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Happiness is a Full Bladder

Featuring: Raptor 10, Raptor 18

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Osprey has a very impressive line of packs and they are very well made. I love the nice touches like the zipper pulls that can easily be used with gloves, the killer Hydraform reservoir set-up, the Lid Lock helmet holder and the sleek overall feel to the pack when worn. I think some of the organization of tools, etc, needs to be re-thought a bit along with the silly hip belt pouches that allow things to fall out too easily. But, overall the line of Raptors from the Six (liter) to the Eighteen (liter) offer a wide choice of sizes and all of them are really good packs. Osprey is making some real inroads into MTB hydration packs and I bet with some refinement they will only get better.



An expanded version of the Raptor 10, I have used this pack on some bigger days and it is super. My absolute fav part is the Shove-It feature that allows for clothing, cameras, food, small animals, interesting fossil samples...whatever...to be stuffed in it and then compressed with the straps. Love it. Perfect pack for days that require lots of clothing changes. When you are wearing all the clothing, the pack is pretty tidy, but begin to strip jackets, jerseys, etc, and the Raptor 18 just swallows it all up. Add in the typical Osprey stuff like the Hydraform 100 oz Reservoir, the high quality of the construction, and the tool and smaller item organization and you have a winner. What would I add? A rain fly option built in, but at least I can get one separately.