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Osprey Rev 6 Pack - Review

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Hip bags have brought about a fresh trend in the mountain bike community, with riders looking for lighter and more minimalistic ways to carry essential items when out on the trail. Osprey's new trail running Rev 6 pack might look a lot like a traditional mountain bike bag but it slots into that category as well by sporting a lightweight and simple package. The bag also sits higher on the back and is secured with two elastic-enhanced chest straps, a layout that is said to provide a comfortable yet snug fit that won't shift around when you need employ some body english. And despite its trail running intentions, the Rev's versatility should also make it an option for riders who are willing to considering something different.

The Rev line comes in a variety of sizes, ranging from the small 6 liter all the way up to a 24 liter option, with 12 and 18 liter options balancing out the line. Designed around the minimalist demands of a ultra-trail runners, the Rev packs include a variety of great features to make gear stowage easy and organized. Things like the shoulder strap pockets and smartphone holder, a smaller stuff pocket with an internal organizer separates smaller items from the larger deep pocket that also houses the included 70oz bladder. Up front, Osprey's magnetic bite valve keeps the hose in an easily accessible spot. The Rev is available in 6, 12, 18, and 24 liter sizes, and green, grey, and blue colour options. MSRP: \$100.00 USD. www.ospreypacks.com

Pinkbike's Take:

We were pleasantly surprised with the Rev 6's performance when on the mountain bike, despite its intentions as a trail running pack. There's a load of overly excessive bags out there, as well as many minimalist options in the form of hip bags, but the Rev offers a nice middle ground between losing your keys in your cavernous bag that doesn't seem to have a bottom, or struggling to find a spot to stow a single energy bar in your itsy-bitsy fanny pack. Fit-wise, the Rev sits higher on the back than most will be used to, with it locating up near one's shoulders rather than sagging down low, and this seems to work well when it was fully loaded with water and gear - it stayed put regardless of the terrain and speed while also being quite comfortable.

The external bungee straps are a nice touch, making for a place to keep an extra layer of clothing, but we did find that the smartphone pocket was a bit cumbersome to access when wearing gloves. Then again, runners don't wear bulky mountain bike gloves, do they? The bag's Ironman-esque colours seem a bit over the top as well, but that's subjective. Regardless, we we impressed with the Rev's versatility, and liked the fact that it doesn't seem over-engineered yet is still great for medium length rides.

