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Rev 18 by Osprey (\$120)

I tend to always be in a hurry when preparing for recreation so I'm a kitchen-sink kind of guy who keeps a bunch of stuff ready at all times — and that includes when I ride a bike. The Osprey Rev 18 hydration pack allows me to cram into it just about anything I'll need when I go for a ride.

The Rev 18's list of features is nearly astounding. Let's start with storage: a large hydration compartment that can handle up to an 85-oz. reservoir (and it comes with Osprey's 2.5-liter large-mouth Hydraulics LT version) and features a harness to keep it in place; a massive front pocket that I've used to store enough clothing to get me through any winter ride; a quick-access pocket at the top for smaller items like tire levers; a pocket on each side of the waist belt for even smaller items that you want quick access to from the front; and pockets on each shoulder strap for even quicker access to items like a mobile phone — and all are zippered except for those on the shoulder strap. If that amount of storage isn't enough, the front panel features a looping bungee cord so you can fasten more stuff to it. Who needs panniers?

Other features include the Rev air-flow back panel, a cross-chest strap which contains a magnet for attaching the quick-flow water valve so it doesn't dangle, an easy-carry loop at the top, and a cross-top clip to keep the whole package snug.

Once you've got the Osprey Rev 18 loaded up to the max, there's only one thing left to worry about: toppling over and ending up like a turtle on its back. Be careful out there! —MD

