

LIGHTWAVE FASTPACK 50 £115

The 1110g Fastpack 50 is slightly larger than most of the packs tested, but having a little extra capacity for winter hiking and skiing is no bad thing. 'Lightweight, highly water-resistant and very comfortable' would be enough to garner anyone's interest, but the simple, effective design is equally impressive. One large main compartment, a watertight external lid pocket, internal hydration sleeve, two ice-axe/walking-pole holders, stretch-mesh stash side pockets, side compression straps and ski holders are all you get and for me that's all I need in a winter pack. Add to that good load support and stability, rugged construction and good looks and this is one of the best day packs I've reviewed in the last seven years – just a shame space doesn't permit me to go on longer, but well worth checking out whether you're a walker, skier or climber.

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