

CARRIEZ'S  
ULTIMATE BUYER'S  
GUIDE  
FOR THE  
OUTDOOR LOVER

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# The Purpose and Benefit of this guide.

The *purpose* of this guide is to help you navigate the Christmas buying season.

The *benefit* of this guide is that many of these products I've used in the past and truly believe in, some of them have been used by my staff writers or friends who have professed positive opinions about a product, prompting me to research it for inclusion. You can trust in the items listed to not be a bunch of crap a company is paying me to promote.

## Disclaimer:

Of the companies listed, only three are sponsors of [CarrieZ's Hunting & Outdoor Podcast](#), Radians Inc., Slumper Seats and Spectra Shot, I am extremely picky about who I accept as a sponsor and turn away companies on a regular basis. My opinions are my own and for a product to make it into this buyer's guide, rest assured they deserve to be there.

*Some of the links listed in this guide are to affiliate programs I participate in, there is no added cost to you, if you purchase an item I may receive a small percentage of the sale but this does not affect you whatsoever, it simply helps me keep the lights on. If you have a website and are interested in affiliate programs I highly recommend [this one](#).*

# Clothing

## [Cabela's OutfitHER Camo](#)

I personally own and love the new women's hunting clothing line by Cabela's. It's affordable, versatile and readily available at any Cabela's location.

I've worn nothing else since it came out. (Cabela's is not a sponsor – I've paid for every item I own.)

During my [South Dakota hunting trip](#) I became lost for 15 hours, overnight with no supplies. I was wearing these exact camo pants and jacket, and a pair of gloves and I survived.

[OutfitHER Lifestyle pants](#)

[OutfitHER Soft Shelled Jacket](#)



## [Under Armour](#)

Who doesn't love Under Armour? Tough, durable and a wide variety of products to choose from.

Warm, dry, and comfortable. Throw in their scent-battling anti-odor technology and skin-saving sun protection and you've got a go-to base layer for the coldest of months.

[Women's ColdGear Fitted Long Sleeve Mock](#)

[Men's UA ColdGear Infrared Scent Control Evo Leggings](#)



## [Rocky](#)

You know those days when you don't want to lug around your bulky, always awkward to carry, jacket but you still don't want to go outside and expose your skin directly to the elements? Really, it's Murphy's Law... If the wind doesn't instantly leave goose bumps all over your arms, then it would certainly have to start sprinkling 10 minutes after you left your place. This #609476 Rocky Casual Lifestyle men's fleece jacket is the PERFECT solution.

This good-looking fleece is very light in terms of weight and has a very relaxed, comfortable fit, which allows you to be able to wear it effortlessly throughout the whole day. Plus, it feels super soft, provides unexpected warmth and you'll be pleased with how quiet the material is -if you own one of those jackets that swishes with each step, you may like the silence of this fabric the best.

[Casual Lifestyle Fleece Jacket](#)



# Hunting

## General Hunting

### Slumper Seats

If you own a tree stand (or even if you don't) Slumper Seats is the way to go. I take my turkey seat with me everywhere; hunting, fishing, sturgeon spearing, camping – literally everywhere. You will not find a more comfortable seat than this one!

This company was my very first sponsor and they are an amazing company to work with. You can read my reviews [here](#) and [here](#).

*Use promo code **carz10** when ordering to get 10% off! (Expires 12-21-14)*

### Slumper Seat Super Sling



### Wilderness Athlete

I'm the first to admit I don't drink enough water, and it's even worse when I'm out hunting, I generally bring one bottle of water for the whole day. Dehydration is a real problem for me. Whether it's while I'm hunting, at the end of a hot August hike while camping or after a particularly intense workout, I seriously rely on Wilderness Athlete to help me recover.

### Hydrate & Recover Packets



### Badlands Treestand Day Pack

Badlands has been my go to pack for years, the one I own is crazy durable (and I beat the crap out of my gear). It's been through the ringer and has stood the test of time!

This particular model is designed to carry a quiver or rifle, while it's technically designed as a camouflaged, space-saving pack for a tree stand hunter it's perfect for any hunting style.

### Badlands Treestand Day Pack



## General Hunting (cont)

### [SPOT Gen3 Satellite GPS Messenger Personal Tracker](#)

I'd planned on buying one of these before I went on my [South Dakota trip](#), unfortunately I decided against it. I will NOT be making that mistake again! I've been a fan of SPOT technology for many years, they're an interesting company and who doesn't love gadgets?



