

outdoor-ready

All-terrain, all-weather gear to aid springtime exploration.

After a long, cold winter, warm spring weather ignites an urge to go outside and explore. Yet spring can be tricky, so outdoor adventures require planning and gear designed to weather the storm. Whether you're heading out for a relaxing stroll on a paved trail or taking the kids off-road for a rugged hike, these products will help you explore a variety of terrain—rain or shine.



(rough rider)

The BOB Ironman stroller is "the official stroller of the Ironman Triathlon," so you know it's designed to withstand some wear and tear. Stiff shocks increase maneuverability, and high-quality, slick tires minimize resistance, so it's ideal for runners. **\$349.99 at (800) 893-2447, bobgear.com.**

(in the shade)

Protect your little ones' eyes from harmful rays with the super cute and colorful Kidz Banz sunglasses. A neoprene band helps keep them in place while kids play, and Velcro bands on the side help them adjust as kids grow. **\$15 at (877) 333-0074 or babybanz.com.**



(hats off)

This may look like an ordinary hat, but the Wallaroo Cricket actually blocks 97.5 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays. The hat also features a two-inch stitched brim and a chinstrap with toggle to keep it in place. Choose from eight colors. **\$24 at (888) 925-2766 or wallarohats.com.**



(cover up)

The classic yellow toddler-size REI Cascade rain jacket is 100 percent waterproof and PVC-free. **\$29.50 at (800) 426-4840 or rei.com.**

(better bottle)

Side indents in pint-size Nalgene bottles make them easy for tiny hands to hold. **\$7.25 at nalgene-outdoor.com.**



(piggyback)

The phil8teds escape carrier (made with washable, waterproof fabric and reflective trim) provides the ultimate piggyback ride for little ones up to 44 pounds. The child's seat is equipped with a moldable headrest, sun visor and footrests. Parents will appreciate the lumbar support, adjustable chest strap and storage. **\$170 at (800) 593-5522 or regallager.com.**

