the park, including a hike from Glacier Point toward the valley. According to contemporary accounts, Taft had planned to make the journey on horseback, but the horses available to him proved too small for the 300-plus-pound president. A luncheon, complete with fried chicken, was arranged along the route, and one account places it near the broad ledge now associated with Taft Point.

Today, Taft Point remains a quieter alternative to some of Yosemite's more crowded attractions. The walk through the woods may be unremarkable, but the destination is anything but. At the edge of the continent of granite beneath your feet, with El Capitan and Yosemite Falls spread across the valley, Taft Point delivers the kind of view that stays with you long after the hike is over.

Just remember: the most memorable part of the experience is the view—not how close you can get to the edge.

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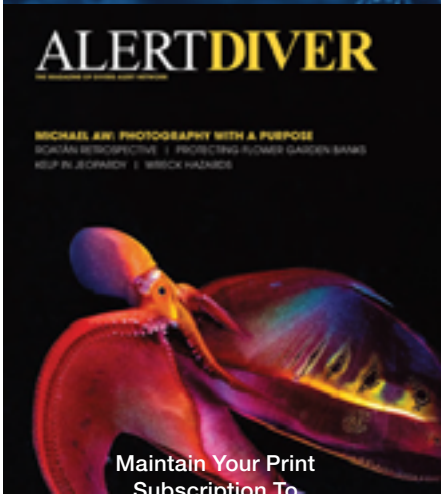
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The star of the show is the dramatic ʻĪao Needle, or Kukaʻemoku, a towering natural landmark rising roughly 1,200 feet above the valley floor. Sculpted by thousands of years of erosion, the sharp green peak rises dramatically from the surrounding landscape and has long held an important place in Hawaiian culture. Known traditionally as the sacred stone of Kanaloa, the god of the ocean, it is the unmistakable centerpiece of the valley.

A short climb up the paved stairs leads to an observation deck with a spectacular view of the Needle and the surrounding rainforest-covered mountains. The hike takes only about ten minutes, but the payoff is enormous. With misty peaks rising around you and ʻĪao Stream winding through the valley below, it's easy to understand why the spot appears on so many Maui itineraries.

There is more to explore below the lookout, too. After crossing the bridge, visitors can choose to continue upward toward the observation deck or head down toward the stream and a short nature loop. ʻĪao Valley is one of the wettest places in Hawaii, receiving extraordinary amounts of rainfall in its upper reaches, and that abundant water feeds the ʻĪao Stream that winds through the valley.

If conditions are safe and swimming is permitted, bringing a bathing suit can turn a sightseeing stop into a refreshing adventure. The cool mountain water offers a welcome escape from Maui's tropical heat, although flash floods can occur, so always check current conditions and heed park warnings before entering the stream.

When you've had your fill of mountain scenery, head toward nearby Paia for a change of pace. Paia Fish Market is a laid-back spot for a casual meal and a cold drink, and the surrounding streets are lined with colorful storefronts, galleries, and boutiques worth exploring.

At ʻĪao Valley, you don't need a strenuous hike to earn a spectacular view. Sometimes, in Hawaii, all you need to do is climb a few stairs, look up, and say, "Maui Wowie!"





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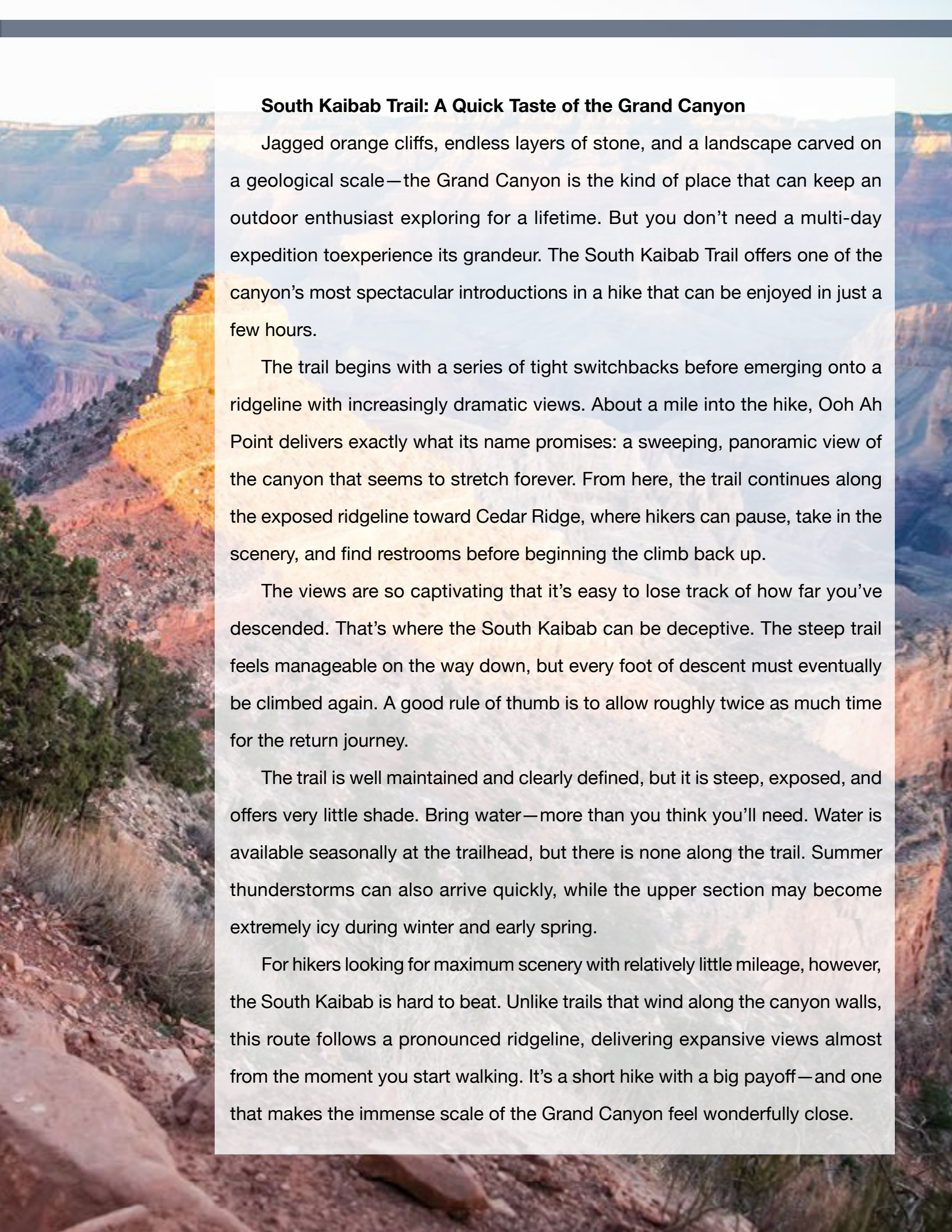
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South Kaibab Trail: A Quick Taste of the Grand Canyon

