

JUNE 2011 Bicycling



(OUR PICK) CAMELBAK M.U.L.E.

The M.U.L.E.'s user-friendly features gave it a narrow win in our voting. The pack has the smallest footprint of our three finalists, so it fits snugly against your back. Still, it offers plenty of space to supply all-day adventures. The

main compartment opens wide and a few external pockets organize smaller items. An expandable bellows creates even more room for bulky gear such as a rain jacket or kneepads. Testers raved about the best-in-class bite valve and the reservoir's quick-release hose, which means you can disconnect the bladder for easy cleaning and filling. It is also the only pack in this group that offers the option to route the hose over either shoulder. >> WEIGHT 1.81 lb. CAPACITY 100 oz. fluid, 12.51 gear PRICE \$89 info: camelbak.com