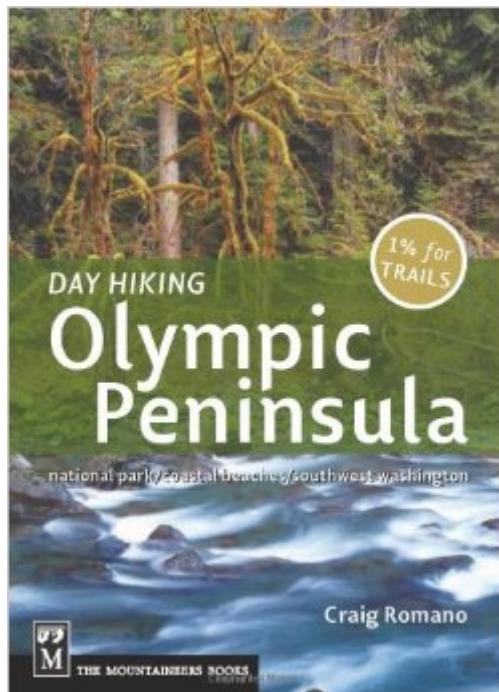


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Features include the following: - 100-125 trails presented in each guide- All trails rated for difficulty level and overall experience/quality of hike- Most trails less than 12 miles round trip, with suggestions for extending your hike- Includes nearby car camping options- Driving time map from major cities and road junctions- Two-color maps, charts, and elevation profiles (except Oregon Coast where trails are mostly flat)

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Customer Reviews

I picked up this book yesterday at the mountaineers bookstore after patiently waiting for it for weeks and I'm happy to say the wait was most definitely worth the wait. This title is a great revision of the classic '100 hikes' series perfectly geared for the modern hiker. The text is much more concise and direct with much clearer maps and directions. Gone are the Harvey Manning style trail reviews that often turned into personal meditations where meaning and fact had to be gleaned with much care. As is evident by the title, the focus is also entirely on Day Hiking, with a scant minority of the hikes exceeding 10 miles round trip. This is in sharp contrast to the classic hikes series in which most volumes were heavily slanted toward multi-day backpacking treks. This probably bodes well for the old series staying in print as it will still have a definitive niche. There is also a much greater emphasis given to year round hikes with many low elevation destinations included in the whopping 125 hikes listed in the book. My one complaint would be that the snazzy 'hike overview chart' at the beginning of the book misses out on a few helpful details that would make finding a desirable hike

quickly easier, specifically these details would be elevation gain, specific months accessible and the subjective star rating of the hike's overall quality that. All these details are of course available for each hike in the meat of the book. What is included in the overview chart are things such as whether or not the hike is accessible year round, what scenic features each possesses, and subjective difficulty level on a 1-6 scale. Amusingly only one hike rates a 6 for difficulty which translates to "beyond strenuous". Overall a great launch to a new series. I'm highly looking forward to the Snoqualmie & South Cascades editions (both written by a different author) and hopefully many more to come after that!

I purchased this book along with Erik Molvar's "Easy Day Hikes Olympic National Park" and between the two of them I was able to quickly locate and choose the exact hikes that not only fit my schedule, but my difficulty level, and time frame. I would recommend this to anyone planning a trip to the Olympic Peninsula.

I have been patiently waiting for this book to release ever since Father's Day of 2006. I met author Craig Romano on the trail and he featured individual pictures of me and my dad in two areas of this guide. At first, I wanted to pick up the book for its sentimental value but as I began to look through the pages I realized that there were a plethora of trails to choose from. I came across trails I have never seen written up in any guide book including the Theler Wetlands in Belfair, Twanoh State Park near Union and Penrose Point State Park. The driving directions and trail descriptions are highly accurate and there is a quick breakdown of each hike outlining the difficulty, open seasons, corresponding maps and accessibility. Each hike has been meticulously researched and it is evident that a great amount of time and effort went in to making this book as accurate and descriptive as possible. Out of all of the Olympic Peninsula trail guides I have read, this is quite possibly the best out there.

The Mountain Press books are the quintessential guide for finding the best hikes in the area. These books are frequently referenced on the Washington Trails Association, Meetup and other hiking/backpacking groups. The Olympic Peninsula guide has hikes in and outside of the Olympic National Park including Buckhorn Wilderness and the Olympic National Forest. The book provides a visual map with hikes broken down by the Pacific coast, Kitsap peninsula and zones by general compass point areas in the Olympic peninsula (e.g. - South, northwest, northeast, etc). A table showing a summary of highlights, difficulty and distance of each hike is also listed in the front of the

book. Each hike shows driving directions to the trailhead however for the more difficult to find trailheads on primitive roads (e.g. -National Forest roads) it would be wise to not solely rely on the directions and milemarkers which he lists but rather do your research ahead of time and double check the directions using the map coordinates which he also includes for each trailhead location.

I purchased this book before a 10 day hiking trip to the Olympic Peninsula and it is great. All of the hikes we did in the book were good (even hikes he only gave 1 star - if it is in the book at all, it is an enjoyable hike) and the write-ups give you a surprisingly good idea of what the hike will be like. The book is also more current than others that I purchased. For planning, it has a map in front that tells you what is near to what and what sort of terrain trails will cover. Each section contains a summary (rating of 1 star to 5 stars, difficulty, length, elevation gain and maximum altitude, and the suggested season); maps; how to drive to the trail; and an "Extending your trip" section with suggestions for add-ons to make the hike a little longer or a little more interesting. Overall an excellent book, and the only guide you need to plan your trip. I highly recommend it.

I originally rated the Kindle edition two stars here, because I found the maps were too small to read. No matter what device I used, all the maps were much smaller than those in the print edition, and too small to read. But another reader pointed out that you can double-click the images, and that opens them up to adequate size.

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