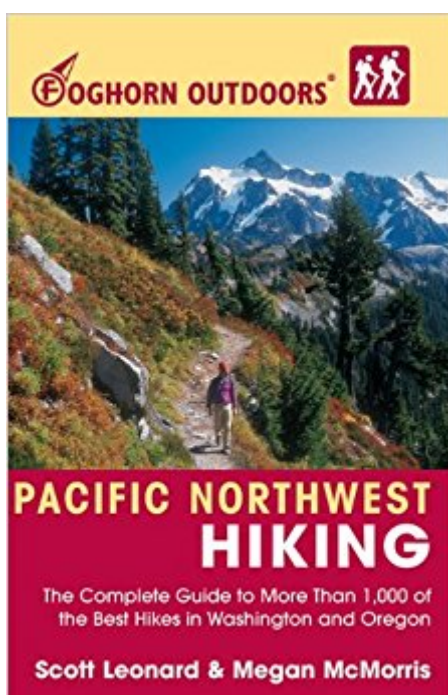


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# Foghorn Outdoors Pacific Northwest Hiking: The Complete Guide To More Than 1,000 Of The Best Hikes In Washington And Oregon



## Synopsis

Covering the most popular Pacific Northwest hiking destinations, this is the hiker's guide to finding the best trails throughout the state. Foghorn Outdoors Pacific Northwest Hiking guides hikers through Mount Rainier National Park, the Columbia River Gorge, the Olympic Peninsula, and a wealth of hikes within easy reach of Seattle and Portland. Families, day-trippers, and seasoned hikers looking for a change of pace will all find the perfect trail among the options selected by outdoor enthusiasts Scott Leonard and Megan McMorris. This guidebook provides updated, easy-to-use region and trail maps, photographs and illustrations, complete information on fees, permits, user groups, contacts, and driving directions for every possible hike.

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"Meticulously researched and smartly written, Foghorn Outdoors offers some of the best recreation guides around. The books provide exceptionally reliable information on each location and activity, while emphasizing sensible, low-impact enjoyment of the outdoors."

Scott Leonard lives in Seattle, WA. Megan McMorris lives in Portland, OR.

This was a gift for a hiker I know. When I got the book I looked through it and all the information you need to know if you're going on a hike to fit your personal needs is there. It includes distance of hike, length of time it takes an average hiker to complete the hike and even scenery types and sights

to look for. Very informative and helpful guide!!!!

Still after all these years the most comprehensive book out there. Just make sure to look at online update of your trail before heading out.

This is THE GUIDE for the Northwest!

Though the directions are not always clear and the trail maps themselves are nonexistent, I honestly do find this book helpful for a couple of reasons. As some readers said about the last edition, this book is a great index for Oregon and Washington hikes. Whatever it is, there is a good chance it's in here. It's a good book to peruse through to get a few ideas for what to do on your next day off, but I always, always, always compare what other books or websites have to say about any trail before I go looking for it. One of the good things about this book is it does include contact information for all of the trails and also permit information which is helpful for people who don't think about paying for parking. It is useful for little things like that, but I would strongly recommend always having one or two other more detailed books nearby. There is a gentleman, last name Sullivan, who has written several regional books, at least for Oregon, and they have fantastic details, maps, directions and pictures. They include 100 trails for each region and so far seem to be quite accurate. I strongly advise checking them out. Happy hiking!

I grabbed a copy at my local outdoors store, best \$\$ I've spent in the past year. This guide is not meant as 'the book to be taken on the trail and guide you out and back'. It is much more useful in helping you decide which trail to attempt next - be it a day trip, a few day getaway, in the midst of out-of-state hiking tourists, or way off in the wilderness. There are plenty of trails of all types in the book. The trails are organized by region, shown on small locator maps to help you pick which place to visit. There are also a few lists in the beginning - 'best waterfall hikes', 'best hikes with kids', etc. This setup has been very helpful for my planning of day trips. Each trail has a description of the sights you will see, specific map numbers for detailed topographic maps from other sources (no trail maps are within this book), typical months for hiking access, parking costs to expect (a bit outdated now that WA state parks do NOT charge a fee!), and fairly accurate directions to the trailhead. I wish the book included more information regarding road conditions - I drive a Honda Civic and some of the trailheads are accessible only by way of an off-road vehicle because the roads are so bad. I have bought a number of topographic maps from other sources and this book lists maybe half of the

trails on the maps.

After reading the other reviews on this page, I had to write my own. My family and me have used this book many times (mostly in Oregon) and have found it to be accurate and helpful. I have not had any difficulty locating a trail; and the trail descriptions are spot-on. I also own the previous addition (written by Judd & Nelson) of the book. In that edition, they listed several trails that did not even exist - for example, spend a day trying to find Bobsled trail near Pendelton. You can't and you won't. Too me, it is obvious that McMorris and Scott are actual hikers, and have probably been to the trails they describe.

I used this book twice on recent hiking trips to Washington and Oregon and found various inaccuracies for at least half of all the hikes I tried from this book's descriptions. In many of those cases descriptions on how to get to the trailheads were inaccurate, or if or what parking pass is required at some of the trailheads. But what really is missing is information on the road conditions to the trailheads: I found that many of them can only be accessed with a four wheel drive or high clearance vehicle -- something that would be good to know ahead of time if you only have a plain old passenger car like I do. My recommendation is to take the information in this book with a grain of salt and to consult at least one other hiking guidebook before you venture out to go hiking.

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