

Easy-on sunscreen

ALL GOOD Sport Sunscreen Spray SPF 30



→ **Our take** You've probably heard that chemical sunscreens have been linked to skin damage and cancer. The problem is that they work by absorbing the sun's rays, rather than reflecting them. But physical sunscreens, which work by providing an actual barrier between your skin and the sun's rays, get a bad rap because they can leave you looking ghostly white. Not this one. The zinc-based, broad spectrum UVA/UVB sunscreen sprays on absolutely clear from a non-aerosol, no-clog can. It kept us shielded on above-treeline pursuits in Colorado and on sun-blasted days in the Grand Canyon. **Note:** The spray is only available in one size (6 oz.), which is bulky if you're going ultralight.

→ **Trail cred** "I hate the greasy residue that lingers on your hands and fingers after you apply sunscreen, especially in the backcountry when you can't wash it off easily," says a tester who brought the Sunscreen Spray on a three-day trek in the Grand Canyon, "but you don't get that with this spray." \$22; 7.8 oz.; allgoodproducts.com

Sun hat

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS Ultra Adventure Hat



→ **Our take** Don't pick between coverage and breathability: With this lid you can score both. The UPF 50+ hat provides umbrella-like protection, thanks to a 3.25-inch-long brim and 6-inch-long neck cape, but two huge, gill-like vents on the top and a wicking sweatband keep it airy. We wore it hiking across the globe, but it really shone on a 10-mile, off-trail day along the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. "No sweat dripped in my eyes—a huge victory, considering the amount of stress-sweating that was going on," our tester says. Nice touch: Slots in the fabric on the outside of the brim hold sunglasses in place if you shed your shades. Even when we were downclimbing into the Big Ditch and constantly looking at our feet,

our glasses stayed put.

→ **Trail cred** "Unlike a typical bucket hat, this one protects the back of your neck and shades your whole periphery," our tester says. "Plus, it crushes down to fist-size, so I just stuffed it in my hipbelt pocket when I wasn't using it." \$42; 2.6 oz.; sunday-afternoons.com

Mosquito repeller

THERMACELL Backpacker



→ **Our take** If you hate DEET almost as much as you hate mosquitoes, you'll love this new way to fight skeeters. The miniscule bug-repellent device is the size of an ultralight backpacking stove and attaches to the fuel canister you're probably already carrying in your pack. Like other Thermacell devices, it emits a 15-by-15-foot zone of bug protection—using a synthetic copy of a natural repellent found in chrysanthemum plants—that testers said was effective within minutes of igniting. The small, enclosed flame is incredibly fuel efficient; on one overnight kayaking trip in the Ozarks, our tester was able to use half a 4-ounce canister to cook dinner and breakfast, and still create a bug-repelling force field for five hours. (Thermacell claims up to 90 hours of run time on a 4-ounce canister.) Ding: It's hard to know when the device is lit. We received our sample at the tail end of bug season last year; we look forward to testing it more in the notoriously buggy Boundary Waters.

→ **Trail cred** "The unit banished mosquitoes when a cloud of them descended upon us last August," said our Oklahoma tester after trying to enjoy a peaceful summer evening on his porch. "My wife despises the scent of citronella and this was much less pervasive." \$40; 4 oz.; thermacell.com

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