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Featuring: Verve 7

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Osprey has updated their Hydraulic pack line with the Viper and Verve series. The Viper is a men's specific pack and the Verve is designed especially for women (a shorter torso length). The Verve series is a multi-sport hydration pack for use while mountain biking, trail running, or hiking. The Verve comes in four sizes: 13, 10, 7, and 4. I am reviewing the Verve 7 pack. The Verve 7 comes in one size, has a storage capacity of 400 cubic inches, and a 70 ounce (2 liter) Hydraform Reservoir. The Verve 7 is available in two colors: Sea Squall (green) and Lava (red). There are also some color coordinated reflective graphics on the front of the pack.



The outside of the Verve has a LidLock Helmet Clip. The outside of the Verve has a bungee lacing system to hold extra clothing or other items to the outside of the pack. There is a blinker light attachment on the outside of the pack. This attachment can also hold the hipbelt in place when it is reversed wrapped instead of removing it. The dual zippered main compartment of the Verve has a panel (top) loading design. Inside the main compartment there are three pockets that nicely house a tire pump, multi-tool, and some snacks. There is a small zippered storage compartment on the Verve that is lined with a soft, easy to clean heat embossed fabric. The hydration reservoir is stored inside a top loading compartment with a hook and loop closure and is secured with load lifter buckles (which help keep the pack stabilized with sudden movement). This compartment is called the HydraLock system, which is designed to enable maximum pack storage capacity with a full reservoir.

I took the Verve 7 pack out on a mountain bike ride that was just over three hours. The Verve was very comfortable; especially the back panel. At times I barely noticed I was wearing a pack. My favorite feature so far is the added stretch pocket on the sternum strap. I was able to place my MP3 player in the pocket along with my lip balm. I could even access the controls of the MP3 player while it was inside the pocket.

For more information on the Verve 7 pack, please visit <http://www.ospreypacks.com/>. Check back next month to see how I am enjoying this pack.