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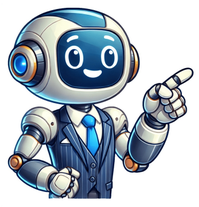

Eddie bauer guide pro pants

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"Only when the guides say it's ready do we offer it to you," Eddie Bauer says. Not all of Eddie Bauer's 'Guide Built' outdoor apparel has the Guide Pro name, though. Some of it is marketed under Eddie Bauer's 'First Ascent' logo, which indicates that it's outdoor-ready apparel (and not simply fashion or workout apparel). Outdoor Ready? So are the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants truly outdoor-ready? Yes. More importantly, I think they're everyday-ready. What do I mean by that? Some outdoor hiking pants work well for hiking but lack style. The Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants have both. The Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants look as good on the sidewalk as they do out on the trail. Aside from the admittedly annoying placement of the First Ascent logo on the upper thigh, the Guide Pro Pants look as good on the sidewalk as they do out on the trail. They deliver an outdoor vibe that leans toward sporty and active. In fact, because the Guide Pro Pants have a sporty, active vibe, there's a good chance you'll wear them in town, too. For me, the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pant and Guide Pro Work Pant have become my daily drivers. The quality and cut are versatile. The gusseted crotch extends down the inner thigh and, with the articulated knees, delivers outstanding comfort and mobility. Speaking of the cut, Eddie Bauer's Guide Pro Pants are sewn with articulated knees and a gusseted crotch, which results in a comfortable fit when walking, scrambling over rocks, and even sitting in low-slung camp chairs. In addition, the lightweight two-way stretch fabric gives you a bit of stretch when you need it, and it breathes well, too. Excellent Pockets The front hand pockets are big and roomy and useful — they're very good, actually. I had my doubts about the angled front-and-side thigh zippered cargo pockets — until I started using them. They're large enough for big smartphones, and they're roomy enough to let the smartphone slide back to the side of your thigh when walking or sitting. In fact, the angled design lets gravity guide your smartphone to the back portion of the pocket where it's out of the way and more comfortable. The angled thigh pockets are sleek but roomy. They guide most contents toward the sides. For example, there is a wallet in this pocket and it creates only a trim bump. For outdoor use, there are no elevated seams to snag. Like the front hand pockets, the cargo pockets are large and roomy. Interestingly, the cargo pockets don't have any exterior pleats to allow for greater carrying capacity. In addition, the cargo pockets are not sewn on top of the pant fabric — the pocket itself is sewn to the inside of the pant like the hand pockets. The result is a super clean look that doesn't snag on brush when you're walking in the woods. I'm a fan of the design. In fact, I now prefer this cargo pocket to most dedicated smartphone pockets. Makes me think I need to order a pair of the Guide Pro Shorts for hot summer days. Key Features The best feature of the Guide Pro Pants always comes back to the lightweight fabric. Eddie Bauer got it right. It's 94% nylon with 6% spandex, woven into a two-way stretch. It offers just enough stretch to increase mobility and comfort but retains its shape and durability. I've walked through brush, scrambled over rock, and snagged it with tools in my garage and haven't torn or ripped it yet. I've put well over 50 days of wear into each of the two pairs of Guide Pro Pants and the fabric has no pilling, no snags, no tears, and doesn't look worn. Eddie Bauer coats the Guide Pro Pants with a StormRepel DWR finish that sheds moisture. While it technically works when the pants are new, it wears off quickly. You can refresh the DWR coating with Nikwax TX.Direct Spray-On, which every outdoor adventurer should have on hand, but don't expect lightweight, breathable pants to fend off real rain or walking through a lot of tall wet grass. The StormRepel is a feature, sure, but keep your expectations low. I've never seen DWR last long on any lightweight pant. Eddie Bauer also includes Polygiene odor control in the waistband, and this might actually work well over the long haul: After neglecting to pack additional pants, I once wore the Guide Pro Pants for five days straight, including under a ski pant shell for three of those days. I did have fresh underwear of course, but the point remains: If you're looking for a lightweight synthetic travel pant that doesn't need washed frequently, the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants should be on your shortlist. Outstanding Fit The Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants have a truly stellar, athletic fit. They fit fairly trim and close to your body but the cut maintains excellent mobility. Better yet, Eddie Bauer offers 26 size options, including tall sizes. (If you're unsure about your size, Eddie Bauer has a handy Find Your True Fit tool online.) I