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Best Sleeping Gear: 2017 Digital Trends Outdoor Awards

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*All season long, we camped, backpacked, paddle boarded, and hiked our way through the Pacific Northwest to find the best new outdoor gear for the first annual Digital Trends Outdoor Awards. After pushing each contender to the limit, we crowned our favorite products for **Cooking**, **Sleeping**, **Trekking**, **Recreation**, **Unwinding**, and a special award for **Innovation**. And we're giving away one of every winning product, so [enter our contest!](#)*

When you're camping, a tent is your literal home away from home. It keeps out the rain, sun, and bugs, and gives you a comfy place to lay your head at the end of the day. A proper tent should be easy to set up and break down, provide enough space for your crew and your gear, and do it all without weighing you down.

Modern fabrics and smarter construction have made today's sleeping gear vastly lighter and connected to your tech lifestyle — think smart tents to pair with today's smarthomes, smartphones, and [smart apartments](#). As tent makers continue to innovate the construction and design of their portable abodes, some have found new and inventive ways to make setup take a mere matter of minutes while others have piled tents with built-in tech. But why choose? Big Agnes makes a tent that does both with flying colors.

RUNNERS UP



Yakima Skyrise rooftop tent

Yakima's entry into the rooftop tent industry shows that this latest camping trend is hardly a fad. With the [SkyRise rooftop tent](#) series, the rack maker leaned on all of its own materials, designing and manufacturing a high-quality rooftop abode that we found incredibly easy to pitch. An included foam mattress reminded us of our bed at home, making the SkyRise a glamping experience that goes wherever your car does. At \$1,350, though, it's a large investment for car campers and it's worth pointing out that it does require mostly even ground to set up properly. These crazy contraptions are all the rage these days, and Yakima's SkyRise is one of the [best rooftop tents](#) you'll find.