

Skechers Max Cushioning Premier Trail 2.0 – Gear Review

Overview

The Skechers Max Cushioning Premier Trail 2.0 is designed for hikers, trail walkers, and recreational trail runners who prioritize comfort. Featuring a highly cushioned ULTRA GO® midsole, Air-Cooled Goga Mat™ insole, and Goodyear® Performance Rubber outsole, it bridges the gap between a trail-running shoe and a lightweight hiking shoe.

Weight

- Single Shoe (Men's Size 9): **11.4 oz (324 g)**
- Pair Weight: **22.8 oz (648 g)**

Key Specifications

- Weight: 11.4 oz (324 g)
- Heel-to-Toe Drop: 9 mm
- Midsole: ULTRA GO® cushioning
- Insole: Air-Cooled Goga Mat™
- Outsole: Goodyear® Performance Rubber
- Upper: Water-repellent mesh and synthetic materials
- Best Uses: Hiking, trail walking, trail running, travel

Comfort

The oversized midsole delivers excellent shock absorption, making rocky trails, gravel roads, and hard-packed surfaces more comfortable. The rocker geometry promotes a smooth stride and reduces fatigue on longer outings.

Traction

The Goodyear® rubber outsole provides reliable grip on dirt, gravel, rock, and wet surfaces. Users consistently praise its durability and confidence-inspiring traction.

Hiking Performance

This is a comfort-first hiking shoe offering excellent cushioning, stability, and long-distance comfort. It performs best on maintained trails and moderate terrain rather than highly technical mountain routes.

Durability

The combination of the ULTRA GO® midsole and Goodyear® outsole provides solid long-term durability. The water-repellent upper handles light moisture well but is not waterproof.

Pros

- Outstanding cushioning
- Comfortable for all-day wear
- Excellent outsole traction
- Good value compared to premium competitors
- Smooth rocker geometry
- Water-repellent upper

Cons

- Heavier than many performance trail runners
- Not waterproof
- Limited ankle support
- Less precise on technical terrain

Best For

Day hiking, trail walking, recreational trail running, travel, and fitness walking.

Editor's Rating: 9.0 / 10

The Skechers Max Cushioning Premier Trail 2.0 delivers exceptional comfort, reliable traction, and excellent value. For hikers who prioritize cushioning and comfort over maximum performance, it is one of the strongest values available in the trail footwear category.