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I have a pair and I almost never wear them. Mine are the hard plastic, with cloth covering style. "Shin guard" style as Swattie says. I feel like a storm trooper when I wear em. And the places where I most need them are the places where you walk long distances, hence, the comfort factor becomes most important.

If I were to do it over, I'd get the soft turtle skins, no question. I still may. Don't do like I did and get a cheapo pair, because you won't use em anyway.

Jeans are certainly not enough for rattlers. Rubber hippers are better than nothing, but also not enough, they'll go right through em. Even jeans + rubber hippers. Nope.

The best those will do is maybe prevent a bite. Rattlers are pit vipers and strike by sensing heat moreso than by sight. That's why it's real hard to get them to, say, bite a stick. No heat. So the jeans and hippers may camouflage you, per se. But if they do go after your leg, it won't stop the fangs.