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[6] SPACE SAVER

A rooftop box can reduce gas mileage by up to 20 percent, but the storage space is a necessity if you have a smaller car. Keep key camping items stored in it all year round and you'll have just one item to pack instead of a dozen.



WE LIKE: Yakima SkyBox LoPro Titanium for its streamlined design and fuel economy, as well as its easy installation. The coup de grace? A solar-powered light makes it easy to unpack when you roll into camp in the dark. \$699; yakima.com

TIP

Keep your bag stored in its oversize cotton sack whenever possible. Down needs to breathe, and compression degrades it. Only use the small stuff sack when space is tight.

[7] SLEEP SYSTEM

Grab a sleeping bag with the new, more accurate temperature-rating system and a next-generation camping mat. These days mats provide as much comfort as an old-school air mattress but can take 10 times the abuse.

WE LIKE: The Marmot Pinnacle Sleeping Bag and Exped's DownMat 7 Pump Mat. The 800-fill, 15-degree Pinnacle is as suited to car camping as it is to the backcountry because of its warmth-to-weight ratio; the down inside the 7 Pump mat insulates better. \$330; marmot.com (bag); \$150; outdoorresearch.com (mat)

**[8] LOUNGER**

Hammocks are great for a nap or even overnight sleep because you can't roll off of them like you can an air mattress.

WE LIKE: Eagles Nest Outfitter's DoubleNest Hammock. It packs down into a fist-size 22-ounce stuff sack and fits two. \$65; eaglesnestoutfittersinc.com

**[9] ORGANIZERS**

At home, keep gear stored in color-coded bags so you know exactly what you're reaching for when it's time to pack.

WE LIKE: Kelty Binto Boxes and Haulers. These small, soft, 1,400-cubic-inch boxes each hold gear for one activity, be it your kitchen utensils or climbing rack. The main hauler keeps the Bintos organized in your trunk. \$20 (individual Bintos); \$90 (Binto Hauler 3); kelty.com

**[10] HOME DOME**

A base-camp tent should have enough room to not only sleep your group but to also stash your gear. Using your car's trunk as storage is counterproductive, since you often need to unpack half of your stuff to get to the rest.

WE LIKE: Kelty Shiro 4. This huge (70 square feet!) three-"room" shelter sleeps four, and its two side rooms include removable sleeping compartments. The six-foot-six-inch-high middle room is big enough to store gear and even work on bikes. \$550; kelty.com

