

# GIVE IT SOME WELLY

If you only pack one item for your caravan trip this spring, make sure it's a pair of wellington boots. Jo Vaughan tries on six women's pairs for size

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## Lunar Women's Wellington Boots

These smart and relatively tall boots come in a variety of designs. The adjustable buckle near the rim of the boots not only ensures a snug fit but also helps to keep your legs dry. Although not officially a wide fitting, the boots measure 40cm around their rim which means they should be comfortable for most women – even those with larger calves. The boots' toes are reinforced, they have a decent tread and a practical heel, and their generous sizing means there's room for you to slip on a pair of thick socks if required.

### AT A GLANCE

RRP: £24.99  
Sizes: 3 to 8  
Colours: Green Spot (pictured), Blue Spot, Flower, Circus (large spots), Daisy, Zebra, Dollhouse (small spotted), Siren (colour-trimmed), Garden (floral)  
Fabric: rubber with cotton inner  
Contact: 01670 716878, lunarshoes.co.uk

GOOD ALL ROUNDER



## Wedge Welly Legend Curve

First seen on the BBC's *Dragon's Den* programme, are these boots the ultimate in wellington chic? The company claims that the boot's 6.5cm heel gives your leg a longer, more toned look while still offering the waterproof practicality you'd expect of wellies. Although this Curve version has a buckled pleat at the top for wider calves, there was no way my wide foot was going to squeeze beyond the ankle. My fashion-conscious, 12-year-old neighbour tried instead and said they didn't feel too stable to stand in. She would worry about twisting her ankle on a muddy field, but loved the look and said they were trendy enough for her to be seen in.

### AT A GLANCE

RRP: £40  
Sizes: 3 to 8  
Colours: Legend (black, as pictured), Savvy (pink and red) and Man Eater (black snake-skin effect)  
Fabric: vulcanised rubber  
Contact: wedgewelly.co.uk

VERY TRENDY



## Joules Women's Wellies

If floral-print is not to your taste, you'll be pleased to know that Joules offers countless other colour and style choices. These boots have a wide-fitting top with an adjustable buckle which, along with the sole, is finished in a contrasting colour. I found them easy to slide on and off, thanks to a wide ankle area and generous foot width. Being synthetic, they are not only lighter than the others here, but they won't get so hot in the summer – making them perfect for those puddle-strewn barbecue afternoons.

### AT A GLANCE

RRP: £36.95  
Sizes: 3 to 8  
Colours: lots, including dog patterned, marine striped, spotted, half and full height with fabric bows and a 'Premium' selection  
Fabric: synthetic upper, lining and sole  
Contact: 0845 250 7170, joules.com

IDEAL FOR SUMMER



## Barbour Town and Country Wellingtons

You don't get much more 'gentrified' than these Barbour boots although, perhaps rather surprisingly, they come in a raft of colours – not just the traditional green. They are much taller than the other boots here and are unisex – in certain colours you can get a big size 13. They look and feel very hardwearing and have an adjustable buckle at the top to give a perfect fit around your calf. A generous tread combines with a reinforced toe area to produce a really practical boot.

### AT A GLANCE

RRP: £59.95  
Sizes: 4 to 13  
Colours: purple (as shown), black, blue, green, olive, pink, red, rustic and yellow, tartan  
Fabric: pure latex outer with blown rubber outer branding  
Contact: 0191 427 4210, barbour.com

TRIED AND TRUSTED



## Splash Wellies Miss Outgoing

Also from the Wedge Welly company, these Splash Wellies are for those women who want a trendy boot but don't want a high heel. Made for the wider calf (although a narrower fit is also available), these boots come in a number of bright designs to appeal to all ages. Plenty of room around the foot and ankle areas mean these are comfortable to wear and easy to put on and pull off. They're just the right height, too, and the sole has a good grip pattern.

### AT A GLANCE

RRP: £25  
Sizes: 3 to 8  
Colours: Miss Outgoing (as shown), Miss Predictable (black), Miss Chic (black with white spots), Miss Lovely (pink with hearts), Miss Starry-Eyed (black with white stars), Miss Snappy (black crocodile-skin effect)  
Fabric: vulcanised rubber  
Contact: splashwellies.co.uk

IDEAL FOR ALL AGES



## Lunar Women's Mist Short Wellington Boots

These stylish wellingtons are mid-calf height only so should look good on all women, even those with chunkier legs. However, they are not as wide as the company's standard boots so can feel a bit tight over the top of your foot, making them harder to pull on and off. Opt for the fur-effect lined inner and your colour choice is limited to just the one shown – metallic blue with a black mid-tread sole.

### AT A GLANCE

RRP: £29.99  
Sizes: 3 to 8  
Colour: metallic blue  
Fabric: PU with wool fabric inner  
Contact: 01670 716878, lunarshoes.co.uk

EASILY STORED

