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Thanks for the comments Coughlin...that put a smile on my face and a little chuckle. I do do an awful lot of walking when I do my fishing. I hate staying in one spot for a long time. And over the last 2 or 3 years I've been trying my best to find some areas that are way off the beaten path on some streams that are very well known and a few that aren't. Its really paid off for me as I've gotten more big fish and some real beautiful fish and rarely a person in site. Gota love that! Oh and going roughly 150 times at least a year also takes a toll on the boots. My brother kept track 2 years ago that from the opening day of trout he fished 65 straight days needless to say the boots never dried out in that stretch. We go as often as we can and the boots rarely dry out completely between trips once early spring hits until about early fall then its off and on fishing between hunting.

I made the mistake kind of of purchasing the felts with the metal cleats. I love the added traction especially on certain streams such as Little Pine that I find very hard to stand in because of the rock slime but I was told by the guys at Fly Fishermen's Paradice that the studs cause the boot bottoms to fall off faster because the felts wear down around the studs it causes the stud to move around underneith the felt and then eventually the whole felt comes loose. They need to find a way to keep the studs perminately in place on the sole. My old Hodgman boots would have held up find if it wouldn't have been for the snow (snow and felts don't mix) but the Orvis boots I got with the studs and everytime the bottoms come off I loose the studs and thats what they give me back in return every time. I even asked for the ones without the studs but they said they can only return them for the same product. At least I know I can return them in another 9 to 12 months.