



Dirt Rag

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Osprey Raptor 14 Hydration Pack

Osprey Packs started building hiking packs from humble beginnings in 1974, and they've been developing innovative products ever since. Case in point: the new Raptor series packs have been under development for nearly three years.

As you would expect, the Raptor 14, with 14 liters of storage, has a lot of really well-thought-out features, designed both for cargo-hauling functionality and rider comfort.

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The Raptor pack—
...le in 6L, 10L,
...14L (tested), and 18L

...light jacket, two small stretch pockets on the side of the bag for smaller
...items, and two stretch pockets on the wings of the waist belt that are
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The Nalgene-engine
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...volumes—is available in two sizes, S/M and M/L, and you'll find a

I found the 14L pack to be just about perfect for long days in the saddle. I was able to comfortably carry 3L of water, ample food, tools, a rain jacket, and a DSLR camera with two lenses in the Raptor—plenty of storage for an epic day in good weather. If I was buying, I'd strongly consider the 18L bag for the added storage and flexibility when bulkier clothing for cool and/or wet weather might be involved. Made in Vietnam. www.ospreypacks.com —Justin Steiner

