



## Tail Winds

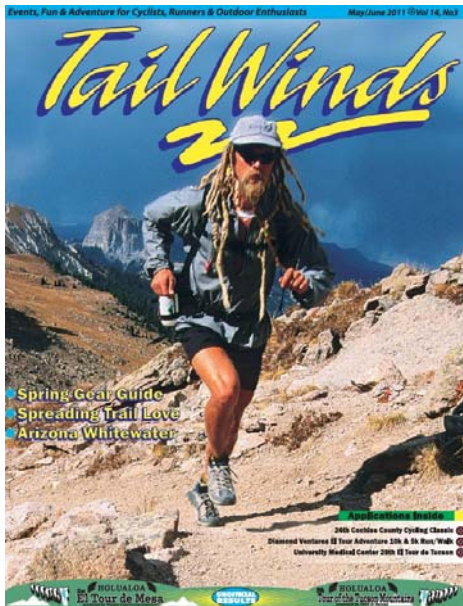
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## Osprey Mountain Biking Hydration Packs

The Verve 10 (\$84), a women's-specific pack, has a shorter torso length, and comes in red with a swirlyque graphic or special edition purple honoring the Breast Cancer Fund. The Viper 10 (\$84) is specifically designed for men with its longer torso length and large reflective Osprey graphic and comes in three colors. Both accommodate 100-ounce hydration bladders and offer 600 cubic inches of storage. The back panel is wrapped with padded mesh that flows through to the shoulder straps (one has a small elastic mesh pocket for a cell phone, GPS or MP3 player). A helmet clip-on, bungee patch, and carry handle sit over the top of the main front pocket. Just below, there's a soft embossed fabric sunglasses pocket. On the lower half of the main pocket is a stretch-woven pocket with a small accessory pocket with a loop for

attaching a blinkie light. The sternum strap has a magnetic bite valve attachment for fast convenient access. Side compression straps distribute smaller loads.

One of the best features of this pack, however, is the hydration system. Designed so you don't have to work so hard for delivery, the system features a BPA- and PVC-free reservoir treated with a bacteria buster. A comfortable and

stable ride on your back are assured by a removable waist strap and an anatomically-shaped plastic sheet that sits between a layer of nylon fabric and follows the shape of your back.

