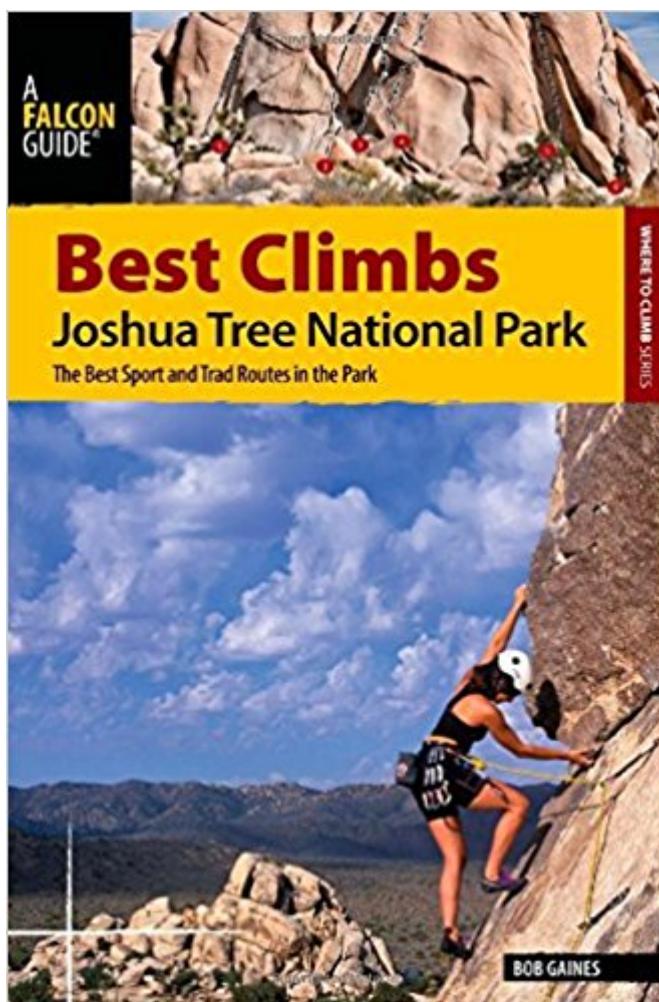


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Best Climbs Joshua Tree National Park: The Best Sport And Trad Routes In The Park (Best Climbs Series)



Synopsis

The essential guide to one of the world's most popular climbing destinations—*with detailed color topos, stunning action photos, and maps*Best Climbs Joshua Tree National Park is part of a series of new climbing guides from Falcon, appealing specifically to nonlocal climbers and locals with minimal time on their hands, all of whom seek visually appealing, to-the-point guides that filter out the very best climbs in some of America's most popular climbing destinations, with an emphasis on moderate routes ranging from 5.6 to 5.10. With over 8,000 routes to choose from, selecting a climb at Joshua Tree can be a daunting task for the traveling climber or for a climber new to the area. Best Climbs Joshua Tree National Park includes over 250 of the very best sport and trad routes at this world-renowned climbing area. - 250+ favorite routes, many of moderate difficulty- Trivia and route history sidebars- Stunning action photos- 15+ color topo maps with detailed directions to parking areas (GPS coordinates included)

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Customer Reviews

Best Climbs Joshua Tree National Park showcases the best sport and trad routes in the park, ideal for climbers who want to hit as many select climbs as possible in a short visit. Longtime local climbing guide Bob Gaines leads you to more than 250 of the very best routes available, from one-pitch bolted sport routes to multi-pitch traditional-style gear routes, with an emphasis on moderate climbs but featuring some classic testpieces too. GPS coordinates for the formations, sun

and shade recommendations, and gear requirements for each climb are included. This guide provides visually appealing, to-the-point information for climbers who want to experience the best climbs Joshua Tree National Park has to offer. Includes: Quail Springs * Lost Horse Road * Hidden Valley Campground * Real Hidden Valley * Echo Rock Area * Wonderland of Rocks * Cap Rock * Ryan Campground * Hall of Horrors * Saddle Rock * Jumbo Rocks * Split Rocks * Indian Cove

Bob Gaines is an AMGA Certified Rock Guide who has been teaching rock climbing since 1983. He is the owner/director of Vertical Adventures Climbing School, based at Joshua Tree National Park, California, where he has taught clients ranging from Boy Scouts to Navy Seals. Bob has also worked extensively as a climbing stunt coordinator on over 40 television commercials. He was the chief safety officer for the movie *Cliffhanger* and doubled for Captain Kirk when Kirk free soloed El Capitan in *Star Trek V*. Bob is also the co-author of *Rock Climbing Tahquitz and Suicide Rocks* (The Globe Pequot Press, 2001).

This guide fills an inexplicable gap in world of Joshua Tree climbing info. Since Randy Vogel's second and third installment of comprehensive guides are on hold (forever?), the only place to get info on the entire park is his old guide which is way behind the times in terms of quality. As for 'best of' guides, there's the 5.5 to 5.9 60 climbs trad guide by the Wingers which is decent but nowhere near the quality of this book. Bob Gaines put up some of the best routes in the park and his guide is on the same standard of quality. Don't hesitate, especially if you're just going to be visiting. Update: The Wolverine guide by Miramontes, which is pretty hard to find and somewhat pricy, is the solution to the guidebook problem this park has. It covers the entire park, has great detail, and wonderful pictures. I highly recommend it if you are a regular. If you are just visiting once or twice, then this book should take care of you just fine.

Bob Gaines has spent much of his adult life at Joshua Tree climbing and operating his climbing school Vertical Adventures (voted best climbing school in the US by *Outside Magazine*). He's distilled this knowledge into a beautifully presented color guidebook to over 200 of the best trad and sport routes in J Tree. Divided into sections by climbing areas, he includes a general description of the crags in each area, including driving/hiking directions, GPS coordinates, descent beta and sun/shade information. The individual climbs include a detailed description, pro for trad routes, and special descent beta where needed. But best of all, the routes are clearly marked on sparkling color

photos. The front of the book has bonus beta, like lists of Best Crags for Toproping, Best Moderate Trad Single Pitch Routes (5.1 - 5.9), Best Moderate Trad Routes, Best Hard Trad Routes Single Pitch, Best Hard Multipitch, Best Sport Routes, and Best Face Climbs. There is also info about park regulations, gear, camping and much more. J Tree is a world-class climbing area, it just got a world-class guidebook to the best climbs in the park.

Provides excellent directions and route pro info for the best climbs in the park, whether you're a beginner or seasoned climber looking for sport or trad routes of any rating.

The route selections were great for a person with only a few days to spend in the park. Included some locations that are newer and a little off-the-beaten-path.

Compact book, great photos!

This book is for hard core climbers only. Many areas of Joshua Tree are missing, and anything with a lower rating is not included. Better to get the information from [...]

Makes me want to go there. I would bring this book along-nice format and great beta-its a keeper and I liked it

Missing plenty of routes. Honestly, dont ever expect a super thorough book from falcon... but do expect a beautiful book that's durable.

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