

Ways to ensure hiking boots last for years

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Dave Page knows a thing or two about boot care. He's owned a boot repair shop in Seattle for the past 40 years (aptly named Dave Page, Cobbler).

Dave and his employees have worked on thousands of hikers. They are also authorized repair agents for 18 outdoor brands. I recently called him to talk boots and find out his top five maintenance tips.

Page doesn't immediately put wax or other products on his leather boots.

"Perspire in them. Let them shape, blend, to your foot first," he says.

He suggests taking new leather boots on a series of shorts hikes.

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