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Seasoned outdoors authors Tom Stienstra and Ann Marie Brown know the best hiking trails in the Golden State, from breathtaking coastal walks north of Los Angeles to challenging backcountry treks in the Sierra Nevadas. Including 21 new hikes and unique "best-of" lists—including Best Hikes to Waterfalls and Best Hikes to See Wildlife—*Moon California Hiking* leads beginner and expert hikers alike to the best trails the state has to offer. Complete with detailed regional maps, hiking tips, difficulty and quality ratings for each hike, *Moon California Hiking* provides hikers with all the necessary tools to head outdoors.

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Mary Tharp says

From 10 minute walks to a week long trip, to waterfalls and lookouts a great book to take when I am in California.

Gordon Alexander says

I'd hiked a bit in Louisiana, so when we moved out to California, we started finding and doing hikes. We used "California Hiking: The Complete Guide to the 1000 Best Hikes in the Golden State" by Stienstra. (BTW: finding hikes was much harder before the intarweb.) We started in and around Davis, California as we started our young family, transitioning the Bay Area and from there to southern California. Once our kids were 5, we started going on short backpacking trips. Those continued as the kids grew up we increased the mileage of both hour hikes and backpack trips. This book is great for getting the cream of the crop of hikes. Choose any of the "10" for scenary, and you are assured of a hike you will never forget. It has a nice variety from short hikes to long-backpack trips, so you can grow. My only caveat would be to ask about finding trailheads. Once you get to a trailhead, sometimes it take a bit to find the actual trail...

Laura Leaney says

I've been using this book to jaunt around a bit, and I've found the information, the directions, and the assessment of difficulty fairly accurate. I just got back from the Berry Creek Falls trail south of San Francisco, which was labeled one of the "prettiest falls" in the area. Not having hiked much in the Frisco area, I can't make comparisons, but I was blown away by the lush beauty and was glad I found it in this book.

Still, the book does not do justice to Southern California. Where, for Pete's sake, is Modjeska Peak? And there is no Mount Wilson listed, either under Mount OR Wilson. Christ. For twenty-five bucks, you'd think the the "Complete Guide to 1,000 of the Best Hikes in the Golden State" would not be missing two major peaks.

I blame myself, mostly, for buying this on-line. This is why going to an actual book store matters - a place where you can skip to a book's index and check its completeness yourself.

Carrie says

Best hiking book for California. Great rating system, excellent directions and maps.

Chris says

This is a great resource, well-organized and comprehensive.

Jenn says

I really, really want to take a backpacking trip. If you know me, I know it sounds ridiculous, but I've been reading a lot about backpacking and dreaming of taking a trip soon.

Chicken Little says

I hike at least once a week - any weather - and this is an extensive, complete guide of the very best hikes in CA. You don't need to plan a big backpacking trip, either. You can go any time on a daily hike. I do hikes as long as 20 miles in a day.

Kelly says

California is so full of amazing places to hike and this book is a good push in the right direction. I don't always agree with the authors' choices for "best" or descriptions, but it's nice that they break the trails out into categories: waterfalls, coastal, bird-watching, views, wildflowers. The book covers a little bit of everywhere and everything, rather than some more specific "best." It's a great resource for those days you find yourself wanting to explore a new place without extensive trip planning.

The directions to trailheads and parking descriptions have been fairly accurate, and the difficulty and quality ratings spot on. The descriptions give you a feel for the experience without stealing all the fun of discovery.

Beth in SF says

Great resource for Cali hikers. How far is it; how difficult; how beautiful is the scenery; what is the elevation; how do you get there; what does it cost; what's the best time of year to go or to avoid? Comprehensive publication that probably will do you right.

Sherryrobs says

Very helpful in choosing hikes. Wish it also provided elevation profiles.

Katrina K says

Goodreads win. Will read and review once received. Really excited to see if I discover any new hiking places with this book!!

Bill says

Great reference material to pick out a good backpacking trip

Penny Olson says

I received this book through a Goodreads giveaway. Thanks!

I love the level of detail in this hiking guide from the directions to the difficulty levels. It's also nice that they provide an estimated time to complete the hike. You can also search by location and type of hike. I was very happy to see a Best for Kids list.
