

Subject: : Gear Talk

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Re: Boa lacing system experiences

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Quote:

Lonewolve wrote:

Just tie the darn laces.

I didn't buy the boots because of the lacing system; I bought them in spite of the lacing system, because they were lightweight, appear to be well made, and hopefully built to last, plus they received good reviews.

Regarding the comments about carrying an extra lace, given the design of the Boa system, its not a horrible idea to have spare parts. Its definitely not unheard of for traditional laces to fail; however, its also not necessary to carry a spare pair of traditional boot laces, because you can just knot the ripped laces together. I've done this many times, although I'm amazed that boot manufacturers don't select quality laces that won't rot, given the environment that the manufacturers know the boots will be worn in. I'd gladly pay three dollars more for a boot if it meant I didn't have to tie a knot one day when cinching up my laces and the lace rips.

Now, if the reason for carrying a spare Boa lace is because they have a higher propensity for failure, then that is cause for concern. If its simply because its impossible to perform a field repair without replacing parts, its not unreasonable.

I'm not having good luck with wading boots; my last/current pair have now completely blown out in the back. A pair of Orvis Riverguards that I just picked up already lost two studs, after only two trips and are the smallest size 11 boots I've worn (despite allegedly being sized with waders and wool socks in mind). Orvis' response was for me to try and return them to the place I purchased them from, instead of offering to repair or replace them.