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Wading boots have drains so that they don't hold water.

They also dry quicker and have no "soft" fabrics which will hold water, other than perhaps the felt on the sole if so equipped.

They incorporate only synthetics that are made to handle wet-dry cycles. That's hard on any material. But if you used real leather, for instance, they'd be toast in very short order. You'd lose all the oils in short order thanks to the water, and then be dry and cracking in no time.

Some cheaper lug boots, like the old style hippers, use a rubber on the sole that's similar to sneaker rubber. But traction is very poor. Most better wading boots use a softer rubber, and more aggressive pattern, that gives better traction on wet rock. The downside is that if you treat them like sneakers and put in many miles on concrete, they'll flatten out very quickly.