

A CLOSER LOOK

Finer Points of Footwear

All of the women's sandals we tested are well made and are more substantial than your run-of-the-mill flip-flop. Utilizing the latest in footwear technology, the sandal makers incorporated unique details that their shoes apart from the pack:

1. Like the Keen Whisper pictured, most of the test sandals featured a heel tab for easier donning.
2. The Columbia Kaweah was among the sandals that used a stretchy-cord lace with a plastic toggle for quick fit adjusting.
3. Mesh drainage ports in the Keen Hydro Guide's sole allow for ventilation while keeping rocks out.
4. The Hydro Guide was the only sandal without a pull-on tab, but its Velcro heel strap made donning and adjusting quick and easy.
5. The Teva Itunda was the only sandal with a clip closure.

