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Camelbak Mule NV \$135 / CAMELBAK.COM

Camelbak's Mule is definitely the workhorse of its mountain-bike hydration packs. It has a sturdy build with loads of storage for all-day riding.

The NV designation refers to the extra-ventilated back paneling. This year's Mule NV uses new, articulated back panels, which do a good job staying contoured to your back-even when moving around on the bike, getting off and hiking or just taking a mid-ride break.

This paneling also allows for ample airflow, which helps keep the rider's back from getting clammy. Camelbak's reservoir system remains the best on the market, which, by itself, is a tough attribute to overlook.

We also applaud the Mule NV's thoughful and functional storage system, which features a media pocket that is ideal for a phone and MP3 player, as well as a bike tool organizer pocket that can hold a multi-tool, mini-pump and spare tube.

In addition, there is considerable storage space for extra layers, a rain jacket and enough PB&Js to fuel a small army.