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Mother's Day Gift Guide: The Best Presents For Hiking Enthusiasts



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Get the hiking mom what she really wants for Mother's Day: some great gear. GETTY

With Mother's Day around the corner, get the adventurous mom what she really wants: some great outdoor gear. Here, some of our favorite options.

Royal Robbins: The **Jammer Zip 'n' Go** is a classic. It goes from pant to capri without mom having to remove her hiking boots.

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Women's Jammer Zip n Go pants ROYAL
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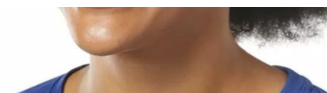
With UPF 50+ sun protection, quick-drying material (nylon and spandex) these hiking pants are durable and lightweight. The **Jammer II** is ideal for petite women, as it can adjust the length from ankle to knee. The waistband has an elastic insert for a comfy fit. The **Discovering III** has the added benefit of being water-resistant, with the ECO-DWR treatment. It is also moisture-wicking. She'll feel good

wearing the soft and eco-friendly **Jammer Knit Jacket II**, which is made from recycled PET bottles and includes UPF 50+ sun protection.

Outdoor Research: To protect the face against the sun, a good hiking hat is a must. The **Performance Trucker Hat** has a long bill, plus it's breathable and moisture-wicking. It also holds its shape



well (even if it's been smashed in a backpack all day). For rainy days, the [Halo Rain Cap](#) made from Ventia fabric—both waterproof and breathable—is a



Outdoor Research Halo Rain Hat
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good option. Pair it with the [Waterproof Liners](#), which are lightweight and easy to pack. They also have touchscreen fingertips and a silicone palm and fingers grip to help mom stay dry and in control, no matter the weather.

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and a jacket are a must for hikers, as the weather can change quickly, and it's always good to be prepared. The [Stretch Ozonic Pant](#) is waterproof and features a stretch fabric that enables mobility. Bending, squatting, and hiking in a sudden downpour is made easy. The 40D fabric is strong and durable to prevent rips and tears. The ankle zip means mom won't have to take off her boots to get them on and off. Pair the rain pants with the [Gore-Tex Paclite Plus](#) jacket. It's super packable, weighs almost nothing, and packs easily into its pocket, so it's perfect to throw into a backpack on cloudy days. The brimmed hood has an adjustable drawcord to keep rain away from the head and the cinched hem prevents puddles from splashing up. It's a great addition to any mom's rain gear.

Merrill: A top name in the hiking world, Merrell produces a number of good options when it comes to sturdy but comfortable hiking boots.



Moab 2 Waterproof boot MERRELL

The **Moab 2** are a best-selling, classic waterproof boot. The breathable mesh lining, the rubber toe cap, the shock-absorbent heel, and the Vibram traction means mom won't slip and slide, no matter the weather. The

Bravada is comfortable like a sneaker but with all the details of a durable hiking boot. The Quantum Grip rubber outsole is great for traction in any terrain, while the comfort collar reduces hot spots inside. The waterproof mesh keeps feet dry but also allows them to breathe. The **MQM** is another good option. It's super lightweight and made of Gore-Tex waterproof material to keep moisture at bay.

Icebreaker: Accessories are a must when out for a hike.

The **Pocket Hat** is a nice option. It's made with 100 percent merino wool, reversible (so it's two colors in one), easy to carry and keep in your pocket, and lightweight. Another good option to keep mom's ears warm on cool spring or fall days is the **Cool-Lite Flexi Headband**. It's made of odor-resistant, moisture-wicking, and quick-drying fabric. If mom is more of a beanie than a headband person, the Cool-Lite Flexi beanie offers the same qualities as the headband but in an ultralight merino wool hat. If she needs something for colder weather, the Tech Trainer Hybrid Beanie is great for rainy, windy days. It will keep her warm but it's also

REALFLEECE DESCENDER LONG SLEEVE
ZIP HOOD ICEBREAKER

breathable and moisture-wicking. The [Flexi Chute](#) is made from a super-soft and lightweight merino wool. It's like a hat for the neck. The Merionoloft Tropos Vest is a high-performance outer layer that is super lightweight, wind and water-resistant, and packs into a sleeve. A good mid-weight option for warmth is the [Realfleece Descender Long Sleeve Zip Hood](#). It's a durable, merino-wool fleece with temperature regulation. A fitted hood and fold-over cuffs are included for added warmth.

Nikon: A great thing to have on a long a hike (whether mom is hiking in the Rocky Mountains, on an African safari, or bird watching in Guyana) is a great pair of binoculars.



MONARCH 7 8x30 NIKON

The [MONARCH 7 8x30 from Nikon](#) is durable, lightweight, fog-resistant, and waterproof. The binoculars are compact, have a wide field of view, and feature multicoated lenses that translate into clear, bright viewing. They're Ideal for birding, safaris, and enjoying any kind of nature.

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