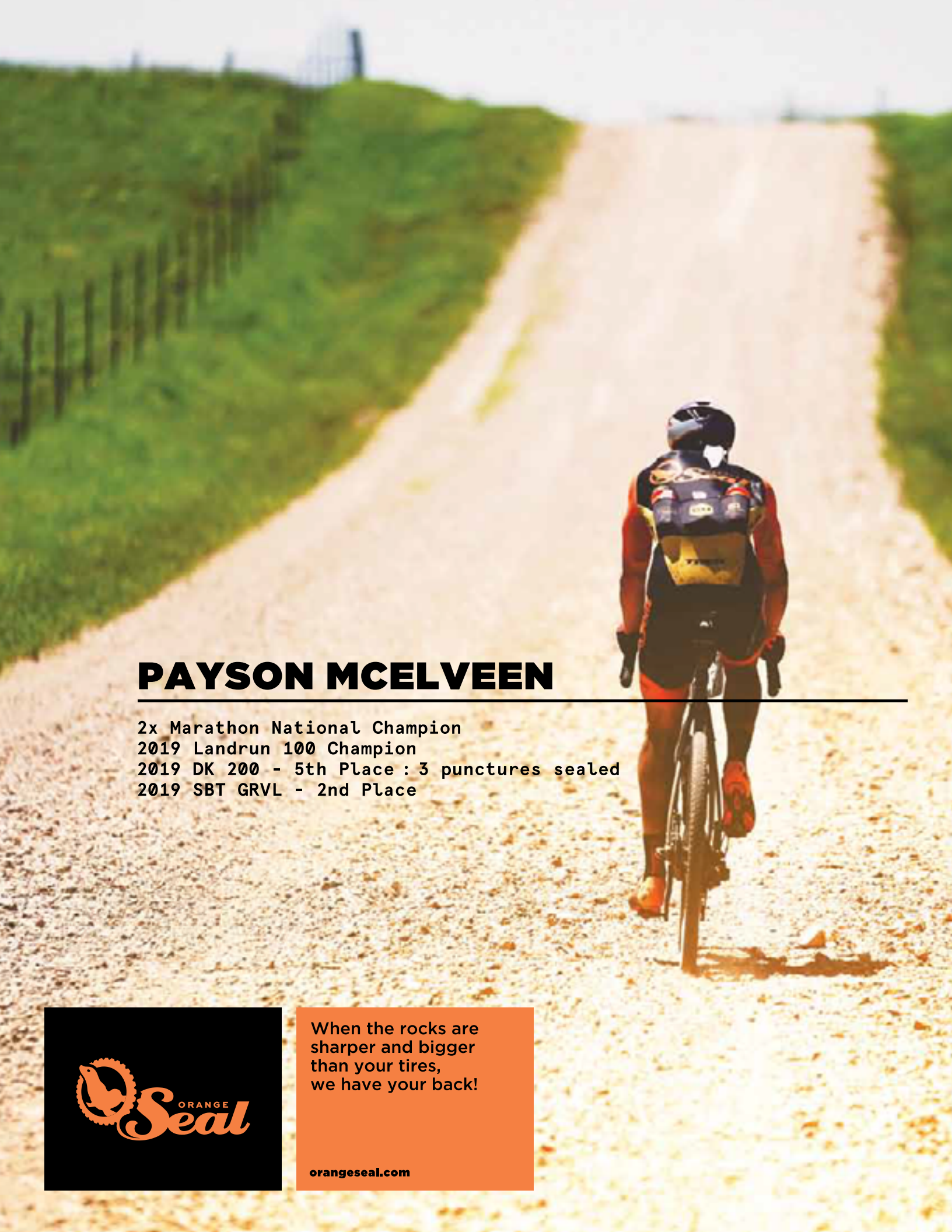
Jagged orange cliffs, endless layers of stone, and a landscape carved on a geological scale—the Grand Canyon is the kind of place that can keep an outdoor enthusiast exploring for a lifetime. But you don't need a multi-day expedition toexperience its grandeur. The South Kaibab Trail offers one of the canyon's most spectacular introductions in a hike that can be enjoyed in just a few hours.