have long legs and — like a lot of guys who hike or climb a lot — I have big thighs. The Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants fit my thighs. In my experience, the sizing is accurate. I'm 6'3" tall and weigh 220 pounds and my typical 38/36 size fits spot on. One of my favorite parts of the cut is the rise: The waistband is positioned slightly lower than average — but don't worry. Eddie Bauer nailed the rise perfectly. The Guide Pro Pants will keep your backside covered yet deliver a modern fit up front. Paired with the aforementioned gusseted crotch, it all comes together to create a particularly agile pant that fits like it should. The only quibble I have with the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants is the fit of the lower leg. It's just a bit looser than I personally want these days. But wait, Eddie Bauer has created a slimmer, trimmer version — the men's Guide Pro Pants – Slim. I bought a pair. The legs are trimmer and the lower leg is particularly nice — but for me personally, it was just a bit too trim for my big thighs. I had to send them back. I don't count this against Eddie Bauer, though — I really do have large thighs. I bet that most guys looking for a trimmer fit will be quite happy. Shop the Guide Pro Pants at EddieBauer.com and get FREE Shipping on orders over $49! Guide Pro Alternative Options There are a lot of great lightweight outdoor pants available these days, but the best alternative options to Eddie Bauer's Guide Pro Pants might be a different version of 'Guide Pro' pants. Here are some of the different versions you might want to consider: Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants – Slim — All the goodness of the original Guide Pro Pants but with a slimmer leg style. Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Work Pants — The Guide Pro Work Pants have the same fabric and fit profile as the original Guide Pro Pants but they include a second layer of fabric over the thighs and seat. They're slightly warmer, too. The thigh pockets are the same, but the rear pockets have flaps at the top. Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Lined Pants — The Guide Pro Lined Pants include a soft polyester stretch fleece lining for extra warmth in winter. Eddie Bauer Guide Pro 4S Pants — The Guide Pro 4S Pants use a thicker weave to create more of a 4-season pant, but the design has some drawbacks compared to the usual Guide Pro pant designs: The front hand pockets have a vertical orientation that doesn't hold contents when sitting down as well as traditional horizontal pockets. Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Convertible Pants — If you're a fan of hiking pants with zip-off legs that convert to shorts, the Guide Pro Convertible Pants are for you. Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Shorts — If you like the pants, Eddie Bauer makes a shorts option. If you prefer a shorter inseam, try the Guide Pro Shorts – 9". Note: If you're looking for a great gift for outdoorsy women, the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants for women (links below) use the same great fabric and core design — and even come in a sporty Guide Pro Capris version. The Verdict: Versatile Daily Winner Somehow the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants work and look like an outdoor hiking pant without limiting you to a trekking vibe. They pair particularly well with technical fleece tops. If it turns out that you appreciate the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants as well as I do, you'll end up buying additional pairs. Eddie Bauer offers many different colors and versions. Very highly recommended. Get the Gear: Eddie Bauer Guide Pro PantsExcellent fabric -- breathable, supple, durableTrim-but-roomy thigh pocketsLots of size, color & version choicesBuy Now from Eddie Bauer! *This post may have affiliate links, which means I may receive a small commision. At no cost to you, if you make a purchase through a link! With so many brands and types of hiking pants on the market it can be difficult to figure out what to get. I have done countless of hours of research and on field trial and error with many pairs of hiking pants. If you have been thinking about buying the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants and wondering if they work for your needs. Then this review should help make your decision easier. When looking to find the best pair of hiking pants there are a lot of factors to consider. Depending on the season you will want either a lighter more breathable pair or a heavier and warmer pair of pants. Other things to consider are the features like belt loops, pockets, and attachment options. But most importantly is comfort and mobility, when heading out in the backcountry a pair of restrictive pants will just work against you. When focusing on comfort, these pants actually do well. They offer an athletic fit which provides more room at the seat with a gradual taper. Although, I find that the Guide Pro pants have a looser athletic fit than most standard pants. And it feels a lot looser around the hips and especially loose from the knees to the ankles. This was not