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7 Best Outdoor Gear Picks for 2009

Every year, outdoor gear seems to get lighter, warmer and more expensive. But with the economy in recession, outdoor enthusiasts (and, especially, casual weekend warriors) may now be more inclined to make their jackets or tents last an extra year. And that has retailers and manufacturers worried. At the highest end, many companies chose to show the same products as last year. As a result, this may be the first show in years in which the most interesting products were not also the most expensive. And that's not a bad thing. Here are seven of our favorites from the showroom floor.

By Seth Porges

Timex Expedition WS4 Watch

\$199, out this spring



In order to see all the info a multimode watch has to offer, users typically need to press buttons to scroll between readout modes. The enormous face on this watch allows users to view all it has to offer (altimeter, barometer, thermometer and compass), without pushing a button. While this may be useful for climbers who have their hands full gripping cliff faces, it could be just as practical for strap-hanging subway riders who are jammed between fellow commuters.