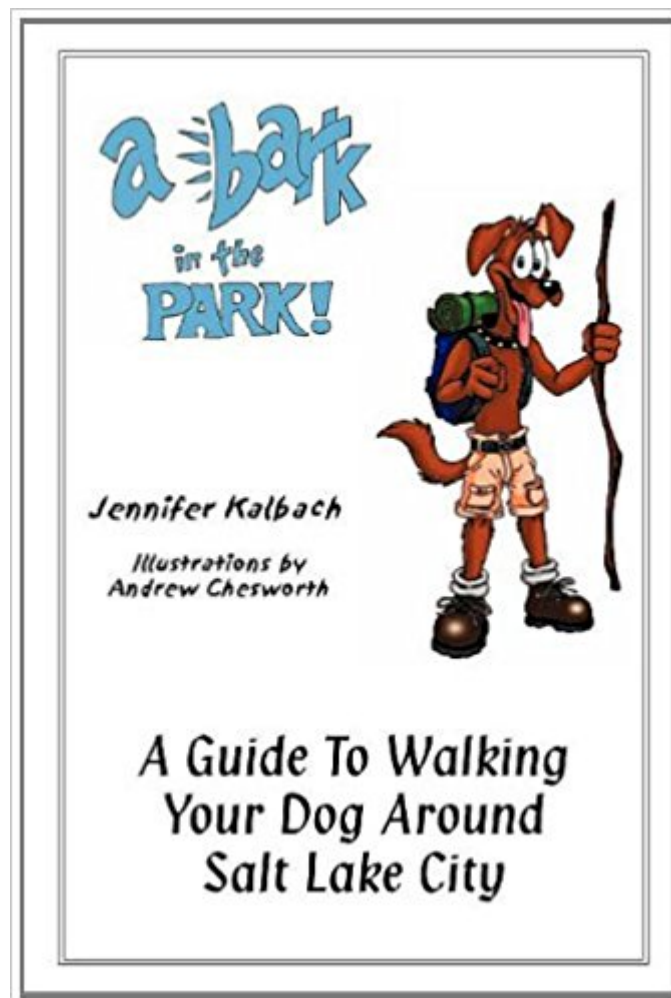




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# A Bark In The Park: A Guide To Walking Your Dog Around Salt Lake City



## Synopsis

Have you ever considered how far you walk with your dog? If you walk just 20 minutes a day, in ten years you will have walked far enough to cross the United States. With all that walking ahead of you and your dog, aren't you ready for a new place to hike? *A Bark In The Park: A Guide To Walking Your Dog Around Salt Lake City* rates the best area dog-walking destinations with your best friend in mind. Utah author Jennifer Kalbach, with bountiful assistance from Cami and Cosmo, have explored area trails to identify the tail-waggingest hikes out there. Jennifer brings back from her adventures generous helpings of local history, architecture, botany and geology. Find a dog park. Learn what parks dog owners should avoid. No Dogs! Is there any more dispiriting day for a dog owner than driving to a new park and encountering the dreaded "NO DOGS" sign? *A Bark In The Park: A Guide To Walking Your Dog Around Salt Lake City* lists parks that don't welcome dogs. Also packed inside are... ..tips on outfitting your dog for a hike ...tips on practicing low impact hiking with your dog ...creating a canine First-Aid hiking kit ...a complete listing of area dog parks *A Bark In The Park: A Guide To Walking Your Dog Around Salt Lake City* also features the whimsical drawings of Andrew Chesworth. So grab that leash and hit the trail!

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## Customer Reviews

Beware. This book wasted HOURS of my time, and all because it is poorly organized, inaccurate and carelessly put together. Although it does list some dog-friendly trails, here are the 4 major problems I had with it:(#1) Provides inaccurate/incomplete driving directions to at least two trailheads (I haven't tried them all). Did the author bother to drive her own directions? Doubtful.(#2)

Lists at least one dog park that has been closed for about a year. The book I bought has a copyright date of 2005, but in June of 2005 when I tried to find to one of the fenced-in dog parks listed in the back of the book, I could not locate it. Three young men who lived in the area told me the park had been closed for 10 months. Another woman corroborated their story and said it had closed over a year ago. The fences had been torn down, and it now looks like an unkempt, abandoned lot. (#3) Illogical organization. Why would someone who wants to walk their dog need to see the trails listed \*alphabetically\*? Why not by region? Let's think about this. When deciding on a dog-walking venue, the very first thing I need is a general sense of where the trail or park is so I can determine if I have enough time to make the trip. Is this a half day outing or something I can squeeze in after dinner before dark? The author does NOT provide a diagram or map to show the general location of the trails. This forces the reader to wade through all of the trail descriptions before heading out. (#4) The author assumes the reader knows the area and can fill in the gaping holes she leaves in her work. While the roads in the Salt Lake City area are logically named/organized according to a basic grid, that is a general rule, and there are many exceptions. Avoid this book unless you want to buy your own maps and put in some significant research time, or if you are already very familiar with the area (in which case, you probably don't need a book like this). The back cover of this book says the author is a resident of Sandy, UT. Since she lives here, the lack of accuracy is inexcusable. (Even if she didn't live here, she could have consulted maps before sending this thing to the printer.) I've had this book for about a month and I've probably wasted 8-10 hours getting lost or, having learned my lesson the first time she sent me on a wild goose chase, pre-researching accurate directions to trails. And now I am using more time writing this review because this book was so maddening, I felt compelled to warn others. Time is precious and scarce to most people I know. This book does not respect the time of its readers. But I will say that it does list 19 trails all over the area. I've not seen any other place to get this info. So, it's a good start, but certainly not a convenient, easy to use reference.

this is a great reference to use when walking/hiking with your dog. the directions are easy to follow and all the trails are very dog friendly.

Useful fun and fascinating book about hiking in the Salt Lake area. I especially liked the references on hiking times. She really knows the trails ! My dog loves it also .

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