

Protect Your Noggin

1. The Lenox H2o and Watts H2o by Bern are ideal helmet siblings for adventurous male and female SUPers. The visors shield sensitive eyes from the sun, and the hard hat exterior pairs with a Brock soft foam core to keep you protected and dry. \$69.99 each.

At Colorado Ski & Golf (7715 Wadsworth, Arvada) and bernunlimited.com

Stand Tall

2. Made with durable epoxy, the 10'6" NSP SUP has a more rounded front and fuller tail than the NSP SUP series' smaller models. With multiple fin options, the 10'6" is easily transportable and at home on lakes and reservoirs. It's a great all-around board for SUPers under 185 pounds. \$1,150. At Altitude Paddleboards (2690 W. Main St., Littleton) and surfindustries.com

Tee Up

3. With UPF 50+ sun protection, the Men's Bolongo Rash Guard by REI is an ideal shirt for SUP practice on any Colorado water. With snag-resistant, fast-drying fabric and a relaxed fit, you can throw it on for aquatic adventures then head into town for a post-SUP drink. \$44.50. At REI (1416 Platte St., Denver) and rei.com

High & Dry

4. The SPiBelt's slender, expandable waterproof pouch is perfect for storing phones, keys and other items you don't want to lose or get wet during paddle play. As the fanny pack's cooler aquatic sibling, you won't want to leave shore without it. \$29.99. At Runner's Roost (1685 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver) and spibelt.com

The Short of It

5. Dry Dudz swim apparel transitions seamlessly from the beach to the board. The quick-dry, four-way stretch fabric makes the boardshorts some of the lightest on the market. The Men's Hybrid Boardshorts have compression-short liners, while the Women's Boardshorts, Bikini Tops and Separates are adjustable for sportiness and style. \$25-\$75. At drydudz.com

Fishing Frenzy

6. If you're looking for a new SUP challenge entirely, try Creek Company's "Osprey" Inflatable Fishing SUP. Based in Steamboat Springs, Creek Company created the "Osprey" to be the most versatile SUP on the market. Its fishing-specific design with D-rings and Scotty mount pads allows you to fully customize the board with a cooler, rod holders and more. At 11 feet, five inches long, it's lightweight, portable and stable. \$1,499.99. At Denver Fly Shop (1699 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver) and creekcompany.com

