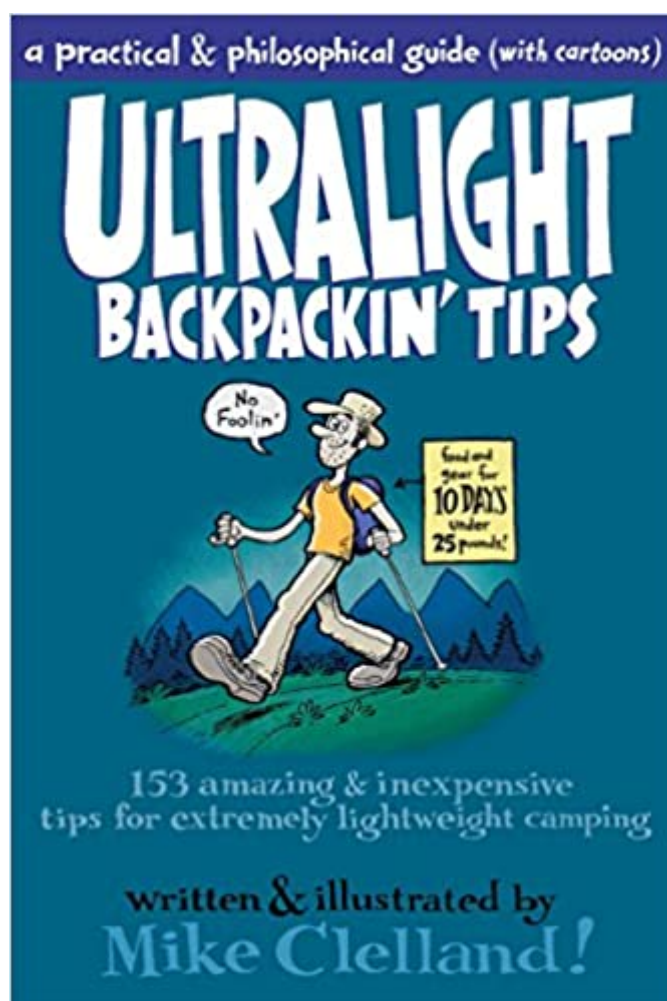




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Ultralight Backpackin' Tips: 153 Amazing & Inexpensive Tips For Extremely Lightweight Camping



Synopsis

Short, to the point, and humorously illustrated by famed outdoor illustrator Mike Clelland, this book presents everything hikers and backpackers need to be safe, comfortable, and well-fed while carrying a very small and lightweight pack.

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Walking into the wilderness with a pack on your back is an empowering experience— all the more so when that pack on your back isn't weighing you down. That's where this book comes in. Outdoors expert and celebrated illustrator Mike Clelland offers advanced techniques on how to pack light without sacrificing the essentials or your safety yet staying well fed and comfortable. Written in the tradition of the successful Allen & Mike's Really Cool Telemark Tips, with 153 trail-tested tips full of solid advice, as well as more than 100 humorous and helpful illustrations, Ultralight Backpackin' Tips is the ultimate guide for backpackers serious about traveling ultralight. Just a few of the top ten tips expounded upon in the book: * Use a scale. * Comfortable and safe are vital! * Make your own stuff, and making it out of trash is always the best! * It's okay to be nerdy. * Try something new each and every time you go camping. * Know the difference between wants and needs.

Mike Clelland is an instructor with the National Outdoor Leadership School and is an illustrator who studied Mad magazine rather than go to art school. He is the author or coauthor of numerous books, including Allen & Mike's Telemark Tips and Allen & Mike's Really Cool Backpackin' Book (both

FalconGuides).

I love this book! I implemented some of the measures suggested and lo and behold, I shed 23 lbs. off my weighty pack!! Now I can actually get my pack on; run with it; jump; move side to side; duck without breaking my back. I could hike for weeks with this thing on my back--it's so ultralight. This book is a wonderful investment; especially recommended for non-military types, women and others who might have some mobility issues. The very funny cartoon illustrations add a lot of humor, reinforcing its "ultralight" theme making the book a pithy yet serious read. Love it!!