The trail begins with a series of tight switchbacks before emerging onto a ridgeline with increasingly dramatic views. About a mile into the hike, Ooh Ah Point delivers exactly what its name promises: a sweeping, panoramic view of the canyon that seems to stretch forever. From here, the trail continues along the exposed ridgeline toward Cedar Ridge, where hikers can pause, take in the scenery, and find restrooms before beginning the climb back up.

The views are so captivating that it's easy to lose track of how far you've descended. That's where the South Kaibab can be deceptive. The steep trail feels manageable on the way down, but every foot of descent must eventually be climbed again. A good rule of thumb is to allow roughly twice as much time for the return journey.

The trail is well maintained and clearly defined, but it is steep, exposed, and offers very little shade. Bring water—more than you think you'll need. Water is available seasonally at the trailhead, but there is none along the trail. Summer thunderstorms can also arrive quickly, while the upper section may become extremely icy during winter and early spring.

For hikers looking for maximum scenery with relatively little mileage, however, the South Kaibab is hard to beat. Unlike trails that wind along the canyon walls, this route follows a pronounced ridgeline, delivering expansive views almost from the moment you start walking. It's a short hike with a big payoff—and one that makes the immense scale of the Grand Canyon feel wonderfully close.



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Flattop Mountain: Anchorage's Front-Row Seat to the Wild

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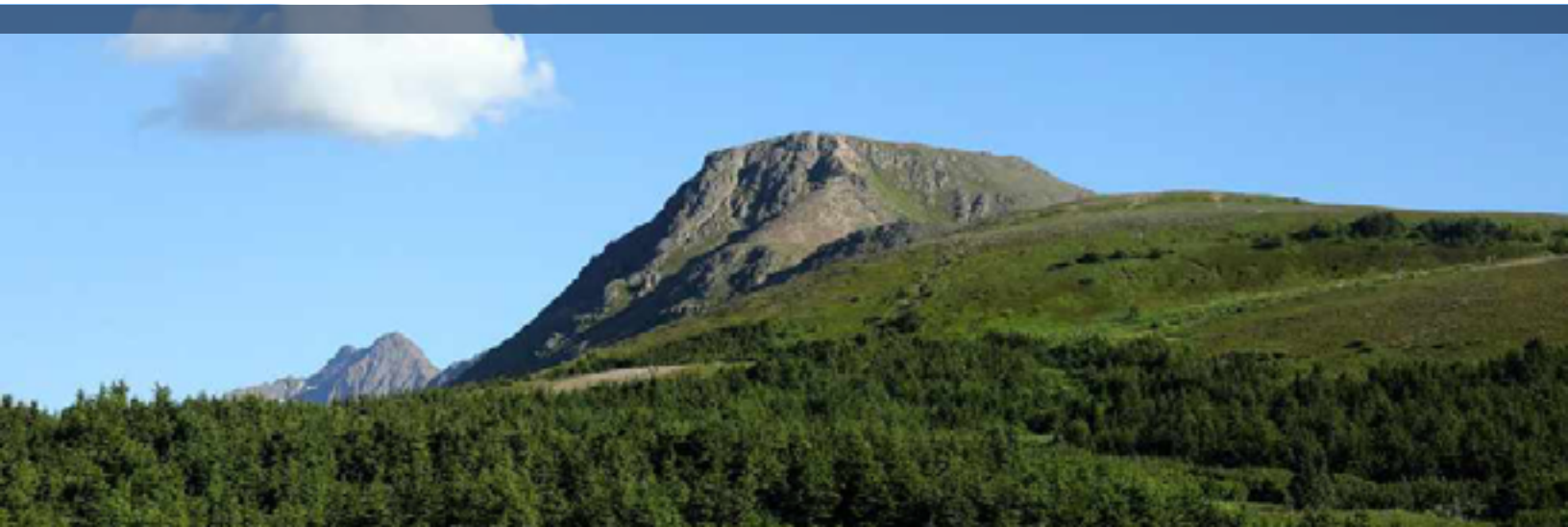
The quintessential Anchorage day hike begins at Glen Alps, where the mountains seem to rise straight from the city. Even before reaching the trailhead, you're treated to sweeping views of Anchorage and the Chugach Mountains. For those who simply want to take in the scenery, a short, paved, wheelchair-accessible loop leads from the parking area to a spectacular overlook, making it possible to experience the landscape without tackling the summit.

For hikers ready to climb, the trail to Flattop's rocky summit covers roughly 1.5 miles and gains about 1,350 feet. The route begins on hard-packed earth before reaching a series of railroad-tie steps. As the trail steepens, the landscape becomes increasingly rugged, culminating in a rocky final stretch where using your hands for balance may be helpful.

Reach the summit and the reward is a panoramic view that stretches across the vast Alaskan landscape, from the surrounding Chugach peaks toward Denali and, on a clear day, the distant Aleutian Islands. The summit itself is a broad, rocky expanse roughly the size of a football field—a perfect place to pause and appreciate just how much wilderness surrounds Anchorage.

Not ready for the summit? There's no shortage of alternatives. Loop trails around the lower slopes offer easier outings, while more ambitious hikers can continue toward Williwaw Lakes or tackle the route to Wolverine Peak.

With options for nearly every ability and some of the best mountain views accessible from a major Alaskan city, Flattop is more than a hike—it's where Anchorage meets the wild. And when you're back in town, there's always a local bar waiting to help you celebrate the climb.



