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Featuring: The Raptor 10

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The team at Osprey has a new pack series; the Hydraulics Raptor series. They come in four different sizes and are marketed for mountain biking, adventure racing, fast hiking, and trail running. So, now I have a Raptor 10 pack. I have the size S/M which has a storage capacity of 600 cu. in. /10 liters, and it houses a 3 liter hydration reservoir.

The hydration reservoir is stored inside a top loading compartment with a zippered top and is secured with load lifter buckles. This internal frame is called the HydraLock system, which is designed to enable maximum pack storage capacity with a full reservoir. The HydraLock System is also designed to provide stability of the hydration reservoir, plus it squeezes the reservoir to obtain hydraulic pressure to increase the flow and help prevent water motion.

Inside the main compartment there is a wide, deep mesh storage pocket that is centered with two (more slender) pockets on each side. These pockets are very deep! A LidLock helmet clip is located on the front of the main panel. This system is designed to secure a helmet in place. It has an elasticized cord with a clip and a cord lock for tensioning. On the front of the main panel there is a vertical side pocket that houses a key clip. This pocket runs almost the entire length of the front panel. The front pocket of the pack has a stretch woven pocket that has reflective graphics and has a blinker patch. If I do not want to wear the hipbelt, I can fold it over the front of the pack and secure it through the blinker patch slot. On the hipbelt of the Raptor 10 are stretch woven stash pockets. These are located on both sides of the hipbelt. No zippers here!

The HydroForm reservoir is made by Nalgene. It has a wide mouth opening and a spine that acts as a handle for filling and offers stability to the water load. The reservoir has anti-microbial properties, a bite valve with that can be turned on or off, and a magnetic clip on the bite valve. It is also BPA and PVC free. The sternum strap has elastic stretch and has a magnet to attach the hydration bite valve.

This pack looks like it has a lot to offer, especially with all these features. Check back in a month to see how I like the Raptor 10. www.ospreypacks.com

