

Your favorite place to buy running gear?



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I'm a newbie, and just wondered what places do all of you more experienced runners buy your running gear? Anything from shoes to gloves to electronics....So far I've mostly gotten my stuff at Garry Gribble's.

TIA!



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Oct 24, 2008 **1. Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Oct 31, 2008 2:51 PM

I guess it depends. I mean if more than one place sells the shoes you are wanting go with the cheapest or whatever gives you the best deal. I buy a lot of gear on eBay as well.



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Nov 11, 2007 **2. Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 2, 2008 8:17 PM

Some of the best stores for running gear are local chains, so your choices may largely depend on where you live. Here in Los Angeles, A Snail's Pace is one of the best for running shoes. They're a small but very well-stocked chain (4 stores total). For running clothes and socks, I like the Sports Authority (which is nationwide) and also Sport Chalet (mostly CA).



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May 9, 2008 **3. Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 6, 2008 3:18 PM

For apparel, I go to whichever chain has the best price (sports authority, dick's sporting goods, etc.). For shoes however, I always go to a running specialty store (best advice I ever received for running!)



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Sep 26, 2007 **4. Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 7, 2008 10:33 AM


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For shoes, I either go to the local specialty running store or buy online directly from the manufacturer. Although, I don't suggest the online shopping for "newbies". You should only go the online route once you've been properly fitted and know what shoe you should be running in. For everything else, I buy it as cheaply as possible. I mostly shop off the clearance rack at the national chains.



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May 31, 2008 [5](#). **Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 7, 2008 11:57 AM

 in response to: [cpa0217](#)

i have found sports authority to be great! if you order online, the shipping is super fast! i just ordered the garmin 405 last month and it was delivered in just 2 day UPS! that's what i'm talkin' about! i find that places like marshalls and kohls have great, low-priced, name brand gear as well. for the sneakers though, definitely stick with the local running store for the best fit. after years of wearing a size 13, i realized that i should have been wearing a size 14 for my running sneakers. what a world of difference it has made!!!



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Aug 20, 2008 [6](#). **Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 7, 2008 6:45 PM

I shop locally when possible but am loathe to pay full price for anything. My local sporting goods stores are good, and I also have found a surprising number of things (track pants, tech shirts, shorts, etc.) at markdown stores like Ross and T.J. Maxx. They don't necessarily have "this year's style" on the racks but the prices are right. I buy things online too if I find a great deal... Recent online purchases were from Lands' End (nice Thermaskin long-sleeve shirts and capri tights in the Overstocks area), the Adidas Outlet (trail running shoes), Amazon.com, and eBay. I figure it helps keep our local UPS and FedEx drivers employed too. 😊


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One of my favorite sources for gear and shoes is the trade fair / expo at races, but I live in Montana where our races and associated trade shows are small. But I travel to the Lilac Bloomsday 12k race in Spokane, WA every year, which is huge. Last year I found my all-time favorite cool-weather running top (SportHill brand) on sale at their expo. Plus, you can try on shoes and get advice from all the different vendors. Super fun! Can't wait until next year's race!



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Nov 18, 2008 **7. Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 19, 2008 5:15 PM

 in response to: [dfitz*](#)

Best place that i've found is road runner sports, great selection



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May 27, 2008 **8. Re: Your favorite place to buy running gear?** Nov 20, 2008 4:10 PM

Okay one thing to keep in mind do not buy running shoes from ebay. You do not know how long they have been laying around and they will break down with age. Even if you're buying your favorite brand and you've been fitted for them. They loose their integrity with age, even if they haven't logged one mile.