



In the frame

Designed for bad-weather mountain biking, it's more durable than packable

Other options



ALTURA WOMEN'S RIDGE TIER PERTEX WATERPROOF JACKET £175

Similar price and features to the SingleTrack jacket, with an adjustable hood and dropped tail but higher chest pockets. altura.co.uk



MADISON DTE 3-LAYER WOMEN'S WATERPROOF JACKET £199.99

Another jacket for filthy conditions, it has a hood, dropped tail and pockets, plus higher breathability and waterproof ratings. freewheel.co.uk



ENDURA

Women's SingleTrack Waterproof Jacket II

£174.99, endurasport.com



- + DURABLE, TOUGH DESIGN
- + USEFUL HOOD
- DOESN'T PACK SMALL

Endura's SingleTrack range is its mid-tier mountain bike collection. "Feature rich and built tough for every type of mountain biker," Endura says. I've had this jacket for nearly a year and have worn it in some wild, wet and windy conditions, confident that it will cope and that I won't risk hypothermia. That makes it a good choice for bikepacking trips, too.

It's at the tougher, thicker end of the cycling jacket spectrum so it doesn't pack up small. But it's designed as a waterproof jacket, not a lightweight showerproof. It's longer in the body and, paired with a pair of waterproof shorts, almost makes a filthy day at the bike park pleasant. While I haven't crashed in it yet, the three-layer fabric feels substantial enough to withstand rough treatment. Mine has washed well and doesn't look scuffed yet.

There are two good-sized hand-warmer pockets on the front, and one oddly sized pocket on the chest that won't fit my phone. It is warm due to that three-layer construction but has

long pit zips to aid ventilation. There's a large hood with volume reducers so it can go over your helmet and stay there while riding. Top tip: play with the volume adjusters at home before you need them so you know where they are. I'd prefer to have a means of fastening the hood away when not in use as well.

The current season's colourways are black, bramble and ghillie green. Older colourways, like the harvest shown, are often on sale, which makes them great value. Women's sizing goes up to 2XL, which is about an 18. The men's version goes to 3XL and has different colourways. ●

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Verdict

A good, tough waterproof jacket built for wilder days out and conditions where the 'mountain' part of MTB makes an appearance. A practical design, apart from that chest pocket, means grim weather isn't quite as bad as it could be, thus improving rider safety too. Mine is wearing well so far.