SOS button alerts GEOS International Response Coordination Center of emergency situations and initiates your rescue. Help-assist button allows you to ask for help from your friends and family and send them your location. Check-in button lets your contacts know where you are and that you are OK. Track button allows your contacts to track your progress using Google Maps. Custom-message button sends a pre-programmed message with your GPS location. GPS uses satellites to communicate where cell phones can't. Custom track rates refresh your location every 2, 5, 10, 30 or 60 minutes. Vibration sensor tells Spot to send your location when you start and stop moving. With the enhanced tracking plan you can track your progress continuously.

*Purchase a SPOT Global Phone, a SPOT Gen3, or a SPOT Trace receive 50% mail in rebate. [Click here](#) for details.*

*Valid thru January 4, 2015.*

### [SPOT Gen3 Satellite GPS Messenger Personal Tracker](#)

### [Outdoor Edge Game Processor](#)

Get everything you need for in-the-field care of your game as well as butchering and final preparation before cooking in one easy-to-carry hard-side carry case. The blades are crafted of high-carbon 420 stainless steel for years of flawless performance.

The ergonomic Kraton handles ensure a comfortable, yet secure grip. The kit includes a 3" caping knife, 4-1/4" skinner, 5-1/2" boning/fillet knife, 8" Bowie-style butcher knife, 10" double-ground wood/bone saw, 5-1/4" carving fork, heavy-duty game shears, 10" x 14" cutting board, three pairs of surgical gloves and a tungsten carbide V-style knife sharpener.



### [Outdoor Edge Game Processor](#)

## [Wicked Tree Gear](#)

Ever since I got one of these I haven't been able to live without it. I've used it to trim branches while hunting, to help cut up firewood while camping (seriously came in handy and Zach whipped through those cords like they were butter!) and recently it came in handy when we brought home our Christmas tree. In the past we've always used a hand saw, but the Wicket Tree Gear saw trimmed the bottom and a few bottom branches like nothing!

## [Wicked Tree Gear Hand Saw](#)

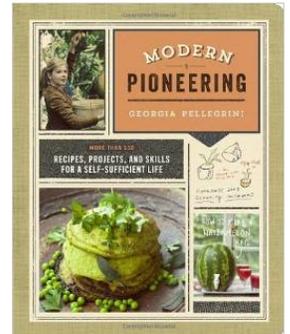


## [Georgia Pellegrini](#)

I use this book on a regular basis, Georgia convinced me to give small container gardening a try and I was thrilled with the results.

You can listen to the interview I did with her [here](#). This book is a perfect gift for anyone into gardening or country crafts.

## [Modern Pioneering](#)



# ***Big Game Hunting***

## **Ultimate Deer Hanger**

The Ultimate Deer Hanger was designed for someone like you and me. Hunters who want a reliable product that works, has quality craftsmanship, and does what it claims to do. The Ultimate Deer Hanger was made to make handling a deer easier for one person, whether it be hanging the deer or in the skinning and processing of the deer. The Ultimate Deer Hanger was designed by avid hunters who have used other means of hanging a deer and were just not satisfied with the old hanger that looks like a coat hanger, or a metal pipe, or even a notched 2 X 4 piece of wood with a rope tied in the middle.



## **Knight & Hale Ultimate Rattle Bag**

This is the rattling bag I personally use and have used for years. When used properly it sounds just like two bucks duking it out!

## **Knight & Hale Ultimate Rattle Bag**



# Bird Hunting



## [Montana Decoy](#)

A 3D strutter decoy that folds down to fit in a vest? You better believe it! I can't wait until turkey hunting season gets here again; nothing gets me more fired up than spring turkey!

Turkeys are smart little buggers and anyone will tell you the better the decoy, the better the chance of killing a mature tom. I would be crushed if I came home empty handed and I wouldn't leave it to chance. Montana Decoys are truly the way to go.

## [Montana Decoy Papa Strut](#)

This hunting decoy bag puts an end to all the times you've been in the woods and muttered to yourself, "Dang, I wish I had my decoy with me." It comes pre-packed with Estrus Betty – an effective doe decoy throughout all phases of the rut – and conveniently stores and transports your other hunting decoys with ease.

While it's not technically "Bird Hunting" I recommend this carrier for your turkey decoys!