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Lassen Peak Trail: Climb a Sleeping Giant

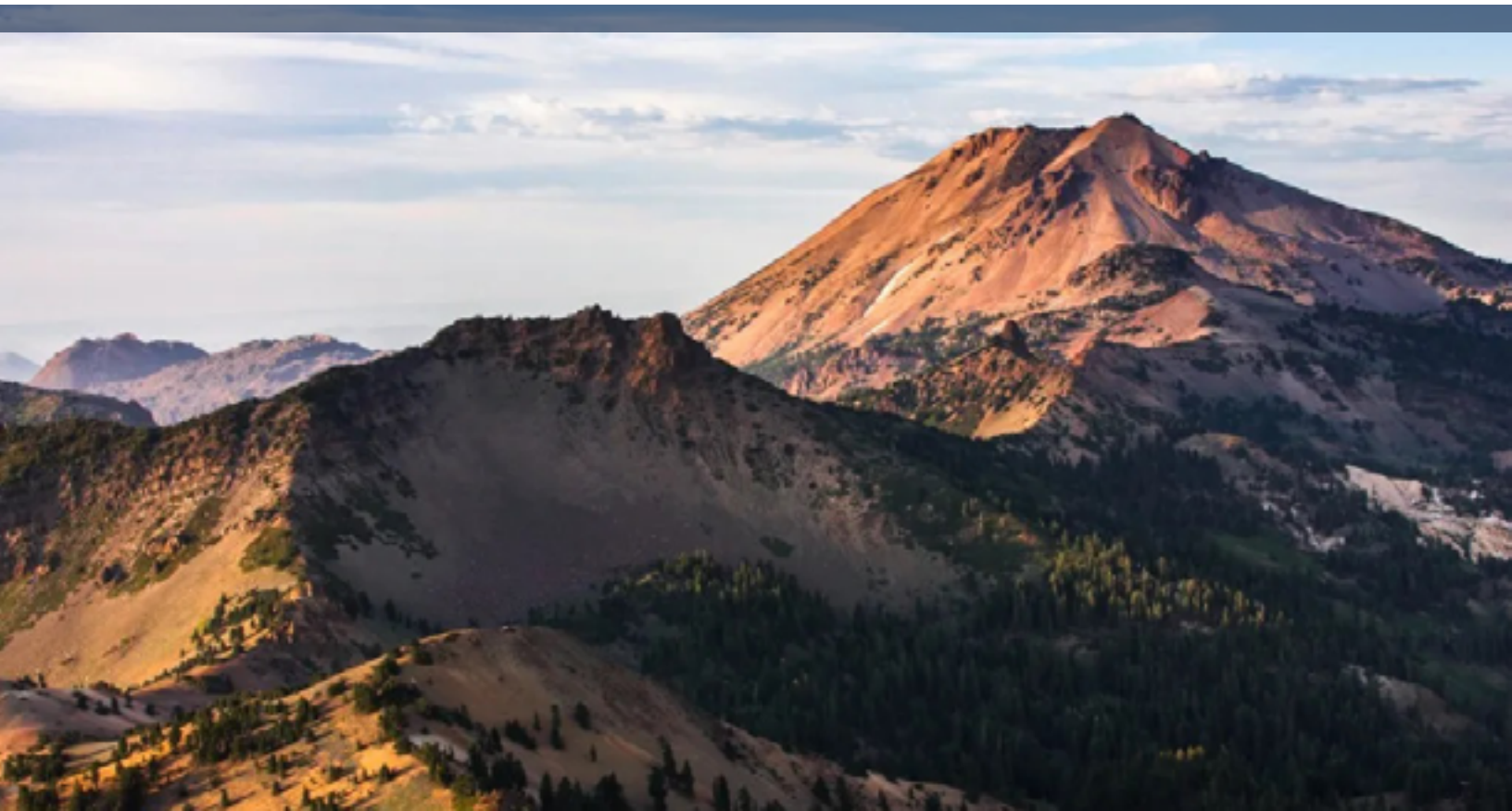
Deep in Northern California, Lassen Volcanic National Park offers a rare opportunity: the chance to stand atop one of the Cascade Range's great volcanic peaks without committing to a technical mountaineering expedition.

Lassen Peak rises to 10,457 feet above the surrounding landscape and is the southernmost of the Cascades' major volcanic peaks. The five-mile round-trip trail is no walk in the park—the route climbs roughly 2,000 vertical feet over 2.5 miles—but for hikers with a reasonable level of fitness, it provides an attainable introduction to high-altitude mountain climbing.

