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Gear of the Week: Mishmi Takin Jampui

This light, waterproof boot is built to handle the heat.

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Our take: Waterproof boots can be stifling in summer. But throw on the <u>Jampui</u>, and you won't have to worry about sweaty feet while hiking in <u>warm, wet conditions</u>. The key is lightweight construction paired with an airpermeable eVent membrane: It lets moisture escape instantly, without waiting for sweat buildup that can cause discomfort. "On a hike in Brown County State Park in Indiana, temps were in the mid-80s and I undertook multiple stream crossings. But my feet stayed dry from the inside out," our tester says.

The details: The Jampui's Vibram Megagrip sole held tight on wet limestone on the shores of Lake Michigan during a jaunt in Wisconsin's Newport State Park, and our tester reports that the boot's 6mm, multidirectional lugs shed mud easily. A dual-density EVA midsole provides ample cushion, and the lack of an underfoot shank allows the Jampui to flex and form to terrain during rocky and root-filled hikes. "It performs like a trail runner, but the midheight cuff made me confident I wouldn't twist an ankle," our tester says. Bummer: Unisex sizing and a roomy toebox mean this boot might not fit some women's feet.

Trail cred: "I put the Jampui to the test on the rocky trails of <u>Acadia National Park</u>, but the Cordura and suede upper brushed off scrapes with ease," our tester says.

\$130; 1 lb. 14 oz. (m's 9.5); fits w's 6 to m's 13.5; Buy Mishmi Takin Jampui Now