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Gear: Packed for the Trail

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GEAR

Packed for the Trail

NO MATTER HOW FAR THE TRAIL TAKES YOU,
THESE HYDRATION SYSTEMS MAKE IT EASY
TO CARRY YOUR ESSENTIAL GEAR

ALSO ON THE PODIUM

■ DAKINE AMP 12 \$125

Sleek, comfortable, and functional, the Amp earned high marks from our testers. "Of the three I tried, this fit me best," remarked one. The pack's main storage compartment opens wide for easy access, and a mesh back panel improves ventilation. This was also the only one of our finalists with an integrated rain cover. But some testers noted that the minimal waist straps didn't prevent the Amp from sliding on their backs as they rumbled down rocky trails. dakine.com

■ OSPREY RAPTOR 14 \$130

Osprey's Raptor is loaded with convenient features: The bladder has a rigid frame that makes it easy to insert when full, and there are nearly a dozen pockets and storage areas to organize your gear—even a roll-up pouch for tools. But unlike the other two packs, the Raptor lacks a valve to disconnect the hose from the bladder, which makes refilling more difficult. Also, you can't choose which shoulder the hose routes over, which bothered some testers. ospreypacks.com