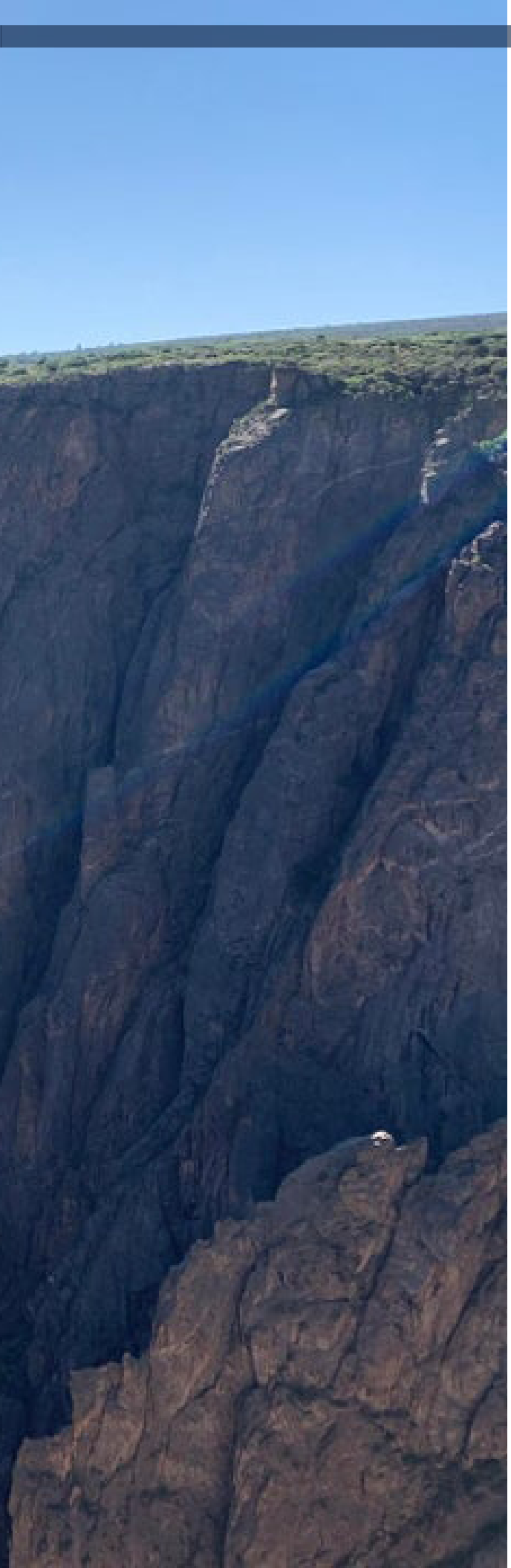
The higher you climb, the more dramatic the landscape becomes. Eventually, the trail delivers you to the summit of this enormous volcanic dome, where the reward is a sweeping panorama of Northern California's mountain country. Reaching the top feels especially satisfying when you remember that Lassen is no extinct relic. It remains an active volcano, having last erupted dramatically in 1915.

In fact, Lassen is the largest of more than 30 volcanic domes scattered throughout the park. That geological history is part of what makes the hike so compelling: you're not simply climbing a mountain, but stepping onto a landscape shaped by forces that are still active beneath the surface.

For anyone who has dreamed of standing on top of a volcano but isn't ready for the technical challenges of peaks such as Mount Rainier, Lassen Peak offers an unforgettable—and comparatively approachable—way to check a major summit off the list.







North Vista Trail: Into the Depths of Black Canyon

At Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, you don't have to hike far to encounter a landscape that will stop you in your tracks. The North Vista Trail is a roughly three-mile round-trip stroll along the canyon's north rim, offering some of the most dramatic vertical scenery in the American West with remarkably little effort.

The adventure begins near the visitor center, where a short walk can bring you to the canyon's edge and a staggering view nearly 1,800 feet straight down. But keep going. The trail winds through piñon and juniper woodland toward viewpoints such as Exclamation Point, where the canyon opens up in spectacular fashion and the crowds tend to thin.

Carved by the Gunnison River through layers of hard gneiss and schist, Black Canyon is among the deepest and steepest canyons in the world. In places, the river drops more than 240 feet per mile, helping create sheer walls and dramatic features such as the 2,250-foot Painted Wall.

The scale is almost difficult to comprehend from the rim. Far below, the Gunnison River appears impossibly small against the towering cliffs, while above, the canyon walls provide habitat for mountain bluebirds and peregrine falcons. Bring binoculars if you have them—you may find that some of the most impressive sights are moving.

The North Vista Trail proves that you don't need technical climbing gear, a long expedition, or even a strenuous hike to experience truly wild terrain. All you need is a comfortable pair of shoes, a little curiosity, and a tolerance for heights. **AW**


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The MTM Case-Gard Tactical Rifle Mag Can is a great way to carry or store up to fifteen 20 or 30 round rifle magazines. The can has a comfortable handle and precut foam padding which keeps the magazines firmly in place during transport. The water-resistant cans feature dual locking latches with an O-ring seal to keep them securely closed and dry. The US made cans are 9.3” x 15.3” x 8.9”, lock in place when stacked and are triple padlock tabbed for security. We love to use separate cans for specific caliber magazines as a way to keep them organized. The MTM Case-Gard Tactical Rifle Mag Can is the perfect solution to magazine storage and secure, easy transport. https://mtmcase-gard.com





MTM Case-Gard Tactical Pistol Mag Can

The MTM Case-Gard Tactical Pistol Mag Can will store up to ten double stack pistol magazines. The can has a comfortable handle and precut foam padding which protects loaded magazines and keeps them firmly in place during transport. The water-resistant cans feature a locking latch with an O-ring seal to keep them securely closed and dry. The US made cans are 5” x 11.3” x 7.2”, lock in place when stacked and are double padlock tabbed for security. Use separate cans for specific caliber magazines as a way to keep them organized. The MTM Case-Gard Tactical Pistol Mag Can is the perfect solution to magazine storage and secure, easy transport. https://mtmcase-gard.com

Coast PTX35R Pistol Light

The Coast PTX35R Pistol Light provides both a clear view flood beam which minimizes reflections and hot spots in confined spaces and an ultra-range spot beam that can really reach out there and light up the night; both can be accessed by using the quick and easy snap focus system on the light head. The light features a high or momentary mode that can be quickly switched dependent on needs. The 4.4 ounce light provides a beam distance of 853 feet on high with 16,900 candela and 500 lumens. Powered by a Coast USB-C rechargeable battery or a CR123 lithium battery which are stored in a front battery compartment and provide 1:5 runtime on high or momentary. The pistol light features a Tru-Fit mounting system that works on both picatinny and universal rails, an IP54 Water- Resistant and Dust-Resistant rating and an ambidextrous paddle switch which is easy to operate without sacrificing your grip on your pistol. The PTX35R has a bezel diameter of 1.06 inches, a width of 1.18 inches, a height of 1.38 inches and a length of 3.27 inches. The Coast PTX35R Pistol Light comes with a rechargeable battery, a charging cable, a BRKR Tactical Coin Tightening Tool and of course Coast's lifetime warranty. Coast's PTX35R is a game changer that will provide the light you need in any environment or circumstance. www.coastportland.com