necessarily a con to the comfort though. After wearing these on multiple hikes I found the loose fit made the pants easy to layer base layers or fleece underneath if needed. I could see some people not necessarily like the looser fit but, on the flip, side could see people loving it. When it comes to mobility these pants excel and do not restrict motion at all. I was easily able to scale up steep inclines and rocky passes without any difficulty. The Eddie Bauer Pro Guide's passed my squat test and I noticed no restrictions when going into a full squat position. Overall, the Guide Pro are comfortable fitting pants that I did not find to restrict or limit my movement. If you are looking for a slightly looser athletic fitting pants, then you should consider trying these pants. Wearing the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro on a day hike These are fairly versatile hiking pants. The fabric blend is made up of a 94% nylon, 6% elastane blend. Which allows the fabric to ventilate well, be durable, and provide some stretch for action. The fit of the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro Pants is a slightly low rise, relaxed at the seat with a loose fit from the knee to the ankle. I didn't mind this fit even though I like more tailored fitting pants. I found this fit to work well as it provided enough room around my waist and hips. It did feel just a little too floppy around my ankle than it really needed to be. But that was not a big deal. Overall, the Guide Pro Pants are a great choice for any outdoors activities. They are an excellent choice on warmer summer days, fall, and/or spring. They easily work for multi-day trips or even day hikes. While the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants are fairly versatile hiking pants. They do not offer much warmth or protection against colder weather or wind due to how thin and breathable the fabric is. Keeping a pair of rain pants handy for added protection against the elements is a necessity. In warmer conditions these pants can be warm however are loose enough at the lower leg to be rolled up over the knees. There are no cinch cords built in to help keep them above the knee so they do fall down at times. A couple uses and the button started to fray The durability of the Eddie Bauer Pro Guide pants is mostly pretty good. I have just one small complaint though and it is with the button. With just a couple uses the button started to become extremely loose with fabric starting to fray. Besides that, the pants are able to resist normal wear and tear on the trails. Now I have not really tested the extent of durability in these pants yet. But they have easily held up for use on several groomed hiking trails without a scratch. For how lightweight these hiking pants are it's no surprise that they also ventilate well during activity. The Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants are not the most breathable pants out there but perform well in moderate temperatures. In super hot temperatures you might be a little uncomfortable and want to roll up the pants. There are no cinch cords to help keep the pants in place and tend to fall down. The Guide Pro hiking pants come in at about 12 oz making it a fairly light pair of pants. I definitely did not feel bogged down by the weight of these pants at all. Also, these pants retain a good amount of durability from the nylon even though they are on the lighter side. The Eddie Bauer Pro Guide repel water well. Eddie Bauer's Guide Pro hiking pants do an effective job at repelling water due to the DWR coating. I didn't have an opportunity to wear them during a rainy hike so I did a spray test and the water beaded up and rolled off like it should. I also sprayed the pants with water for 5 minutes and the pants were able to repel during multiple showers with very minimal saturation. In 5 minutes, one should be able to toss on some rain gear in a downpour. The pants also come with a 50+ UPF rating, which means they only let 1/50th of the ultraviolet rays through. Another thing to note is that 50+ UPF is the highest rating clothing can have. So these pants are an effective piece of clothing for additional sun protection. The Pro Guides have a nice amount of pockets These pants offer quite a few features. There are six pockets in total: two front pockets, two back with velcro closures, and two deep side zip pockets. All the pockets work well and are deep enough to fit a six inch cell phone. I found the side zipper pockets to be super handy for storing my phone. The Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants do not include a drawstring or a belt but do have belt loops for adding a belt if needed. I found the belt loops useful and able to fit my arcade belt. I have had difficulty in the past sliding the arcade belt into loops that were too small. But, the loops on these pants were able to accommodate. How do you wash the Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants? Eddie Bauer recommends machine wash cold delicately with like colors. Do not bleach and do not use fabric softeners. Tumble dry on low and remove. Cool iron if that is desired. Are Eddie Bauer Guide Pro