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The Osprey Raptor 6 is a hydration pack with wings - or at least it feels that way. This sleek pack swallows 2L of water and a surprising amount of gear without harshing your ride. In fact it might just be the most comfortable hydration pack we've ever tested. Osprey has made a name for itself over the years for producing high quality packs for multi-day hiking and camping trips and that experience shows in the Raptor 6, one of the first bike-specific packs from the company. Osprey spent 3 years and rolled through 100 prototypes before releasing the 2010 Raptor series.

The Raptor 6 features one main zippered compartment with 3 internal sleeve pockets that make organizing your gear a cinch. The Raptor 6 also features a zippered pouch on top that's perfect for goggles or sunglasses plus a "LidLock" for attaching your vented MTB helmet. There's even a dedicated strap on the back for your blinky night light! The Raptor 6 includes a Nalgene HydraForm reservoir that mates snugly with Osprey's HydraLock system. The HydraLock frame basically uses pressure to increase fluid flow, adds stability, and keeps a full hydration bladder from encroaching on precious gear space. And it works. Clearly a lot of thought has gone into the Nalgene reservoir as well. The HydraForm reservoir features a wide mouth inlet, perfect for filling with ice cubes and convenient for cleaning and drying after the ride. There's also a hard plastic spine that makes it easy to slide a full bladder into the pack. The bite valve on the Nalgene is "always on" and is perfectly round so you don't have to think to drink. The icing on the cake is a magnet on the bite valve that keeps it secured to the chest strap.

It's true but if mountain biking were a fashion show, you wouldn't be too out of place wearing the Raptor 6 on your back. This pack is Colorado sporty and the color choices (sand gold, spruce green, and silt grey) are fresh and outdoorsy. Reflective graphics give the illusion of giant osprey wings on the hip belt and I'm pretty sure they make me ride faster. If you're into flowing with the trail without carrying a lot of extra bulk and weight, check out the Raptor 6 from Osprey. **It's one of the best designed packs we've tried and is a steal at less than 80 bucks MSRP. Grab one and fly away!**