MTM Case-Gard Ammo Caliber Labels

The MTM Case-Gard Ammo Caliber Labels are a perfect way to organize your specific magazines and can be used on ammo as well. The 2.25" x 1.08" polymer scratch-resistant coated labels are easy to read. Available in 29 different calibers, each pack comes with 8 labels. Get your ammo and magazines organized and easy to find with MTM Case-Gard Ammo Caliber Labels. https://mtmcase-gard.com



Coast PTX65R Pistol Light

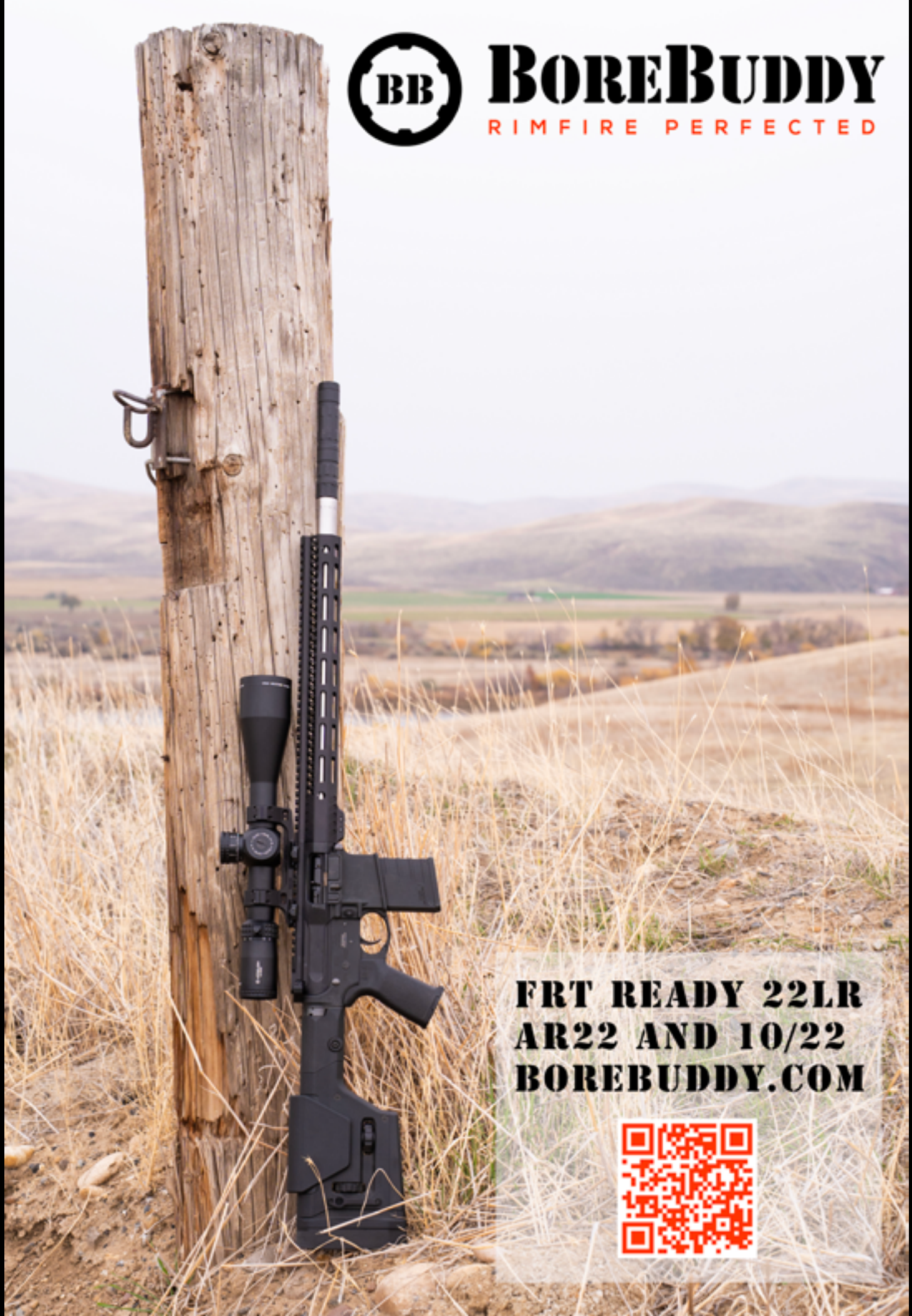
The Coast PTX65R Pistol Light is the premier pistol light in Coast's lineup and has the amazing specs and features that you would expect in the top performer. This powerhouse provides both a clear view flood beam which minimizes reflections and hot spots in confined spaces and an ultra-range spot beam that can really reach out there and light up the night; both modes can be accessed by using the quick and easy snap focus system on the front of the light head. Users can instantly toggle between the high or momentary mode depending upon the circumstances. The pistol light provides an amazing beam distance of 1275 feet on high with 38,000 candela and 1000 lumens. Powered by a pair of Coast USB-C rechargeable batteries or two CR123 lithium batteries which are stored in a rear battery compartment and provide 1:25 runtime on high or momentary. The pistol light features a Tru-Fit mounting system that works on both picatinny and universal rails, an IP54 Water-Resistant and Dust-Resistant rating and an ambidextrous paddle switch which is simple to operate without sacrificing your grip on your pistol. Weighing in at 5.4 ounces the PTX65R has a bezel diameter of 1.18 inches, a width of 1.5 inches, a height of 1.5 inches and a length of 3.66 inches. The Coast PTX65R Pistol Light comes with two rechargeable batteries, a USB-C split charging cable, a BRKR Tactical Coin Tightening Tool and of course Coast's lifetime warranty. The Coast PTX65R Pistol Light is a durable, functional light with amazing specs that will dependably provide the light you need in critical circumstances. www.coastportland.com





