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Osprey Talon 4 Hip Pack Review

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The Osprey Talon 4 is a new Hip Pack designed for hiking, trail running, nordic skiing and biking. The pack weighs only 12 oz. and has a capacity of 240 cu. inches. I tested the Talon 4 on recent trip to the family cabin in Alaska. As you can see from the picture below, it's a great holster for bear spray.



Osprey Talon 4 Hip Pack



The main feature on the Talon 4 is the angled bottle holders. Your water bottles are much more accessible than with traditional vertically aligned bottle holders. The Talon 4 bottle holders have a number of straps that you can adjust to handle the size and weight of different bottles. The holders themselves are made from a 1/8 inch thick foam that helps insulate the liquid you carry in the bottles. I was surprised how stable the pack was when it was loaded. This is due to the stellar design typical of Osprey packs. The large waist belt holds the pack firmly to your body providing support for the load. You can also see the adjustable straps between the water bottle holders that can be used to hold a rain coat or outer layer.

Osprey Talon 4 Hip Pack Top View

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I did my best to provide a view looking down into the pockets of the hip pack. There are pockets on the right and left side of the pack that can hold keys, mp3 players, gel packs and bug spray. Two large pockets between the water bottles can hold energy bars, fishing reels, GPS devices, small field books and much more. There's a small loop on each pocket's zipper so you can open the pocket with gloves on.

Osprey Talon 4 Hip Pack Waist Belt



A large foam lumber piece provides support for the entire pack. The ribbed foam (pictured in yellow) on the lumber piece provide a comfortable ride and allows for ventilation next to your back. Like other Osprey Packs, the Talon 4 features the quick adjust belt. Just loosen the straps, buckle, then pull the straps tight. This works great if your taking off a layer because you can quickly re-secure the pack.

PROS: This pack retails for \$54. That's a great value a high quality pack that can be used year round for a variety of activities.

CONS: N/A

BOTTOMLINE: GREAT VALUE PREMIUM HIP PACK

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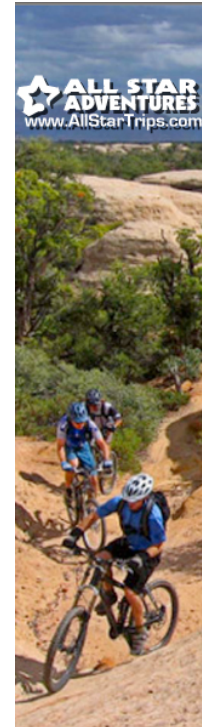
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