I had been backpacking about 12 years before purchasing this book. Like most backpackers the equipment I began with years ago has mostly been replaced with other equipment as I gained knowledge and experience with every backpack trip. I have been making adjustments with the gear I have and carry in order to "lessen my load." This book has helped me in several areas and I will be using some of the information and advice in this book to help me in that regard. I will be dropping several pounds from my "pack weight" after putting information provided in this book to use. The author of this book does not claim to cover every area of ultralight backpacking so he provides a list of suggested reading and resources in the rear of the book. Like me, if you're looking for ways to drop pack weight and reduce unnecessary gear this book may be a valuable tool in heading you down the right trail.

Having hit the middle-age milestone, my knees were killing me on long backpacking trips, (and the back was suffering as well). Consequently, I have evolved over several years to an ultralight enthusiast. Always looking for new ideas, I picked up this handy little book (kindle version) and am really glad I did. The author is a recognized expert in ultralight backpacking, as well as a NOLS instructor. As such, I expected a dry, preachy book, but was pleasantly surprised with the light-hearted, humorous writing style. It's an easy read, and the illustrations are very well done, serving as detailed visual explanations for what might otherwise be hard to visualize concepts, if only explained through text. In this book, you will find the usual common-sense ultralight tips, but there are some real gems in here that I have not found elsewhere. The toothpaste dots and tips for modifying an existing backpack, and just two examples. What really makes this book well worth the price, is that the tips provided really get you thinking about how you can shave more ounces from your own setup, and I have since modified most of my existing gear, saving several pounds, and a lot of money. As illustrated, I have modified an existing backpack, to save 6 more ounces,

(and it's sure cheaper than buying a new pack). The tips are not limited to gear alone, but also get you thinking about your hiking/camping style, and ways to save time and operate more efficiently. The one thing I would have liked to see, is more gear modification tips, and a "make your own gear" section. For those of us who have heavily invested in gear, and can't really start over, it would be nice to have some additional tips, like taking a sleeping bag and modifying it into a quilt. Overall, this is a great book that even seasoned ultralight enthusiasts will find useful and entertaining.

Very instructive for anyone who may be ready to pare down their backpacking load to a light, comfortable, and fun carry. The illustrations really help to convey the points made in the narrative. I enjoyed this book and found it to be a valuable resource for my own efforts to enjoy the great outdoors without being encumbered and distracted by having to deal with a heavy pack.

Yes! Love this book! Mike knows how to market his books... but he also knows how to deliver. This book is full of great tips, high-quality content and written in a fun and easy-to-read style, with lots of illustrations. There's something for most hikers in this book. Those who find discomfort on the trail, primarily due to a heavy backpack, will get the most from this book... it will change your outlook on hiking/camping. Even those who consider themselves ultra-light hikers will surely find new tips and tricks in this book. In a nutshell, this book explains that you're in nature for the sake of nature and your own enjoyment... and eliminating as many of the barriers to enjoying nature is the goal. It can be done and this book will set you on the trail to doing so.

This wonderful book by Mike Clelland leads one gently and inexpensively down the path to a much, much lighter pack without compromising comfort and safety, all while boosting the fun factor enormously. If you're a traditional backpacker and think you know all you need to know about gearing up for self-sufficient travel in the wilderness with a 40 to 60 pound load, start gradually incorporating the ideas in this book as you backpack. It will totally revolutionize the way you look at backpacking. Having used more and more of the techniques and ideas here, I've gotten my base weight down to about 6.5 lbs and my total carried pack weight is around 12-14 lbs (depending on food/water amounts) for a 2-night trip, all while eating well and staying warm. I am now an Ultralight convert, and you too will be once you give it a try!

I notice that each guide on backpacking has its strengths and weaknesses. The only weakness I

noted was that he does not discuss hammocks--only tents and sleeping on the ground. Among the many strengths is the detailed sections on vegetarian recipes for hikers. What a contrast to many other guides that just suggest tossing in a bunch of candy bars and pop tarts. His great experience shows through in his solid tips. I recommend it for novices and experts alike.

Bought this for my husband, who still loves to backpack at age 65, but has wanted to cut the weight of his gear for years. This book gives excellent practical information on how to cut your weight without losing needed comfort

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