



What to buy

OUTDOORS PERSON

This region is one of the richest in the country when it comes to offering up diverse outdoors opportunities. There are rewarding experiences readily available for fishing, camp-

ing, birding, hunting, or hiking. The right gear is always at the top of the outdoors checklist to help the enthusiast fully enjoy their adventures.

— MATT MARKEY, BLADE OUTDOORS EDITOR



High-tech light: Flashlights have come a long way from the bulky D-cell giants and Armament Systems and Procedures (ASP) now offers a programmable tactical light with a Cree LED that produces 305 lumens of bright white light. Can be adjusted to lower light levels or strobe. Has a hardcoat-anodized body, machined aluminum parabolic reflector, and multi-position pocket clip, all covered by a lifetime warranty. **\$100. Available at asp-usa.com**



Hunting boots: Out in the elements, warm and dry are a premium, and the Irish Setter Men's Vaprtrek 400-Gram Hunting Boots provide that kind of comfort in a lightweight, waterproof manner. Rubber lugs on the outsoles increase traction on difficult or slippery terrain. **\$164.99. Available at cabelas.com and at Cabela's in Dundee.**



Archery classes: The sport is very popular with the younger generation, and Cleland's has special instructional sessions in its indoor range customized just for youths. Gift certificates are available for these twice-weekly, one-hour evening lessons that provide youths with an excellent foundation in archery skill, safety, and equipment. Equipment provided during lessons. **\$24/week. Available at clelands.com and at Cleland's Outdoor World 10306 at Airport Highway.**



Mosquito repeller: This handy device is compact, portable, and an odor-free alternative to messy lotions and sprays. You stay bug-free in a 15' by 15' zone with the ThermoCELL® Mosquito Repellent. A butane cartridge provides just enough heat to release the repellent from a small saturated mat for an odor-free mosquito deterrent. **\$24.99. Available at dickssportinggoods.com and at Dick's Sporting Goods stores.**

Fillet knife: This premium knife from L.L. Bean features a rosewood handle with brass rivets, a stainless-steel blade, and finger grooves for grip and control. The 6.5 inch blade is flexible for the perfect cut, easy to sharpen and with superb edge retention, all tucked inside a leather sheath. **\$39.00. Available at llbean.com with free shipping.**



Conservation stamps: The Ohio Wildlife Legacy Stamp is a gift that really does continue giving, because the funds raised through the sale support habitat restoration, land purchases, and conservation easements as well as educational products for students and wildlife enthusiasts. The perfect gift for the birder. **\$15. Available at bsbo.org or at Black Swamp Bird Observatory at 13551 W State Route 2, east of Toledo.**



Waterproof jacket: The SHE® Outdoor line is designed with the proper cut for women and this Insulated Waterproof Jacket provides waterproof/windproof/breathable protection. The ThermoLite™ Insulation offers exceptional warmth without the weight and bulk of ordinary hunting jackets. With a high collar, detachable hood, elastic cuffs and adjustable drawcords. **\$129.99. Available at basspro.com and at Bass Pro Shops in Rossford.**



Headlamp: The Alaskan Guide Headlamp by Princeton Tec is ideal for night fishing, pitching a tent in the dark, or getting to that tree stand before the sun comes up. It has a weatherproof housing, adjustable headband for comfort, and puts out 78 lumens on the highest setting. Made in the United States with a lifetime guarantee. **\$49.99. Available at cabelas.com and at Cabela's in Dundee.**



Tent: No more fighting with poles and ropes while trying to set up camp since the PahaQue Basecamp 6-person tent has a Quick Pitch frame that sets up in under a minute. It sleeps six, with a bathtub style floor and sealed seams for comfort and a waterproof performance. **\$170.90. Available at walmart.com and area Walmart stores.**



Fly tying: Learn the basics from fly fishing guides and fly-tiers Hunter Hayes and Bradley Dunkle from Wildwood Anglers in this one-hour introductory class. All fly-tying materials, vices, and hooks are provided. Classes available for all ages and skill levels. **\$20. Available at wildwoodanglers.com or 419-540-8585.**



Fish counter: The Catch Counter mounts on a cooler, live-well, or bucket lid and keeps an accurate count each time a fish is dropped through its chute. No more counting fish in your head or using a hand counter — and no more accidentally going over the limit. Great for perch and other panfish. **\$47.95. Available at jannsnetcraft.com and Jann's Netcraft on Briarfield Blvd. in Maumee.**

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