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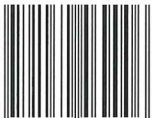
30 YEARS OF WILDERNESS ADVENTURE HERITAGE

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an extra 20-lumen boost if you need it. It's expensive, but if you spend a lot of time out in the wild, this is a fantastic choice.



PRINCETON TEC QUAD \$64.95

From the Princeton Tec professional series is the Quad, a lightweight, reasonably priced headtorch that still packs a punch. The low battery indicator handily informs you when the three AAA batteries are getting towards the end of their stint and a nice, big button on the top of the lamp makes operation a breeze even if you're shivering in gloves. The housing feels strong and robust (despite the whole thing weighing only 96 grams) and it's waterproof to a metre. The only design issue I found was, like the Black Diamond Storm, the battery case screw fell out as I was undoing it and was hard to find again. Still, that shouldn't put you off. If your travels take you on creek or river crossings, this headtorch will serve you well.

PRINCETON TEC BYTE \$34.95

This teeny tiny torch at a teeny tiny price is targeted at the ultralight demographic. At a miniscule 64 grams, it emits a respectable 35 lumens (using a single LED) with run time of 146 hours. Beam distance is only 25 metres, but that's fine if you only need something for cooking while camping. You can't adjust the tilt so activities such as reading and nighttime walking are difficult, but for general use (such as answering the call of nature) it's perfectly acceptable.



■ **Baby got back (pack)**

Get 'em involved as young as possible – it's never too early to start, right? – with the **Poco Child Carrier Series** from **Osprey**.

The adjustable hipbelt and backlength means they can be adjusted to fit either parent and you don't have to worry about fall-outs, as your precious one will be secure in the child harness system. Pop your bub into one of these baby backpacks and off you go! They retail for **\$229.95-\$329.92**. Available through Osprey retailers from March 2012. **ospreypacks.com**