## [Lost Bag Decoy Carrier](#)



# Hunting Dogs

## Mud River

Cozy up the kennel for your hunting buddy with this Mud River Dog-Crate Cushion. Whipstitching bonds the 1,200-denier nylon upper fabric to the industrial-grade bottom to handle the toughest abuse your dog can dish out.

Your dog works hard for you so feel free to spoil him this Christmas too!

## Mud River Dog-Crate Cushion



## Dokken

A great way to get that young waterdog started. The Dokken Teal is a small size that's the right fit for pups and dogs just getting started. Simulates the look and feel of a downed blue-wing, and it weighs approximately the same as the real thing.

The head and feet are constructed of hard material to deter grasping in undesirable locations, while the flopping head also discourages dogs from shaking birds during retrieves.

## Dokken's Blue-Winged Teal DeadFowl Trainer



## Lucky Dog

A complete kit for the beginner or advanced trainer with the same quality equipment used by professional trainers. Includes: Roy Gonia Special whistle, nylon whistle lanyard, game scent, regular plastic knobby dummy, 4-ft. nylon lead, training booklet.

## Lucky Dog Training Kit



# Firearms

## [Spectra Shot](#)

Spectra Shot came on as a [podcast](#) sponsor in spring of 2014, I fell in love with them at SHOT Show 2014. After reading reviews and reports from other hunters I wanted to see what the fuss was all about.

After shooting them I was hooked.

You can listen to the [interview](#) we did with Blair Michele who did a great job of explaining why these loads are far superior here.

They offer turkey loads, skeet and waterfowl shots.

## [Spectra Shot](#)



## [Hornady](#)

Pistol shooters will love this pistol rug. Perfect for storage functional at the same time. Plus you'll be stylin' at the range like the cool kids do.

## [Hornady Pistol Rug](#)

Or maybe you know someone into reloading. My dad reloads and a go to gift for him is any related supply item.

Click on the image for a list of ideas.

## [Hornady Reloading](#)



## [Liberty Ammunition](#)

Looking for some awesome home defense ammo? Then look no further! I have field tested this ammo and it rocks!



## [Hawke Sport Optics](#)

I love, love, LOVE these scopes, they make a scope for every rifle and shotgun that I own.

All Hawke scope lenses are fully multi-coated for the best possible light transmission and management. Waterproof, shockproof, and nitrogen purged to be fog proof!



## [Scopeshield](#)

This thing has saved my scope more times than I can count! I generally tromp through some thick stuff and scratching my lens has always been a concern. ScopeShield is the perfect solution.



# Archery

## [Plano](#)

Accessory boxes are a must for any archer, here is one that I know they'll love. It has a cored foam insert for your broadheads and has adjustable compartments.

[Plano Archery Accessory Box](#)



## [Easton Arrows](#)

I personally shoot Eastons and FMJ's are my favorite. You can listen to the interview with Gary Cornum where we talk about [Hunting Arrow Tech](#).

Half dozen arrows would be an awesome gift to receive from anyone!

[Easton FMJ Carbon Arrows](#)



## [AMS](#)

Do you have that hard to buy for archer? Have they expressed interest in Bowfishing? Perhaps now is the time to get them a starter kit!

[AMS Bowfishing Kit](#)



# Camping

It's no secret that I love to camp. There is nothing better than waking in my tent to the sound of the woods waking up. Squirrels chattering and the laughing call of a loon. Here are some of my favorite picks for someone that enjoys camping as well. I own all of these suggestions except for the RV ones; those were suggested by a couple that takes their RV on the road for about 45 days throughout the year. They were the two top suggestions they couldn't live without.



[Nebo Redline Flashlight](#) – who doesn't need a flashlight when they are camping? This one features one high power LED with five lighting modes and the option to choose between Flood Light or Spot Light beams – you know to keep those darned raccoons away!



[Sea to Summit "The Kitchen Sink"](#) – a super handy camp sink that can be used from carrying water for purification, cooking, washing dishes etc. It's tempered to hold hot water and folds up for convenient carrying.



[BioLite Wood Burning CampStove](#) – Biolite is my latest obsession. Weight in my pack is a big deal and not having to bring extra propane tanks is a plus. I've only had a chance to play around with this through it's paces. I have a feeling it will come in handy in the blind, while out fishing and for that quick lunch time hot dog while camping. Psst it'll recharge your phone while you cook...tiny portable stove but I am working on a review and can't wait to really put it to the test.



