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How to Take Care of Your Hiking Boots

Every footwear will wear down in the end, but you can boost the longevity of your hiking boots with appropriate care, particularly the quality ones. A lot of hikers invest a reasonable sum of money in a decent model; that is why it makes good sense for them to try and increase the durability of the product and ensure that it stays comfortable, supporting, and waterproof.

Taking care of these shoes is a cyclical activity which starts with breaking them in, and follows with caring not only while wearing but also after each hike. Below we are specific about the steps. Let’s dive into them right now!

1. Break in the hiking boots you first buy

For your new pair of footwear, you should wear them around your home and for several short local walks - it is called the break in period. Did you wear your usual socks for hiking when purchasing on? Then, be sure you put these on when you break them in as well. Your hiking expedition will become far more enjoyable when your new footwear has specific slight wear to it. Otherwise, the chances are that you get more focused on how much it hurt you than enjoying your journey.

2. Do a once-over of the boots before you head out for the trip

That way, you can check whether they are in good condition. Many problems with your backpacking boots are possibly warded off from the beginning - for example, breaking them in, checking that they do not need repairing, and waterproofing them.

3. Be prepared to give your boots a regular cleaning during your hiking trip

Though the cleaning type that you can do while you are out hiking is not as thorough as your clean post-hike, it certainly helps to carry out a couple of fundamental cleaning tasks which help care for your footwear while you are on the go. For instance, get rid of the debris at the end of the day’s hike; before wearing your shoes every morning, you should shake them upside down for eliminating visitors such as biting.

4. Clean them thoroughly upon your trip’s return

Wash your high quality hiking boots in mild soapy, warm water to get rid of all traces of dirt and mud. You can wipe over the footwear with a rag. Alternatively, count on a proprietary cleaner that the manufacturer recommended. Remember to read the warnings of the manufacturer about what you cannot and can use to detail the shoes. After washing them, let them dry away from direct sunlight sources or heat.

You also should waterproof your boot, more preferably after cleaning than waiting until the next hiking trip. Note that you should go by the instructions of the manufacturer regarding the application as well as drying the item.
5. Check the general condition of your boots
Before you store them, check the same basics which you checked before you take your shoes hiking. For instance, take the place of fraying laces, loose linings or eyelets, and worn inner soles. At the minimum, note down the replacement items on your "must-purchases" for the upcoming visit to the hiking footwear retailer - that way, you will have these items ready before your next trip.

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