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BEST TRAIL HARDTAIL

Genesis Core 50 £1200

www.genesisbikes.co.uk

It's no surprise that a UK brand has made this year's best example of the peculiarly British 'trail hardtail' genre. While most of the mountain biking world just gives up and goes snowboarding at the first sign of winter, we carry on trudging through the slop. Without massive elevation changes to cope with, our trails and riding tend to be a lot slower and more technical than in other countries, too.

The new Core 50 from Genesis

encapsulates this totally assured yet inspiringly agile ride attitude. The screw-thru axle Recon fork and slacker than average cross-country head angle give the front end ample

authority, while the finely boned rear end and 28lb weight give whip-like acceleration. Great price, too.

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BEST IN CLASS WINNERS



BEST FRAME

Park RC32.5 £575

Our favourite thanks to its tough yet spring-light frame got a full update this year. It now boasts slacker, longer fork compatible geometry and an SSC damping unit and Hammes-Schmidt crank mount. www.parkcyclosport.com

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BEST HIGH END

Winters 19 TI £4000

Based on the superb handling 19 and 905 alloy bikes, this multi-tuned, adjustable drop-out titanium frame has a built-in 280mm front and rear fenders for absolute single-track ride. www.wintersbikes.com (01424 73366)

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BEST VALUE

Woodfin Bellator £700

The Bellator is a classic trail hardtail all-rounder that comes complete with adjustable drop-outs for singlespeed compatibility, low roll-over fenders that give their hands on grip, and an unbelievable bargain. www.woodfinbikes.co.uk

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