[Zippo Rugged LED Lantern](#) – This lantern is amazing, it's rugged, durable, it floats, you can't break it – again; it's amazing. You can read Gretchen's gear review [here](#) and let her words speak for me!



## [Peak Performance](#)

Anyone who's ever tried to back up an RV for the first few times knows there is a bit of getting used to.

This inexpensive back up mirror is the perfect solution! Easy to install and simple instructions rounded out this option as a must have.

## [Peak Performance 3.5" Back Up Mirror](#)

## [Classic Accessories](#)

Preserve your RV's looks with this durable, comfortable seat cover. Separate armrest covers and holes for seat-adjustment levers provide a custom fit. Elastic hem and Lycra® back keep the cover from sliding and bunching. Constructed of 300-denier polyester with a water-resistant polyurethane coating.

Plus it's a no brainer when you're driving for 10+ hours...save your doopah!

*(Hey, it'd be important to ME!)*

## [Classic Accessories Captain's Chair Seat Cover](#)



# Tent



## ENO

What fun!! Create stars on a cloudy night, set up a backcountry disco or celebrate Christmas in your hammock with the ENO Twilights LED Light String.

[ENO Twilights LED Light String](#)

## Coleman

Balmy summer nights just got a lot nicer with this fan from Coleman, designed to keep a cooling breeze moving through your tent all night long. I personally own this fan and we use it all summer long, there's nothing worse than being overheated in a tent at night.

Its super quiet and I can't imagine camping without it.

[Coleman Freestanding Tent Fan](#)



# Hiking



## [Deuter](#)

We don't have children, but we do have small nephews and nieces. I can imagine the day when we get to take them camping or hiking. As you know I'm all about comfort. A backpack child carrier is just the ticket. It's the self serving gift I'd give to someone like my sister knowing full well I'd be asking to borrow it when I took the kids with me!

## [Deuter Kid Comfort Air Child Carrier](#)

## [Black Diamond](#)

If you have an avid hiker in your party trek poles will sure to be a favorite gift.

They make models for women and men and for different scenarios, whether it's climbing a snow covered mountain or just a strenuous hike, you're sure to find a set for that hiker in your family.

## [Black Diamond Trek Poles](#)



# Fishing

## *Fly Fishing:*

### Fishpond

The compact San Juan Vertical Chest Pack is designed for the angler who likes to travel light. Zip-down fly bench with its high-density rippled foam fly page provides a convenient place to change or store flies. The zippered main compartment holds a fly box and other accessories, while a zippered interior pocket provides safe storage for keys and other valuables. Chest and waist straps hold this low profile pack securely against your chest. With the San Juan, you can eliminate all but the basics and feel comfortable that you've still got everything you need.

### [Fishpond Westwater Chest Pack](#)



### Umpqua

Every fly fisherman needs more fly boxes! That's the truth! I own several Umpqua boxes and love them; they come in many different sizes and colors.

Translucent colors for easy fly id as well as hatch specific box setup, one finger, push-button opening on both lids, dual-slotted Fly-Trap foam for an astounding maximum fly capacity make this a sure bet.

### [Umpqua UPG Flyboxes](#)



## **Fresh Water Fishing:**

### **Panther Martin**

Lures that Flash and Reflect Light to attract more fish. Panther Martin Hammered lures in one convenient 6-Pack. If you're looking for a little more check out the Deadly Dozen, Panther Martin's most popular spinner kit.

[Hammered 6-Pack kit](#)

[Deadly Dozen Kit](#)



Christmas is a great time to give the gift of ice fishing; it's something they can use immediately!

### **Wright & McGill**

Designed by professional walleye angler Tony Roach, Wright &

McGill's Tony Roach Power Ice Spring-Bobber Rod has a removable spring bobber to detect the slightest bites. S-Curve Blank provides the perfect action for jigging over hard water. Full rubber-cork handles for superior cold-weather grip. Stainless steel guides.

[Wright & McGill Tony Roach Power Ice Spring-Bobber Rod](#)



### **Jawjacker**

Forget having to constantly watch your rods for bites. Set the hook every time with the Jawjacker. This ice-fishing tip-up watches your rod and sets your hook for you, responding to even the most sensitive bites so you can land more monsters. Adjustable to fit rod length, sensitivity and hook-setting power.

[Jawjacker Hook Setter Tip-Up](#)



For additional ideas, please visit [wwocz.net](http://wwocz.net) and select the [Gear Review category](#), the writers have worked diligently on reviewing lots of items!

