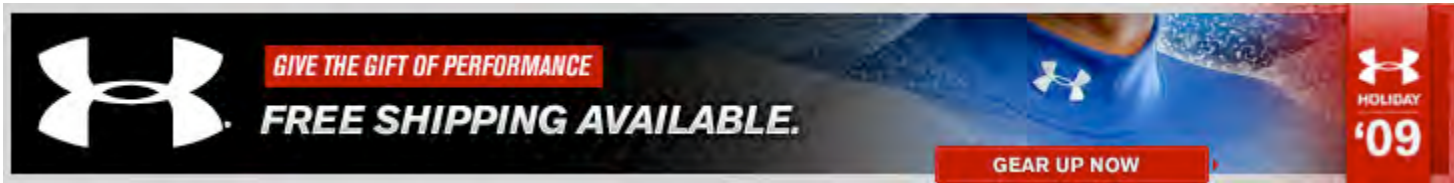


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Panther Vision PowerCap LED Lighted Hats

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The Bottom Line

Panther Vision makes a great lighted cap. They are lightweight, comfortable and have the added benefit of 3 LEDs built into the rim. The batteries are concealed under the hat band, and a switch in the brim toggles the LEDs through 3 different modes. Whether you need to see to get to the bathroom at night, or you like to read in your tent, Panther Vision PowerCap LED Lighted Hats fit the bill (no pun intended). 3-LED and 5-LED models are available in several colors for \$20.00 - \$25.00.



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Pros

- Hands-free lighting.
- 3 ultra bright LEDs built into brim.
- Lightweight, weighs a little over 4 ounces.
- Economical, MSRP \$20-\$25
- Comfortable hat, quality construction.

Cons

- Cannot be washed (due to LED hardware).

Description

- Typical ball cap design with a heavy sweatband and adjustable Velcro closure. One size fits most.
- 3 Ultra Bright LEDs, lifetime 100,000+ hours.
- 1 LED is in the center of the brim, while 2 others are concealed under the bill about 2 inches back and 2 inches apart.
- 3 operating modes: high beam (just the brim LED), low beam (just the 2 LEDs underneath), or power beam (all 3 LEDs).
- Batteries: 4 CR2032 lithium coin cell batteries (included).
- Battery life: approximately 75 hours.
- Switch in brim (good for 50,000 cycles).
- Available in 6 colors and Realtree Camo.
- MSRP: \$20-\$25
- A 5 LED model (2 green/3 white) is also available, MSRP \$25-\$30.

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Panther Vision kindly sent me 4 caps to try out on vacation. I gave 3 away to friends to get their opinions. Everyone agreed that the caps were soft and comfortable. The added weight of the batteries and electronics was negligible. My wife really liked using it to read in bed at night. With the 2 under brim LEDs on, she had light focused on her book, and it didn't bother me at all. She also wore it for her nightly walks. She said it worked well for lighting up the path in front of her. My camping friend said they would be great for when he had to get up at night and go to the bathroom without stumbling on stuff. My first thought was to use these when night fishing. No need to use a lantern when I need to get into the tackle box or bait my hook. Just turn on my cap. We all came up with several other uses for the hat when one needed hands-free focused lighting: hunting, working on the car, replacing a blown fuse, hiking at night, etc.

One day we wore them into the tackle shop, where they also sell many hats, and my friend had his on. He showed it to the shop owners, who thought it was cool and that they didn't have those. They agreed that they would be great for night fishing.

All 4 of us who tried them, liked them, and the common reaction from folks who saw them was: "Wow, that's neat!"

Wendy, About's Walking Guide, reviewed the Panther Vision PowerCap too. She said that she "had to find some dark to give it a good try-out!" Her conclusion: "For walkers and runners, the under-brim lights will better illuminate where your foot will be striking."

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