

New & Noteworthy



FIRM FOOTING

"Stabilicers" from 32North are strap-on, spiked shoes based on a design long used by mountaineers, who call them "crampons" and wear them to traverse snowdrifts. They're designed for icefishermen who are tired of skating to their shanties. (\$45; 800-782-2423)

DOUBLY SECURE

Truck Vault has a new locking long-gun/ammo box that fits under the rear bench seat of extended-cab pickups by Ford, Chevy, GMC and Dodge. The new design allows for secure storage inside the vehicle without sacrificing bed cargo space. (\$495.99; 800-967-8107; www.truckvault.com)



PHOTOS EXCEPT DOUBLY SECURE: DEAN POWELL

A CLEAN BURN

If you've ever used those white, gelatinous fuels to cook over, you know about the chemical aftertaste they impart. The only alternative has been to tote a heavy propane stove or grovel for dry twigs on dewy mornings.

Thankfully, there's now Alaskan Fire Mite, a flammable wax that comes rolled up like tape with waterproof matches inside. Best of all, it leaves no funny taste behind.

(\$3.49; 740-698-4407; www.firemite.com)



RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS

The trick to deer hunting is to be in the same place at the same time as the deer you want to hunt. Obvious, right? But what's not so easy is knowing where and when that is. Enter the Hunt Log from M.A.D. Calls, a new PC software package that uses information on how deer have behaved in the past (you provide the input) to help you intercept them in the present. (\$14.99; 800-922-9034; www.outland-sports.com)



ON TAP

During a week-long trip to Wyoming, OUTDOOR LIFE Fishing Editor Jerry Gibbs bravely drank water from streams and lakes in which stomach-wrenching protozoa (such as *Giardia*) were likely present. Why the risk? To see if Safe Water Anywhere's G2 Personal Filter and Hydration Reservoir does in fact remove bacteria and protozoa from water in the wild. Upon his return, Gibbs said, "It must work, because my stomach never knew the difference." (From \$44.95; 800-675-4401)