pants true to size? Yes, they are. In my experience they stay true to size. The Guide Pro pants are a good pair of pants for versatility and comfort; they are a bit loose around the lower legs and waist. If you are wanting a snugger option Eddie Bauer has a slim version of the Guide Pro pants that are slim from the waist to the ankle. Better options for summer conditions are the Outdoor Research Feriossi which is lighter and more breathable. Or the REI activator 3.0 which is warmer in colder conditions. If you are wanting a good trail to town option, then check out Kuhl Deceptr pants. Overall, the Guide Pros are a great pair of pants that are not a bad value for the price. Also, it is not uncommon to find these pants on sale. If they are on sale, then these pants would be an excellent purchase. These pants offer a lot of versatility, comfortability, and mobility. Which are all things you want on any outdoor excursion. Only downsides are a bit of a loose fit, this is a bit of a personal preference though. And some aspects of the durability of these pants especially the button which would just be worth it to replace to reduce chance of failure out in the backcountry. If your go-to outdoor activities are water-based, or you live in a wet and wild climate, we highly recommend these pants. The DWR finish does a good job of keeping quick splashes and light rain at bay (for a while). But where these pants truly shine is in how fast they dry, making them one of the best in the test. Their breathability and UPF of 50+ also make them a good pick for warmer weather. The Guide Pro pants can handle a lot of weather. They breathe well and block the sun when it's warm out and keep the wind and rain at bay on blustery days.Credit: Clark Tate Comfort and Mobility Our lead tester is in between sizes 4 and 6 at the moment. She went with a size 6 in these pants. They are comfortable through the thighs but loose around the waist. While roomy, they work pretty well. Waist ties aren't the most exciting accessory, but they would give us a little more flexibility in this case. The pants fit in the thighs but were loose in the waist. Without an integrated drawstring, they sat low on our hips. They work, but it's not ideal.Credit: Clark Tate These pants claim to be cut for curves, with more room through the bum and hips. We appreciate that, but you can usually achieve the effect by sizing up. The challenge is often having room in the thighs and having a waist that fits. The pants work okay for our lead tester, who has a curvy/athletic build, despite the sizing issue. But they may not be right for everyone. They also stretch when you wear them as often as you'd like to between washes, which is another reason to consider sizing down if you're in between. Though a little loose, they're still pretty comfortable when sitting low slung on the hips. And you can always buy a belt. We wear these pants to yoga, bouldering sessions, sea kayaking tours, dog walks, and, of course, hikes. Their mobility is excellent, but their comfort is only average due to the less-than-perfect fit. The loose waist left us pulling them up often. What we really appreciate is how many sizing options Eddie Bauer offers. These pants come in plus, regular, petite, and tall sizes, making it more likely that you can nail the fit if you try a few sizes. The 32-inch inseam on the regular cut is a little long for many of our testers. Though the light fabric and straight cut make these pants easy to roll up, it is a little annoying. The fact that they're a little loose exacerbates the issue. The regular inseams were a little long, but fine. You can roll the hems, but the pants don't include any straps to hold them in place.Credit: Clark Tate Two-way stretch fabric stretches side to side and on the diagonal but is pretty rigid vertically, as in running from your waist to your feet. We find that this level of stretch is plenty for our adventure needs and seems to keep them from sagging so they keep their clean lines longer. The crotch isn't gusseted, meaning that four seams meet without an extra triangle of fabric to make the pants more three-dimensional. It doesn't seem to hold us back. It's just that every pair of pants we find incredibly comfortable has one. We find these fairly comfortable. There is a difference. The 96% nylon and 4% spandex detail fabric is soft and feels nice against your skin. The pants don't have any of the cushy features that other options have, like a microfleece lining in the waistband, but we don't miss it. The mid-rise is great. We think it's the most comfortable and practical option. From high steps to yoga, these pants never got in our way.Credit: Clark Tate Venting and Breathability Many hiking pants encourage you to roll up your hems when it's hot out by adding straps to hold the rolls in place. The Guide Pro doesn't do this. The light fabric rolls up easily and has enough structure that they don't unroll themselves easily. This is less true when the pants are wet. Of course, when it's raining or you're wet, you're probably less concerned about the heat. These pants breathed well when we worked hard, from muggy rainy days to hot and sunny