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'Jampui'  
Mid  
eVent  
Waterproof  
Hiking  
Shoe  
By  
Mishmi  
Takin

Reviewed by Jamie DeBenedetto



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**Initial Report**  
**August 9th, 2017**

**Reviewer's Information**

**Name** Jamie J. DeBenedetto

**Age and Gender** Female, 44 years old

**Height** 5' 11" (180 cm)

**Weight** 175 lb (79 kg)

**Shoe Size** Woman's 11.5 or 12 (US) / Men's 10.5 or 11 (US)

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**Background/Experience**

I spent many hours of my youth fishing, rafting, creeking, and day-hiking in the wild places of Arizona. I caught the backpacking bug in high school. Presently I work as an exPAWdition leader so I'm in the field, usually with a pack of dogs, at least sixteen times a month. Primarily I'm a day-hiker with the occasional family camping trip mixed.

I prefer hammocks over ground sleeping and I gravitate toward multifunctional gear that enhances my comfort level with minimal fuss and weight. My total pack weight is typically less than 25 lbs (11 kg).

Location Phoenix, Arizona - The Grand Canyon State - USA



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Manufacturer URL	<a href="http://www.mishmitakin.com">www.mishmitakin.com</a>
Year of Manufacture	Presumed 2017
Made in	Romania
MSRP	\$135.00 USD
Available Colors	Black Ash, Blue Jean, Light Grey, Birch Green
Available Sizes	Women's 6 (EU 36) up to Men's 13.5 (EU 47)
Weight per Shoe	15 oz (430 g) for Women's size 10.5 or Men's size 9.5 (EU 42)
Care Instructions	None given
Warranty	None given
<b>(Above: Taken from the Manufacturer's Website or Packaging)</b>	
<b>(Below: Observed by Tester as Received)</b>	
Weight per Shoe (taken with a digital office scale)	17 oz (482 g)
Test Size and Color	Men's USA 11M / EU 44 - Light Grey

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The Mishmi Takin Jampui Mid is a lightweight hiking shoe designed for serious trail conditions and extreme wet weather. It offers a number of high tech features intended to keep the wearer "cool and dry, be it (in) Phoenix or Seattle". Its decently aggressive lugs are made of Megagrip rubber by Vibram designed to offer "unparalleled grip on wet or dry surfaces". The outsoles, made of Vibram Tubava, provides "rugged longevity" with "self-cleaning lugs for maximal stability and traction". Midsoles are EVA foam. Uppers are a combination of water resistant suede (all the grey bits) and Cordura (most of the black bits). The toe caps or rands are also black but they are made of rubber, not Cordura. The lacing system employs a combination of eyelets with one lacing hook at the top on each side. There is a nice sized heel loop at the back of both shoes. The inner lining is made with a 100% waterproof eVent technology called Direct Venting (TM). The eVent tag claims this fabric is fully breathable and will keep you "dry and comfortable in a wide range of temperatures and conditions". The picture at the right shows all the little venting holes in the upper interior of the shoe. The removable insoles are 1/8 of an inch (3.2 mm) thick and sport a curious grid pattern of holes.



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The Jampui's arrived complete and in perfect condition. I haven't found any cosmetic or structural defects. They were even already laced, which was a nice touch.

Accompanying informational material was minimal, just the hangtags one would expect on footwear off the shelf. One detailing the eVent fabric, a second for materials and the third was the manufacturer's tag. The first two were quite detailed and offered good info about the technology that's gone into making the shoe. The manufacturer's tag provided the company's mailing address, website, succinctly stated purpose of the shoes, "Fast & Light eVent Waterproof Hiker" and the color. I highly applaud that last part. So many companies seem to go out of their way to conceal where the product was made. I don't buy products from certain countries knowing right up front where things are from. Beyond that, I found the Mishmi Takin hang tag a bit wanting. Important info like care and cleaning instructions for the shoes, and any offer of a warranty were missing. Their weight is listed on the website but I haven't found details on the other two things. Although comfort are the most important elements I look for in outdoor footwear, I do find it helpful to know the previously mentioned information at the time of purchase as we

