

Sources for Outdoor Equipment

BEST BETS:

Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS) 781-229-9797 www.ems.com

91 Middlesex Turnpike (same strip mall complex as Tower Records and Staples)

The closest outdoor equipment store, and they rent Troop 119 equipment for free, so let's patronize EMS when possible! They have an "organization day" when everything in store is 20% off, and may be providing us with coupons occasionally. Limited clothing in youth sizes - adult small often works. EMS has other stores in the area.

Recreation Equipment Incorporated (REI) 781-944-5103 www.rei.com

279 Salem St., Reading. Take exit 40 off 128, go ¾ around circle. REI is less than 100 yds down on the left, next to the DMV. 15-20 min. from Lexington.

REI is a large national chain that also does mail-order. More selection than EMS. If you join the co-op (not mandatory), you get notice of sales and about 8% back at year end. Check out REI OUTLET tab at website. Avoid shipping fees by picking up mail orders at the store! REI has other stores in area.

Campmor 1-800-CAMPMOR www.campmor.com

Mail order company out of NJ that provides a gigantic selection of camping and outdoor equipment at fair or discounted prices. Photos online are better than thumbnail sketches in newsprint catalog, but catalog is very comprehensive. Campmor brand (basic but functional) rainwear, gaiters, etc. is some of cheapest around.

BSA Scout Shops National Sales/Catalog: 1-800-323-0732 www.scoutstuff.org

Closest store: 23 Turnpike Road (Rt.9), Southborough, 508-229-2396

Good for backpacks (though full price), one stop shopping

OTHER OPTIONS:

Sierra Trading Post 1800-713-4534 www.sierratradingpost.com

Mail order company out of Wyoming that carries brand name gear at discount prices – closeouts, etc. Some good deals, particularly on synthetic long underwear.

Bob Smith's Wilderness House (formerly Wilderness House) 1-617-277-5858

1048 Commonwealth Ave (In BU area off Storrow Drive)

Best selection of top-line (and pricey) outdoor equipment.

Decathlon Sports 781-270-9200

43A Middlesex Turnpike, behind Market Basket on Lowell St.

Sometimes has good prices on outdoor clothing, footwear and synthetic socks.

Old Navy oldnavy.com

43 Middlesex Turnpike, in same strip mall as Market Basket

Convenient, cheap source for fleece, and often for nylon pants, etc. Watch for cotton linings though.

Costco At present Costco has 3 packs of wool hiking socks for \$10. Head brand. Size Medium for most scouts.

Play it Again Sports 781-438-2399

62E Montvale Avenue, Stoneham; ½ mile or so after passing under I93 in Plaza on right.

Used sports equipment, including cross country ski, downhill ski and snowboard equipment. Shop pre-season for best selection.

Wal-Mart Good prices on car camping equipment such as Coleman stoves.