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The Osprey Raptor 10 is a feature-rich mountain biking hydration backpack. The pack's capacity is 600 cubic inches. With an empty hydration bladder the pack weighs 2 lbs. 4 ounces or just over a kilogram. There are two sizes depending on torso length. I tested the Osprey Raptor 10 while mountain biking on trails along the Wasatch Foothills. I also took it for a few day hikes and cross country skiing.

The Osprey Raptor 10 is a great all-round daypack for hiking or biking. It's sold as a biking pack because some of the pockets and external straps favor holding bike tools and gear, but it's light enough for a hiking pack. There are larger capacity sizes of the Raptor if you'd like more storage room. On the front of the pack, you can see all the pockets and cinch straps. There are plenty of adjustment straps to secure a load and customize the pack to your body. The large outside pocket is made of a stretch material so it can be stuffed full. The zippers have large pulls on them, so they are easy to operate with gloves on. The main compartment has a few small compartments that fit bike gear perfectly. The center pocket is made of a stretch mesh, so it can expand and hold cargo in place. The Airscape back panel provides ventilation, as well as support for the pack. This device allows air to flow between your body and the backpack and keeps the pack rigid. One of my favorite features found in all Osprey Packs is the Ergo Pull Hip Belt. It's very simple to loosen and tighten, so you can quickly adjust the belt if you lose or gain a layer. This was another cool feature of the Raptor. It's very easy to grab the hose, take a drink and stick it back on the shoulder strap. Other hydration bladders I've used make it difficult to latch the hose back in place.



How did it ride? Incredible. Not only is the Raptor loaded with features, it also is stable on the back over rough terrain. It's also very comfortable on climbs. For me, the Raptor 10 is just the right size for an all day ride. If you take a lot of clothing and gear, you may want to look at the larger sized Raptors. I also liked that I could quickly re-adjust the pack, once I took off my jacket.

