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2010 Holiday Gift Guide - Cycling

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There is nothing like the freedom of cycling. The grin that grows on a kid's face when the training wheels come off never fades, whether you're five or 50. And then there's the gear: Cyclists are as geeky as iPhone zealots, with tribes and sub-tribes facing off to debate the tech. But regardless of frame or wheel size or style, here are four items any cyclist would find as welcome as their first Rock Hopper.

Though Osprey is somewhat new to packs for cycling (they have legions of followers in the hike/climb worlds) they belong right at the top of the heap for quality and thoughtful execution. For instance, they designed the Hydraulics series 100 oz. reservoir to act as a reinforcing frame sheet that both prevents the reservoir from collapsing when you drink down, and stabilizes the slosh factor. While plenty brawny and big enough for full-day — or spare, overnight — adventures, Osprey keeps the Raptor's overall weight fairly low for the breed, and though minimally padded, the hip- and shoulder straps are as comfy as they come. \$99

