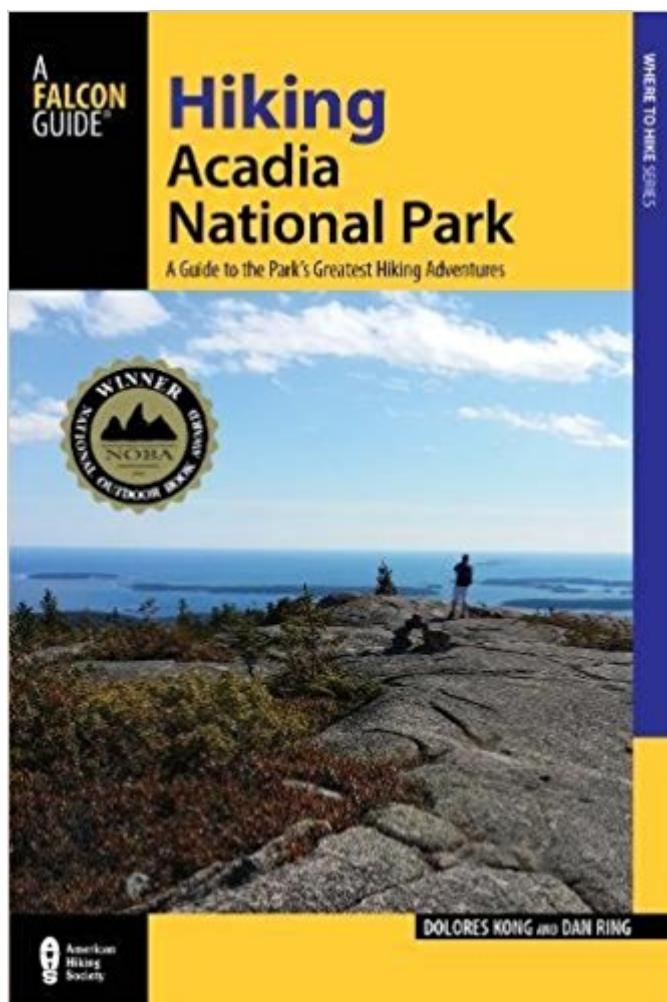


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Hiking Acadia National Park: A Guide To The Park's Greatest Hiking Adventures (Regional Hiking Series)



Synopsis

Established as the first national park in the eastern United States, Acadia National Park has 120 miles of hiking trails through more than 40,000 acres along the coast of Maine. Fully revised and updated, this edition of *Hiking Acadia National Park* covers ridge trails, forest paths, oceanside strolls, and cliff climbs for hikers of all ages and abilities.

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Customer Reviews

Dolores Kong and Dan Ring have backpacked all 270 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Maine and have climbed virtually all the peaks that are 4,000 feet and higher in the Northeast. They are members of the White Mountains Four Thousand Footer, the New England Four Thousand Footer, the Adirondack 46Rs, the Northeast 111ers, and the New England Hundred Highest Clubs. A Barnard College graduate, Dolores is a Pulitzer Prize finalist in public service from her previous career as a staff writer at the Boston Globe. A Boston College graduate, Dan is a writer and has been a statehouse bureau chief in Boston for a variety of newspapers. Dan and Dolores are married and live outside Boston.

It is a good purchase if you're planning a few days trip to Acadia. It contains many excursions, of various difficulty. But keep in mind that, as most of the Acadia experience, it caters more to the amateur hikers than to the seasoned one. Hence: 1) Acadia has tons of trails, but this guides mixes and matches them and provides excursions of 4-5 hours max. The selection is good, but I'd have preferred to have a complete description of each section of each trail. That would have been a less ready-to-use guide but more complete. 2) descriptions of trails are often more anecdotal than technical. A book of the same editor on a different park (Big Bend) was technically a better product. 3) time estimations of the excursions are generous, you'll probably be faster than what they claim.

Really great guide, used this to hike all of the large mountains in Acadia this past summer on our first camping trip to the park. I felt really confident having this in my backpack knowing I could find extensive maps, hints and directions if I needed them. The guide also includes different combinations of hikes to the top of each summit, allowing you to choose however long or challenging of a hike that you want.

Overall a good guide, some additional information would be helpful. Would have liked to see trails with offshoots grouped together instead of each of them being a separate hike. Also would have liked to see the elevation changes listed for planning purposes.

This book was very useful for planning hikes. Notice that I said hikes, not bike trips or kayaking or sightseeing or photography. I found the directions for the trailhead especially useful, since not all trails in Acadia start at a marked parking lot. The authors helpfully group the hikes by the various regions of Mt Desert Island and the hikes seem appropriately rated. You can use the individual

elevation diagrams to gauge the difficulty yourself. I picked up this book over the AMC guide because this was specifically for hiking whereas the AMC guide covered hiking, biking, and kayaking. That said, this book could definitely use a little updating. For one, did the publisher really save significant money by using only black and white pictures? Secondly, some of the trails have been renamed since the original printing. Thirdly, although each hike is accompanied by a highlighted map, I prefer the AMC approach with a full map included inside the book. In summary, bring this book, but get another one to appreciate all of the other things around Acadia NP, Bar Harbor, and the other communities on Mt Desert Island.

We hit some of the most amazing trails of our lifetime at this park! Not only do I recommend people take the time out to visit this place, but you must get out of the car and hit the trails. There are some like none other here and this Nat Park boasts ocean views from a mountain top is quite a short distance! Try the Precipice if you dare and watch out for slippery rocks on the Cannon Ridge! Enjoy friends, we did!!

Great book covering many trails in Acadia. Have completed at least a half dozen hikes since purchasing. Very descriptive and informative to the trail and to level of difficulty of the trails.

Not kidding, this book made the trip! Best guide I've ever used.. the descriptions were spot on. Just ordered the NC version.

Great information on hikes in Acadia attractively and logically presented. I would recommend this for a friend.

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