MTM Case-Gard Choke Tube Case CT3-41

The MTM Case-Gard Choke Tube Case CT3-41 holds three extended or six short choke tubes. The handy case was designed for 20-10 gauge chokes, has built in dividers and velour foam padding to keep your chokes safe and secure. The US made case is small enough to fit in your pocket but robust enough to protect your chokes in any environment. https://mtmcase-gard.com. **AW**


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Binary and Forced Reset Triggers

by Troy Farrar

Binary triggers have been around for a while and are great fun to shoot. A binary trigger fires a shot when the trigger is pulled and fires a shot when the trigger is released. Each individual round requires its own separate pull or release of the trigger. It takes a little practice to master a binary trigger, but most people can pick up the action fairly quickly.

Forced Reset Triggers are the new kids on the block. A forced reset trigger fires a shot when the trigger is pulled, and then pushes the trigger forward, this action forces your finger forward and resets the internal hammer sear instantly. Because your finger is pushed forward and the trigger resets automatically, you only need to maintain rearward pressure to catch the next cycle, allowing for a very fast string of distinct semi-automatic shots. Each individual round still requires its own separate pull of the trigger.

Both Binary and Forced Reset Triggers are a ton of fun to shoot. Below are some of the best companies for both the triggers and accessories. We suggest you grab some of this gear, head to the range and have some fun!

Franklin Armory BINARY AR-ESSENTIAL

The Franklin Armory BINARY AR-ESSENTIAL is a binary trigger that provides an immediate tactical advantage. The trigger has 3 positions - safety, semi-automatic and binary. In the binary position, the rifle will fire 1 round on trigger pull and 1 round on trigger release. The binary position provides the shooter the utility of a rapid controlled pair or double tap much sooner than if they had to train to learn how to shoot a double tap. From a tactical stand point, rapid double taps to center mass are a huge advantage and from a competition stand point the trigger greatly reduces split times between rounds, allowing for tighter groups. The trigger also has an option for the release round to be canceled by simply moving the safety selector out of Binary mode while holding the trigger back. Franklin Armory provides a curved trigger and a single-sided, 3 position safety selector shaft. The Franklin Armory BINARY AR-ESSENTIAL will give you both a tactical and competitive advantage with immediate lightning fast double taps. https://franklinarmory.com/



Bore Buddy AR 22 No-Tune FRT Upper (16″ Rifle)

The Bore Buddy AR 22 No-Tune FRT Upper was made to take away the frustration of having to custom tune your upper to work with a FRT. The upper features a stainless-steel assisted reset bolt group, a 16″ threaded black nitride barrel, a 13” Tubular M-LOK Rail, a Mil-Spec charging handle and Atrius/ARC-FIRE trip and anti-bounce weight pre-installed for immediate function. Bore Buddy also includes a Pressure Plug and Dry Fire block. The upper is plug and play compatible with AR lowers that have ARC-FIRE or Atrius Selectors with a Rave trigger. We simply attached our upper and let the fun begin. Bore Buddies uppers are fantastic as they allow you to enjoy an FRT at a fraction of the cost of shooting 5.56 ammunition. Bore Buddies are experts in their field and they have AR 22 uppers for FRTs dialed in for easy use. https://borebuddy.com





Bore Buddy 22LR AR Buffer Pressure Plug

The Bore Buddy 22LR AR Buffer Pressure Plug is a must have for your AR 22 and will increase the reliability of your rifle. The Buffer Pressure plugs works by putting pressure against the back of the 22LR bolt carrier group which increases the reliability of both conversions and dedicated 22LR uppers. https://borebuddy.com

Bore Buddy
AR 22 Bolt Catch + Reduced Power Spring

The Bore Buddy AR 22 Bolt Catch + Reduced Power Spring enables last round bolt hold open when used with 15-22, Kriss, or CMMG Gen 2 Mags. This is a must have item if you are using your AR 22 to save ammo cost while training as it gives you the same last round bolt hold open feature as your AR-15. It is also very convenient for your AR 22 making it a no brainer. https://borebuddy.com





Bore Buddy 25rd Kriss AR 22 Magazines

The Bore Buddy 25rd Kriss AR 22 Magazines with upgraded mag springs are the best magazines you can buy for your AR 22. The Kriss mags fit a standard AR magwell and provide last round bolt hold open when using a 22LR bolt catch. They feed and function correctly which is crucial when training or even plinking. https://borebuddy.com

Alpha Cure Mom 69 Boom Tube

The Alpha Cure Mom 69 Boom Tube increase the capacity of your TX22 magazine by 15. Manufactured from reinforced carbon fiber material for increased strength, improved wear resistance, and lightweight performance. Designed for shooters who want a compact high-capacity setup with improved durability and heat resistance over standard magazines. Simply attach to a standard TX22 magazine and enjoy the extra rounds. https://www.alphacuremom69.com



Alpha Cure Mom 69 Longboi

The Alpha Cure Mom 69 Longboi increase the capacity of your TX22 magazine by 26. Manufactured from durable PLA+ material and designed for reliable fitment with compatible TX22 magazine platforms. Designed for shooters who want a compact high- capacity setup with improved durability and heat resistance over standard magazines. Simply attach to a standard TX22 magazine and enjoy the extra rounds. https://www.alphacuremom69.com



