See the Light

The WTA gear team's illuminating ratings.

Don't hit the trail unprepared. Use this handy comparison chart to get the illumination low-down on everything from brightness and durability to ease of use and water resistance with some of the latest outdoors lighting gear. Then see how each item measured up against the others.

Headlamps »

		Brightness	Durability	Ease of Use	Packability	Water Resistance*	Light Modes*	Batteries	Recommended Use	Key Features*	Price
Black Diamond	Cosmo	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	yes	5	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	double-power LED	$$
Black Diamond	Icon	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	yes	2	3x AA	hiking/backpacking	optional recharge kit	$$$
Black Diamond	Moxie	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	yes	5	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	dimmer modes, lightweight	$$
Black Diamond	Spot	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	yes	7	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	night vision, lockout mode	$$
Black Diamond	Sprinter	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	yes	4	rechargeable	running/biking	rechargeable, rear strobe	$$$$
Eddie Bauer	Hurricane Ridge	★★	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	4	3x AAA	car camping	red and white LEDs	$
Icon	IRIX II	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	2	1 AA	hiking/backpacking	one battery, dimmer	$$
Joby	Gorillatorch Switchback	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	yes	5	2x AA	hiking/backpacking	combo w/ lantern	$$$
Mammut	Lucido TX-1	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	yes	5	3x AA	mountaineering	amazingly bright	$$$$
Mammut	Lucido X-Zoom	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	yes	6	3x AA	mountaineering	45° floodlight to 5° spotlight	$$$$
Petzl	e+LITE	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	5	2x CR2032†	ultralite	tiny, IPX7 waterproof	$$
Petzl	MYO RXP	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	yes	33	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	programmable, diffuser	$$$$
Petzl	Tactikka XP Adapt	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	yes	7	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	colored filters, variable mounts	$$$
Petzl	Tikka XP2	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★★	yes	7	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	night-light, wide-angle diffuser	$$$
Princeton Tec	Apex	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★	yes	5	4x AA	mountaineering	IPX7 waterproof	$$$$
Princeton Tec	Fuel 4 LED	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	4	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	Simple, small and bright	$$
Princeton Tec	Quad	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	4	3x AAA	mountaineering	super-lightweight	$$
Princeton Tec	Remix	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	yes	4	3x AAA	hiking/backpacking	optional colored LEDs	$$
Sun Company	Dinobryte	★	★★	★★★★	★	no	1	3x AAA	children	animal sounds, fun for kids	$$
Sun Company	Frog	★	★★	★★★★★	★	no	1	2 CR202†	children	animal sounds, fun for kids	$
Sun Company	LEGO	★	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	no	1	2 CR202†	children	multi-directional lighting	$

Lanterns & Flashlights »

Black Diamond	Orbit Lantern	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	2	4x AAA	ultralite	super-compact	$$
Black Diamond	Apollo Lantern	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	yes	2	4x AA	hiking/backpacking	LED power indicator	$$
Black Diamond	Titan Lantern	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	2	4x D	car camping	LED power indicator	$$$$
Brunton	Lamplight 360	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★	yes	2	variable	car camping	omnivore	$$
Eddie Bauer	Remote Lantern	★	★★	★★★★	★★	yes	3	3x AA	car camping	remote control	$$$
Joby	Gorillatorch Switchback	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	yes	5	2x AA	hiking/backpacking	combo w/ headlamp	$$$
snow peak	Gigapower Lantern	★★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★	yes	1	isobutane	car camping	compact, efficient	$$$
snow peak	Kozuki Lantern	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★	yes	3	4x AA	car camping	hanger hook, USB plug	$$$$
Surefire	E1L Flashlight	★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	yes	2	1x 3V†	hiking/backpacking	ultra-durable, belt clip	$$$$
SureFire	E2L Flashlight	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★	yes	1	2x SF123A†	hiking/backpacking	rugged design, bright light	$$$$
Surefire	Stratum Flashlight	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	yes	3	2x 123A†	car camping	accessories available	$$$$

Team Ratings: ★ = Poor / ★★★★★ = Excellent | Ratings based on a mutual criteria by individual gear team participants. Individual results may vary. | *See individual product specifications for more information. | †Requires specific lithium batteries.