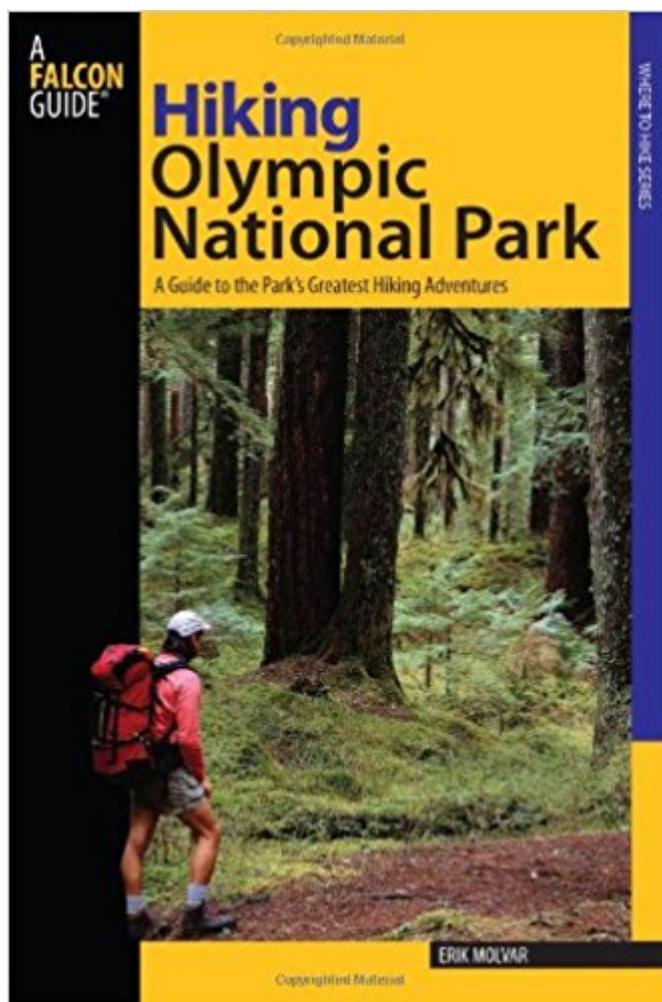


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Hiking Olympic National Park, 2nd: A Guide To The Park's Greatest Hiking Adventures (Regional Hiking Series)



Synopsis

This book describes a 585 mile network of maintained trails in a wilderness ecosystem that stretches from the beaches of the Pacific to the heart of the Olympic Mountains.

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Customer Reviews

This updated edition of Hiking Olympic National Park features sixty-six of the finest trails in and around the park plus forty additional trail recommendations throughout northwest Washington's spectacular landscape. These trails crisscross the park's wilderness ecosystem, stretching from the beaches of the Pacific to the heart of the Olympic Mountains. Whether you choose a strenuous backpacking trip over glacier-clad mountains or a short stroll through a temperate rain forest, veteran trail guide and author Erik Molvar provides all the information you need to make the most of hiking the Olympic Peninsula. For more than twenty-five years, FalconGuides® have set the standard for outdoor guidebooks. Written by top experts, each guide invites you to experience the adventure and beauty of the outdoors. Look inside to find: Hikes suited to every ability; Directions to the trailhead; Comprehensive trail descriptions, maps, and elevation profiles; Mile-by-mile directional cues; Difficulty ratings, average hiking times, best hiking seasons, and elevation gain/loss for every featured hike.

Veteran author and backcountry explorer Erik Molvar discovered backpacking while working on a volunteer trails crew in the North Cascades of Washington. He is the author of more than a dozen FalconGuides for such places as Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Olympic National Park, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, as well as Colorado's Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

What made this book better than the average trail guide:1) It tells you which season the trail can be hiked. We used this book in April and it was good to know which trails would be closed or inaccessible due to snow.2) The trailheads were easy to find. Highway 101 has mile markers on the northbound side of the road and this book uses the mile markers to guide you to the trailhead. Even the trailheads that started away from highway 101 and required driving on small roads were well described in the book.3) There's a large map in the front of the book that numbers all the trails. It's easy to reference those numbers to the trail descriptions inside the book.4) There's a large variety of trails in the book, from short 2-hour hikes to full day hikes to overnight backpacking hikes of 1 or several nights.5) The trail maps are easy to understand and reference well to the written descriptions. Of course, if you go backpacking you should get a detailed map of the area you're hiking. Also, there's a mistake on the map on page 26- The trailhead for hike #1 and hike #2 have been switched.

I found this book very informative and even exciting. I am from Calif. most of my life. (except for the last 10 yrs.) I am 66 and it's really nice to know that there are trails that even I can manage. For next year I am planing to take several trips to the Olympic Mountains. Writing reviews is not my cup of tea so please forgive the shortness of this review. Thank you very much Art

Really helped on our trip to the Olympic National Park!

Great companion guide for your hike. It helped me realize where I really was (along with a map) when a campsite sign was missing.

I used this to help guide our 5 day trip to this park. Excellent resource, easy to read, easy to implement....a great choice if you're headed to Olympic for the first time!

This book was helpful but not perfect. We would use it while looking at a map to try and plan our day

hikes. Better maps would have helped and better hiking guides. Overall it gave a nice introduction of the park and what to expect. I read it on the plane on the way there. I have other guide books that are better.

This guide does a great job of describing the hikes including landmarks, views, and other features. The road maps and directions to get you there are not great, so be sure to buy a real road map to help you find trailheads.

Informative, well organized, literate, and imbued with love and respect for nature. You may want to get a second book but get this one first.

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