



Kayland Convert W

Get ready for multiday treks in absolute comfort. As beefy as these boots are, our testers found plenty of cushion to soften the impact of a tough hike. The waterproof suede upper held up to mud puddles and branch snags perfectly, and the reinforced toe offered bomber protection for unexpected rocks and roots. The Convert W supports your feet beautifully under the weight of a heavy pack, alleviating fatigue. The only caveat: at 2.4 pounds per pair, they may be a bit heavy for a casual day hike.

\$200. www.kayland.com

Scarpa Nangpala GTX Lady

Here is a great choice for low mileage, two- to three-day backpacking trips. The beauty of these boots is that no break-in is needed—they are great right out of the box. The Nangpala GTX are pretty flexible but still give ample ankle and foot bed support. The Gore-Tex lining kept our hikers' feet dry in even the wettest conditions, and the sticky Vibram sole prevented slippage on wet rocks. The only bummer is it is geared more toward those with narrow feet.

\$175. www.scarpa.com

Asolo Omni GV ML

The Omni is a form-fitting approach shoe that we ended up wearing as our day hikers. There's enough support with these shoes to carry a bit of a load on your back, and the roomy toe box got a thumbs-up from our crew. The Gore-Tex upper keeps moisture out and is well insulated to keep your feet warm yet—to our surprise—more breathable than any other we tried. The Vibram sole provided sticky traction and a firm grip on rocks, scree, and trail.

\$130. www.asolo.com