Parents

We Tested the Best Travel Strollers for Every Type of Adventure

These are lightweight, small, and ready to make your trip easier

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Why We Like It: It's got the convenience and price of an umbrella stroller, but it doesn't feel rickety and it looks so cute.

But Take Note: The light-colored fabrics may not stay in pristine condition for long.

Umbrella strollers are no one's favorite mode of conveyance, as they typically sacrifice style and comfort for cost and the ability to collapse into a small package that you won't care terribly about breaking or losing. But in our testing, we were able to find a few that we genuinely liked for reasons beyond their near disposability. This model from Gap, made by Delta Children, surprised us by not just looking cute. The gray-and-white striped fabric—very Gap!—is part of its appeal, however, and it's made from recycled water bottles. (It also comes in pink-and-white stripes, black camo, and navy camo.)

This inexpensive stroller has some thoughtful features: The canopy fully shades a child, though it doesn't have a peekaboo window. It reclines enough for a toddler's nap, but does not have a footrest. The five-point harness buckles at three points, has removable padding, and doesn't have to be rethreaded to adjust. The two handles have faux leather covers that feel good to hold, and it comes with a fabric caddy to hold the grown-up's small belongings, a water bottle, and a cup or bottle for the kid as well. You can squeeze a diaper bag into the cargo area—it's about the size you expect from an umbrella stroller. Our one concern about the design is that we're not sure how long the whiter parts of the fabric will stay looking white.

We were truly surprised by how good it felt to push this stroller around on different terrain, given that it doesn't have fancy shock absorption or other luxury features. There was none of the telltale rattling of an umbrella stroller, and it's so lightweight that we could manage stairs and curbs without much inconvenience.

To fold, you lift a lock in the back, push a lever on the bottom right side, and push the whole thing forward. We found the lock that keeps it folded is a bit finicky, and could totally see someone breaking a nail unlocking it one day, so watch out for that. Still, it has a well-placed strap for carrying and weighs only 15 pounds. We can imagine it being a great second stroller that you can take on trains, pack in the trunk, and even gate-check on planes.

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The Details:

• **Size open:** 20.7 x 31.50 x 42.9 inches

• Size folded: 12 x 44 x 11 inches

• Weight: 15 pounds

