

Used & Abused



Rocky Outdoor ProHunter Synergy Clothing

Deputy editor Steve Martin has been out in the field to test some clothing designed to keep the elements out.

The one thing I learnt very quickly in my job is that I have to get out on the banks for features, whatever the weather.

The first thing I noticed when I was given this suit was just how lightweight it is compared to the similarly styled clothing I already have.

More often than not I find myself trudging up to a mile, fully loaded with my gear. By the time I get there I feel like I've been walking in a sauna!

However, after climbing over fences, styles and rain-sodden fields just to get to the River Loddon wearing the ProHunter gear, I was more than a little surprised at how comfortable I felt.

It was the first really cold snap of the winter and it turned into a very long day on the bank. But not once did I feel the cold from the chilly breeze.

The following week I was out on the River Test in Hampshire and the heavens opened. I had no umbrella, but the suit kept me bone dry and warm. Now I was impressed.

An added bonus with the trousers is that you can kneel or lie down, and in my case take pictures, without the discomfort of water seeping through the material.

I've just spent a day with Jan Porter on the banks of the Warwickshire Avon on what was, at the time, the coldest day of the year. Was I bothered? No. In fact, I was 'snug as a bug in a rug' for the whole session.

Oh! And one other feature of the jacket that I find useful is the under-arm zip that opens to reveal a webbing that allows air to circulate and cool me down if conditions improve.

The suit can be brought separately and at first the cost may appear a little expensive. But can you put a price on comfort?

• Steve Martin

Fact File

PROHUNTER SYNERGY JACKET – £129.99

- Sizes M to 2XL
- Camou pattern – BackLand Adrenaline
- D-TEC premium waterproof and scent-eliminating system
- Moisture-wicking internal lining
- Underarm zips
- Waterproof zip front pockets
- Zip-off hood
- Internal security pocket

PROHUNTER SYNERGY TROUSERS – £89.99

- Sizes M to 2XL
- Camou pattern – BackLand Adrenaline
- D-TEC premium waterproof and scent eliminating system
- Moisture-wicking internal lining
- Banded waist with belt loops
- Front swing pockets
- Zip fly with snap closure
- Covered rear pockets with hidden snap.

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