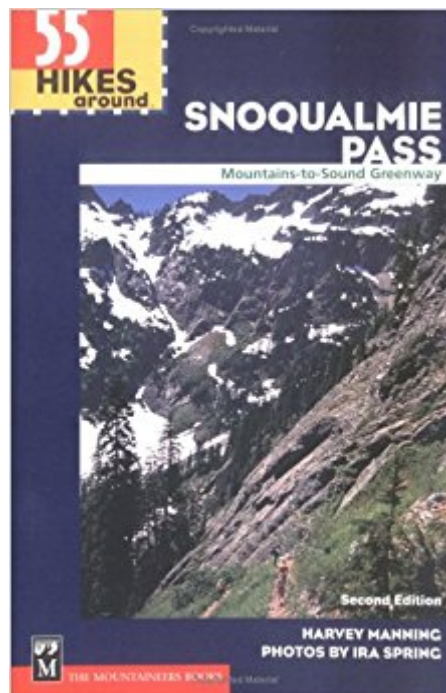




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55 Hikes Around Snoqualmie Pass: Mountains To Sound Greenway (100 Hikes In...)



Synopsis

The proposed Mountains to Sound Greenway, a swath of forested land along Puget Sound's Interstate 90, is much-loved by recreationists for its accessibility and scenic beauty. This book highlights a range of destinations for hikers and walkers who want to enjoy and preserve this important natural area between Seattle and Ellensburg. From easy afternoon strolls to challenging trails through the Cascades, each hike is described completely. Hikes can also be linked for longer trips. The guide also looks at the history, foundation, and future of the Greenway project.

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Customer Reviews

We moved to the Snoqualmie valley area last year. This book is great for showing you the local hikes along the I-90 corridor. Easy to read maps, good descriptions of what to expect and up to date. Slim, yet crammed with information, making it handy for having in your backpack or in the side pocket of the car door. A "worth it" buy for anyone who lives in the area, or those serious about exploring the area when visiting Seattle.

the book was in good condition and perfect for a gift as well. shipped on time , infact the day i ordered. I will definitely recommend this seller !

Long before Interstate 90 was designated a National Scenic byway, Harvey Manning envisioned a preserved natural greenway from the Cascades to Puget Sound. A place where the over-worked

city-dweller could rediscover nature, still close to home but able to experience the beauty of the Mountains-to-Sound Greenway. The guide has the witty, insightful interpretation of Spring's exceptional photography and Manning's great influence in the hiking community. **My favorites: Little Si-easy, Mount Si-brutal, Green Mountain-moderate, Mailbox Peak-brutal, Taylor River-very easy, Snow Lake-easy and very pretty, Dirty Harry's Peak-brutal, Mason Lake-moderate, Bandera Mountain-moderate hike, a leg lifter with view of Mason Lake at top, Talapus and Olallie Lakes-easy, great for snow-shoeing, Pratt Lake Saddle-long and moderate, kinda creepy way deep in the forest, Melakwa Lake-long and a bit creepy too, but Lake is pretty, McClellan Butte-the day after I couldn't feel my bum..... Annette Lake-easy, saw my first brown bear here, Kendall Katwalk-moderate and beautiful, Rachel Lake-moderate and pretty lake, good for packing overnight, Margaret Lake-little lake, but the solitude is nice, Gold Creek-long hike, moderate, can be used in the winter for snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing, Mirror Lake-pretty, pretty---have done this hike 10 times. Very easy first hike. On the hike you actually see two lakes, Cottonwood and Mirror. Very short, 2 miles, full hike. Mount Catherine-easy to moderate hike. Three hour hike, total of 1300 ft. I get my huckleberries from this area (also Thorp Mountain hike has nice berries too) Good jam and pancake syrup.

I must strongly disagree with the previous reviewer. He gives this book the lowest possible rating because of what he thinks are unclear directions to trailheads. I have read the book in detail, and only find a handful of the problems he describes. For instance, as far as I can tell, only one hike description (#2, Squak Mt.) fails to give directions from an I-90 exit. I agree that this trailhead may thus be difficult for some people to find. However, all of the others should be easily found as long as a person has either a normal state highway map or a rudimentary knowledge of the I-90 corridor between Seattle and Snoqualmie Pass. Also, I don't particularly mind being referred to other hikes for parts of the driving directions. For a group of ten Middle Fork Snoqualmie hikes that all rely on I-90 exit #34, it makes sense to spell out the shared directions in the first trip, and then repeatedly refer to that trip in the descriptions of the others. Saves paper, cost and trees. Occasionally, the authors overdo it with the cross-references, and things are not as clear as they should be. However, on the whole, they do a great job. Written directions are almost always completely understandable, and are supplemented by good maps for both the driving and hiking portions. I feel well qualified to judge the book, because I have hiked extensively in the area of coverage with friends and with four outdoor clubs. I have personally done 40 of these 55 hikes, and know other people who have done most of the rest. I find the trips to be well described, and think that just about all of them are

worthwhile. I am glad that the Mountaineers have put out a book highlighting the I-90 hikes, which are some of the most convenient to Seattle. Many are spectacular, and nearly all are within an hour's drive of the city. The only reason I am not giving the book a higher rating is because many of these trips are already described in other Mountaineers books, such as "100 Hikes in Washington's Alpine Lakes." Many of the people who are potentially in the market for this book may find it redundant. However, for people who want to start hiking in the region, who don't already have a shelf full of local hiking guides, and who don't want to go too far from town, this book should be a great way to get into motion.

We bought this book because now we live in the area and wanted to see what's out there. This book provides pretty good idea and listing and has all essential details but its also outdated and unstructured when compared to books like *60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Seattle: Including Bellevue, Everett, and Tacoma (60 Hikes - Menasha Ridge)*. The trail maps are very basic (and sometime misleading because of lack of details) and the directions to get to trail head are sometime just not enough. The book doesn't have GPS coordinates but fortunately the authors have created waypoints in Google Maps ([...])

When my wife and I first moved to Seattle, we bought 2 of this author's hiking books. I vowed to stay away from his books at that time as I was totally disappointed by his books' organization. 15 years later, I disregarded my vow (a mistake) and bought this book because I thought that perhaps he had improved. The elevation gain and trail distances are certainly an improvement but the book still falls short with its driving directions and trail descriptions. If you can't find the trailhead then the book is useless obviously. Even when you find the trailhead, the author often chooses to give us historical information about the hike rather than the important trail descriptions. 55 hikes around Snoqualmie is a fantastic idea but it does not deliver. Furthermore, you have to read paragraphs to extract what is important to you. There are no separate sections as there are in many books such as "directions" or "trail descriptions". This makes for awful organization. Save your money!

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