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by Sam the Trap Man

If you are after capacity, features and durability the Manitoba Expedition 85L+ Pack is the option for you.

Manitoba Expedition 85+ Pack with Rifle Scabbard



When it comes to multi-day trips and hauling gear in comfort this pack has it all. I have been on multiple roar hunts, some as long as six days, and this pack has fitted all the luxuries while enabling me to return home without a sore back.

Things I like:

I'm a big fan of hard-wearing canvas over lighter technical fabric, especially being as rough on gear as I am.

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The CORDURA 500D is resistant to tears, scuffs and rough conditions.

The 3-position rifle scabbard allows me to position my bushpig .308 below the top of my pack, which is crucial when bashing through supplejack and tight scrub. I also like that it zips away. I love the side zip compartments that are ideal for tripods and spotting scopes and the ease of access to my essential hunting and filming equipment.

The front 'suitcase' zip opening is awesome for accessing a warm layer

and is much more functional when putting in or taking out dry bags compared to coming in from the top. An often-overlooked feature.

The top drawstring entry is well designed and allows for stuffing those last few extras in.

The lid has ample storage; large enough for lunch, a raincoat and a warm layer.

The harness is super comfortable, even for my gangly frame.

Side drink bottle holders have drawstrings which I rate highly. This means I can put cups, snacks, or any odd items in there, or even lock my walking poles into place.

The meat storage bag is a good feature which has been useful for getting meat back to the truck.

Things I reckon could do with a little adjustment:

There's a niggly little plastic clasp, where the chest strap meets the main harness, that keeps popping free. A small issue and nothing a little ingenuity can't fix. It could even be just my individual pack that has this fault.

Are you looking for the ideal pack?

I can confidently state that the Manitoba Expedition 85+ Pack is better designed than many others of a similar price and has many of the features that the more expensive packs usually have without the high cost on your receipt.

