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OSPREY RAPTOR 10 \$119

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In a crowded hydration pack market, Osprey's wares have always stood out to me because of quality and attention to detail. The Raptor 10 is no exception. Updated for 2013, it's designed for the kind of 2-3 hour rides that make up the bulk of our riding.

Some pretty handy features include small stash pockets on the hip belt for my multi-tool and car keys, a separate tool pouch in the base with a removable organizer, a soft-lined pouch on top for your sunglasses and phone, and some sleeves in the main compartment for a tire pump and shock pump. Another bit I really like is that the main compartment opens wide—nearly all the way, so it is easier to access anything that has slid to the bottom. It has room for—you guessed it—10 liters of storage.

Keeping you hydrated is the included three liter reservoir that has a stiff backbone to keep its shape and provide a handle for easy filling. Installing it in the bag is also a cinch thanks to a "direct access" zipper that runs over the bladder sleeve then down one of the shoulder straps, eliminating the need to thread the hose through a bunch of little loops and holes.

Extra touches on the outside include Osprey's Lid Lock helmet holder and a blinky light attachment. The wide, soft shoulder straps have a foam core and a mesh outer for breathability.

After repeated rides and lots of use, the Raptor 10 has checked all my boxes for a go-to hydration trail pack. It's also available in 6 and 14 Liter sizes in red, green or black. A women's-specific version is available as well, called the Raven. ospreypacks.com

