

KEEP WARM AND WATERPROOF

Braving the elements is something the hardened outdoors type takes on the chin—it is an integral part of the experience. Of course, it helps to be protected from the worst of the weather when embarking on extreme sports. If your passions are mountain, snow, or watersports, be sure to equip yourself with the best kit on offer.



PUFFY PONCHO

Rumpl's versatile *Puffy Poncho* is made using the same technology that is applied to down jackets and sleeping bags. Fashioned from lightweight waterproof fabric and filled with down it is superwarm in cold, wet weather. Literally an all-in-one, it has everything covered from the generous hood

down. Handy features include a zipper-secured kangaroo pouch, a media port, and even a beverage holder. When you are not using the poncho to stay warm and dry, it unbuttons to provide a blanket and can pack right down inside its front pocket to give you a comfy pillow.



SHEEP SUIT

This all-in-one *Zone One Sheep Suit* from Icebreaker is just the ticket for snow sports. Stretchy, thanks to its Lycra content, it also features merino mesh panels to help regulate temperature. It's a snug fit, with a tight-fitting protective hood, zipper chin guard, and flatlock seams.



DARKFIN GLOVES

Fans of watersports will love these high-performance water propulsion and paddle gloves from Black Lagoon. The webbed fingers increase the surface area of the hand by 70 percent, making the gloves suitable for all kinds of aquatic activity from whitewater river boarding to snorkeling and kayaking. Best of all they are made from 100 percent true natural latex, which makes them highly flexible and naturally biodegradable to boot.



BISON SOCKS

These supercozy socks are made by United By Blue, who pride themselves on using sustainable materials to make all their clothing and accessories. The socks are made from bison down—a waste product from the ranching industry. Claiming to be softer than cashmere and warmer than wool, the socks feature reinforced heel and toe areas for Zextra durability.



KHILLARI JACKET

The *BLACKYAK Khillari Jacket* ticks all the boxes when it comes to being lightweight, waterproof, windproof, and durable. At just 2.5 ounces (71 grams) in weight, it claims to be the lightest jacket with the smallest packing volume—both crucial features for backpacking in the mountains. Designed to offer maximum protection in extreme weather, the jacket has been stripped of all unnecessary extras such as pockets. Instead it has a built-in elastic tape that will keep the jacket as close as possible to the layers beneath, ensuring maximum warmth and protection.



MOUNTAIN SLEEPING BAG

Weighing in at just 3 pounds and 7 ounces (1.5 kilograms), the *Puma MF* sleeping bag from Western Mountaineering will keep you toasty up to -13°F (-25°C). The secret lies in the design of the bag, which has a full down collar and two densely packed tubes that interlock when the bag is zipped up, cutting out any drafts.