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## Tame the Trail

In mountain biking as in life, the best paths will surprise you. Be prepared with these versatile machines. BY AARON GULLEY AND KEVIN KENNEDY

### **ALL-MOUNTAIN WORKHORSE** Jamis Dakar XAM 1.0

**PERFECT FOR:** Anyone who sees a safe landing where others see an injury waiting to happen. **WHY IT'S COOL:** With more than five inches of travel in both the rear and front shocks—all for less than two grand—the XAM 1.0 is a high-value all-mountain machine that can get you up hills efficiently and down them very quickly. On Tucson's Milagrosa Trail, it made rocky staircases and four-foot drops feel like little more than speed bumps. The sturdy parts package will hold up through season after season of abuse. **BEFORE YOU BUY:** It's hefty, which gooses downhill speed but slows your rate of ascent. 32.2 lbs (M), \$1,900; jamisbikes.com