Alpha Cure Mom 69 Big Daddy

The Alpha Cure Mom 69 Big Daddy is truly the Big Daddy of them all increasing your magazine by 36. Designed for maximum capacity while maintaining a lightweight and durable construction, this extension is manufactured from reinforced carbon fiber material for improved strength and reduced weight compared to traditional designs. The Big Daddy extension includes matched spring and loading tool and delivers a unique oversized profile while remaining functional and lightweight. https://www.alphacuremom69.com **AW**



Traditions NitroBolt

The Traditions NitroBolt is the world's first Federal Premium Firestick capable bolt action muzzle loader. Simple load the bullet down the muzzle, insert a 209 primer into the Firestick, open the bolt, insert the Firestick, close the bolt and you are ready to fire. The polymer NitroBolt is waterproof making it reliable in any weather condition and the charge is filled with clean-burning Hodgdon Triple Eight powder. The Firestick charges from the breech of the Traditions NitroFire rifle while providing the same tight tolerances and quality controls as loaded ammunition as well as fast, effortless loading and unloading.



The NitroBolt is a custom muzzle loading rifle packed full of great features. Traditions started with a 24 inch chromoly fluted, free floating and tapered barrel with a 1:24 inch VAPR twist. The barrel is threaded for a muzzle break and the rifle has a patented extractor for the Firestick. The pillar bedded stock features a 12-position adjustable cheek piece and a 14.5"-13.75" adjustable LOP which allows you to set up the rifle to fit you perfectly. The 50 caliber NitroBolt also features a 3-position safety, a cocking indicator and 3 locking lugs. The rifle comes with a quick-T ramrod handle, a solid aluminum ramrod and a scope base. The Traditions NitroBolt is a breakthrough in muzzle loading that combines the convenience of quickly loading and unloading the rifle via the Firestick and accuracy to 200 yards plus, with the features of a high- end custom rifle. www.traditionsfirearms.com







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Traditions Vortek StrikerFire LDR

Traditions Vortek StrikerFire LDR is a classic muzzle loader packed full of modern features. For starters, the 28” ultralight, fluted Chromoly Tapered barrel has been upgraded to a VAPR 1:24 inch twist. This faster twist rate provides better stabilization of bullets, increases accuracy, and expands the range of bullet options that can be shot out of this muzzleloader. Next, the rifle features the TAC2 Trigger System, which is an upgraded, two stage competition style trigger.

One of my favorite features is the StrikerFire System which eliminates the external hammer. Simply slide the striker button forward until it locks and the rifle is cocked. A recessed de- cocking button allows for quick and quiet de-cocking of the firearm and the gun is also equipped with an automatic de-cocking mechanism that engages when the gun is opened. The StrikerFire is drilled and tapped for a scope and features a 1-piece accelerator breech plug, dual safety system and speed load system. The lt-1 alloy frame, Hogue comfort-grip overmolding and recoil-reducing buttstock & buttpad make the muzzle loader fun and easy to shoot. Traditions includes a quick-T ramrod handle, a solid aluminum ramrod and sling swivel studs. The Traditions Vortek StrikerFire LDR is accurate out to 200 + yards and has everything you need for a successful hunt. www.traditionsfirearms.com



Buk Ops CYCLOPTIC Handheld Primetime Viewer

The Buk Ops CYCLOPTIC Handheld Primetime Viewer will expand your viewing times in both predawn and dusk low light conditions. Buk Ops utilizes Primetime Color Vision which is a light and color- enhancing technology that allows hunters to see low light details in vivid color. The handheld weather resistant viewer has a 25mm objective lens, manual focus and a 1.39 inch HD color viewfinder. Use the 1-5X zoom to get a closer look at your quarry and the 4K video recorder to preserve the images you view in the field. The CYCLOPTIC runs on two CR123 lithium batteries and has a Micro SD slot for storage. Don’t miss that trophy buck because it was too dark to determine what was in the field. Grab your Buk Ops CYCLOPTIC Handheld Primetime Viewer and confirm your quarry in high-resolution color. www.bukops.com



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Hodgdon Triple Seven FFG Granular Powder

Hodgdon Triple Seven FFG Granular Powder is a great choice for shooters who want to load their rifle in a traditional way. The clean burning propellant does not contain sulfur and will clean up with water. Made for shotguns and rifles that are 40 caliber and above, the granulated powder allows shooters to measure out the exact same amount of propellant every time providing consistent, repeatable results. Hodgdon Triple Seven FFG Granular Powder is US made and available in 1 pound containers.



Hodgdon Triple 7 Pellets

Triple 7 Pellets for 50 caliber come in 50 grain pellets designed for in line rifles. Shooters can use a single 50 grain pellet or target practice and small game or two pellets to provide 100 grains for larger game. The pellets are simpler and faster to load than granular powder, just drop in 2 pellets when loading. Available in a 24 or 100 pellet container, the US made pellets are designed for use with 209 shotshell primers and clean up with water.



IMR White Hots

IMR White Hots come in 50 grain pellet form made specifically for 50 caliber muzzleloaders. White Hots simplify loading as the shooter packs a pair of pellets in barrel giving them 100 grains without measuring grains or using a funnel when loading. IMR White Hots provide 2,300 fps and an amazing knockdown power of 2,600 foot-pounds. Available in a 72 pack, the US made, clean burning pellets allow the rifle to be cleaned with water, are made for 209 primers and are not sensitive to temperature. **AW**