

WATERPROOFING KIT

COATS.

Waterproof coats come in two basic types, non breathable and breathable. Shell type is not covered here.

Non breathable coat

These tend to be lightweight and are PU coated on the inside. Look for a shiny coating on the inside.

Washing a non-breathable coat.

It can be washed by hand in soap flakes. Soap flakes can be difficult to dissolve.

Waterproofing a non-breathable coat.

Make sure the coat is clean before waterproofing. Use a spray proofer as sometimes sold by Aldi or a product such as Nikwax TX Direct Spray-on.

Breathable Coat

These contain a breathable layer such as Gortex.

Washing a breathable coat.

Hand washing with soap flakes is possible but it is better trousers a product such as Nikwax Tech Wash.

Waterproofing a breathable coat.

Make sure the coat is clean before waterproofing. A spray on waterproofer can be used but it is better to use a product such as TX Direct Wash in.

WATERPROOF TROUSERS

Most will be non breathable. Look out for the PU coating inside. Once you've decided whether it is breathable or not treat it as a coat.

BOOTS

There are basically 3 types, leather, synthetic, fabric.

Make sure the boots are clean before waterproofing.

For **Leather boots** use a polish recommended by the manufacturer.

Waterproof membranes can be clogged if the wrong polish is used Do not use Dubin.

Synthetic boots – not recommended as feet will sweat

For **Fabric boots** use a Waterproof spray as mentioned above for coats.

TESTING WATERPROOFNESS

Pour a cup of water over the sleeve/leg of the waterproof or boots. If the water runs off and beads into small puddles that can be shaken off the then waterproofing is fine. If it doesn't run off it needs reproofing.

RUCKSACKS & DAYSACKS

It is best to use a cover. These can often be found at the bottom at the back in a zipped compartment.

If you haven't got one consider buying a cover from, say ebay from £1. It is always a good idea to pack your kit in a number of plastic bags inside you daysack.

NOTE - Never use washing Power or detergent to clean waterproof clothing.

It will remove the dirt and the waterproofing.