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To my delight, I'm pretty sure they fit. I almost always have difficulty finding properly fitting shoes because rarely do women's sizes extend above 10 or 11 (41 accommodate my long, narrow foot I'm forced to buy men's, which frequently end up being too wide. In this case, Mishmi Takin offers what is essentially a women's 10.5 (EU 42), after that they are all men's sizes. I don't know, however, if the width will change as the size goes up into the men's only category. The J little sloppy for me but I was able to work around that by wearing a thicker sock and using some creative lacing. After-market insoles have helped me in the past I need to use those if the shoes don't feel quite right once I get out on the trails with them.

Having worn them around the house for several hours already I feel like the break-in period is going to be relatively short. The main areas where the shoe need suede so they have some decent give. I did develop a small hot-spots on both feet at the top of my arch. This area of the shoe is covered with Cordura and clear as much as the suede. I also had them laced down tightly at that location so I'll change my lacing going forward to see if that helps.

Other than fit, I don't have any pressing concerns about these shoes right now. Although I'm feeling positive they will work out fine after break-in, I'm a little nervous about putting in those first few miles.

If they work and I can test them, I expect to give them a good go. The shoes are designed to handle very wet conditions, which is not something we have abundance in Phoenix. Having said that, sweaty conditions are very plentiful here as are creeks, lakes and rivers. All of which I spend a good deal of time in or around during (May to Oct.). I am very confident I will have a chance to test the Jampui's ability to deal with moisture from the inside as well as from the outside. They will stand up against all the prickly, pointy, and sharp things that stand guard over the trails around here.

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Since August I have worn the Mishmi Takin Jampui Mids on nine day hikes.

Hike 1. Lake Pleasant Regional Park - Peoria, Arizona. Elevation 1,700 ft (520 m). This was back in August so the temperatures were still quite hot. In the morning there it was already sunny and 95 F (35 C). This was a short, mostly shoreline walk of about an hour just to see if the shoes would work for my feet and to give them a few dunks.

At the beginning of this test series when I started researching the Jampui's, I found the manufacturer's choice of labeling them a "shoe" rather than a boot a little off. The pictures they looked just like many other hiking boots on the market. Now, having had a chance to see them first hand, manipulate and wear them, I complete the "shoe" over "boot" label. For one, they do not have a shank. Second, they are very lightweight. Despite that, they felt stiff and somewhat unyielding at first, to be expected on an inaugural outing. I was still experiencing some pressure on the tops of my arches so I stopped a few times in an effort to fine-tune the lacing. I did not crack the code to perfect comfort. Either the boots were too tight over my arches or they slipped a bit on my heels. Thankfully, lacing and re-lacing worked.

Wanting to give the virgin waterproofing a test, I made it a point to walk into the shallow areas as often as the lake presented the opportunity. The water-resistance performed beautifully, beading up little drops of lake water all over the shoe. Removal of the shoes revealed very sweaty feet, but given our high temperatures, surprised.

Hikes 2 thru 6 & 9. Having had a few hiccups with the fit on the first outing, I decided to stay on trails I know well until I had it worked out. The local mountain frequent weekly for work hikes were the most logical choice. These desert preserve trails are mostly in Phoenix, but I also use paths in Scottsdale and Cave Creek. Outings averaged around 3 miles (5 km) at elevations ranging between 1,700 ft & 2,000 ft (520-610 m). Weather conditions were sunny on every occasion with falling between 78 - 88 F (25 - 31 C).

Unfortunately, only minor progress has been made in the breaking-in department. Admittedly I am confused by this. At this point in the test I assumed I'd have worked on the shoes. All but the last of the above treks resulted in some degree of blistering, primarily on the balls of my feet. In spite of trying various sock configurations, lacing, after-market insoles, etc to alleviate the problem, initially, I didn't have much luck. Thankfully, they just started feeling better this last week.

Fall or "less summer" as we call it in Phoenix, is usually a very dry season. The Jampui's haven't seen any precipitation but they do have several layers of dirt on them. So far, they are doing a good job protecting my feet from catclaw and all the ground litter from the thorny trees we have around here. The lugs aren't collecting rocks but traction has been good, although that's only been minimally tested to date.