ones.Credit: Clark Tate The fabric also seems highly breathable, meaning that the warm air and sweat you generate while you're hiking can escape. We've really enjoyed these pants on hotter, muggier days. Weather Resistance Between the breathability of the light and thin fabric and the 50+ UPF sun protection, these pants treat you right in hot and sunny weather. Though the darker color we tested isn't the best in these conditions. Eddie Bauer doesn't claim that these pants offer any resistance to the wind, but we feel they do a decent job of blocking it. That's great news for the mountains or shoulder seasons when temperatures can drop quickly and unexpectedly. Our favorite hiking pants block wind and breath well, letting you shed heat when you need to while keeping out external chills. These pants perform fairly well at this task. The DWR treatment worked to bead up light rain, and these pants kept our legs dry the longest in our "downpour" shower test.Credit: Clark Tate They do let some wind in though, and they are thin. That means these pants are best suited to warmer weather. The company does make a fleece-lined version for colder temps. Eddie Bauer uses its mid-range durable water repellant (DWR) finish on these pants. The coating keeps droplets from soaking in right away. As a result, the Guide Pro does well in light rain. They aren't waterproof, so you do get wet when it pours. But they did keep us dry longer during our shower test than almost any other pant in the review. They also dry faster than the rest, making them a favorite for rainy weather and water sports. Features The Guide Pro pants are straightforward with minimal features and absolutely no bells and whistles. They have belt loops and pockets, and that's it. We don't have a lot to say about the belt loops. We don't love wearing a belt when hiking, but it works. Since these pants don't have an internal drawstring, and their waist can stretch out, you might need one. These pants have four pockets, two hand pockets, and two zippered, outer-thigh pockets. None of them are big enough to fully swallow a smartphone with a case. That's a bummer since you could almost always use a secure pocket to stash one in. You can carry your phone in them, you just can't zip them up when you do. The front pockets are big enough to shield your hands from the wind. they aren't good for much else.Credit: Clark Tate The pockets are mesh, which keeps them light and keeps air circulating. They're pretty comfortable for your hands, and the hand pockets are just big enough to hold yours. They aren't that useful, but when you're hands get cold, you won't be sorry that you have them. We tend to like having zippered pockets on the outside of our thighs. It's one of the most comfortable places to add bulk to your pants when you're walking. The Guide Pro's versions are big enough for your credit card and ID, some cash, and maybe a granola bar. Though well-placed and secure with a zipper, the thigh pockets aren't large enough to carry much.Credit: Clark Tate Versatility Since we realized halfway through the test that we may have purchased these pants a size larger than we should have, they don't fit like a glove. That looseness can feel frumpy. But they don't seem to look it. We got a few compliments while wearing them and were often pleasantly surprised when we caught our reflection in a mirror. These pants could pass as casual workwear, though the logo on the front of your left thigh kind of gives the game away. But we could definitely see traveling with them given that they offer passable style, are easy to pack, and dry quickly after a was. These sleek pants look good and work well for a wide range of outdoor adventures.Credit: Clark Tate The mid-rise helps the pants work well under a harness or backpack strap. While they aren't our first choice for a yoga class, they certainly move and breathe well enough to work. Value This is about what you pay for hiking pants these days, and we think these will last longer than most. We can't see any sign of the hikes, climbs, yard work, or dog jumps these pants have sustained. That increases their value tremendously. We also think you'll find more occasions to wear these pants than just when you're hiking. Their style is inoffensive enough to creep into your daily wardrobe, and definitely into your travel capsule. The nylon and spandex fabric is bluesign certified, and having your clothes leave you with more healthy environments to explore seems like a bonus. We don't love that Eddie Bauer couldn't tell us if the DWR treatment used on these pants contains PFAs though. If you value reducing toxic chemicals, there are other pants that claim to. Conclusion These minimalist hiking pants have a sophistication that adds to their style and seems to focus on the task at hand, keeping you comfortable outside. From their durability to their breathability to their quick-drying, wrinkle-resistant nature, these pants will keep you comfortable, so you can focus on fun. We're impressed by the technical capabilities of these pants. Though the fit isn't perfect, it certainly works.Credit: Clark Tate

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