Hikes 7 & 8. These two hikes took place on a weekend trip to the Prescott National Forest in Prescott, AZ. Both trails meandered along streams under a canopy and a variety of deciduous trees. Elevations ranged between 5,500 and 6,000 ft (1,680 and 1,830 m). Weather conditions were sunny and windy with temperatures in the 60's F (20 C).

On this trip, like my work hikes before, I was still struggling with the blister issues so we didn't hike fast or far. Even though, I was too busy enjoying actual fall, I paid close attention to our mileage, I do know I wore the shoes for at least 4 hours. With both treks taking place near water, steam crossings were common. I even sat for several minutes trying to get a good photo of my husband in front of some gloriously yellow and orange trees. Again, the water-resistant suede held tight.

Traction on slippery wet rocks was outstanding. I was not worried at all about losing my footing, other than due to my own klutziness that is!

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### *Pleasing Aspects:*

- Lacing is a snap and there haven't been any problems with unexpected untying
- Water-resistance is performing well

- Vibram Megagrip soles have kept me standing even on slippery surfaces
- Lugs are nicely spaced, not picking up any debris so far

**Underwhelming Aspects:**

- Break-in has been slow, I'm still struggling to get the fit just right
- The color scheme I chose is less feminine than I had hoped

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**Long-Term Report  
December 15th, 2017**

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Over the last two months the Mishmi Takin Jampui Mids have been worn on five additional day hikes, which brings the collective field use total to fourteen. Ten outings took place on local desert mountain trails in Phoenix, AZ where the elevation runs roughly between 1,700 and 2,000 ft (520 and 610 m). The terrain here is sandy and very dusty this time of year. Weather conditions were primarily sunny with temps in the low 60's to low 80's F (17 to 28 C).

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I'd love to report that my earlier prediction was correct about the Jampui's finally starting to fit more comfortably but I was wrong. Fit has continued to be an issue for me with these shoes. I purposely avoided wearing them on several longer day hikes or weekend trips simply because I learned the hard way that the hiking was about all my feet could take before blisters or numbness appeared. Having tried several different ideas to fine-tune the fit without success, I surrendered to the reality that they just don't work for my feet. The toe box and overall length felt great but I think the men's style is just too wide for my long narrow feet. Trouble centered around the balls of my feet and sometimes a lack of circulation on my left foot (toes falling asleep type of thing). When I tightened the laces enough to stop slipping, I would get pressure blisters on top of my arches. When the laces were loosened to alleviate that, the slippage on the balls returned. I never found a happy medium.

As for all the technical features the Jampui's offer, I can say for certain the lacing system is easy to use. I have laced and unlaced more times than I can remember. The laces stay put. Once tied, I've never had one problem with them magically coming untied all of a sudden, even during off trail jaunts where the brush was thick.

I can also confidently speak to the shoe's ability to take some punishment. While I would have liked to challenge them more, I think the cacti, thorny bushes, and volcanic rocks I routinely encounter gave them a good test. The toe caps, outsoles and exterior (the suede and Cordura bits) have held up well to the prickly and sharp Sonoran Desert flora. Other than being very, very dusty, they are still in great condition.

Unfortunately, I didn't have enough precipitation to find the limits, if any, of the shoes' waterproof claims. As mentioned in my previous two reports, the Jampui's got wet completely each time they were dunked.

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As a long time tester for BGT, it irks me to be unable to thoroughly put a piece of gear through its paces. I really don't feel like I gave these hiking shoes as much as they deserve. As a consolation I'm going to offer them to another tester so they can use them, then write an Owner's Review. I very much appreciate Mishmi Takin's board with BGT and I certainly don't want to short-change them. By all accounts, other than my personal fit problems, the Jampui's have lived up to the manufacturer's claims. I would love to try this brand again if, in the future, they decide to offer a shoe/boot option for us taller ladies.




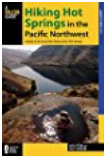
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