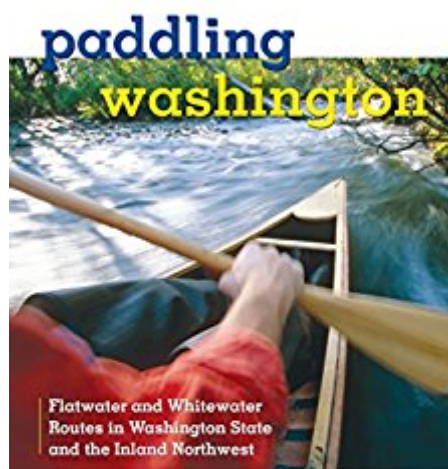




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Paddling Washington: Flatwater And Whitewater Routes In Washington State And The Inland Northwest



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* 112 routes in rivers, streams, lakes, and bays in the Northwest* For paddlers of all skill levels* Maps, safety tips, equipment requirements, and a route comparison chart This uniquely comprehensive Washington paddling guidebook combines the best of three previous books--Paddle Routes of the Inland Northwest, Paddle Routes of Western Washington, and Washington Whitewater--into one volume. Detailed locator maps and instructions on safety are included, as well as appendices on equipment, map sources, and a useful route comparison chart for selecting the right trip level for any paddler. Paddling Washington covers water routes in western and eastern Washington, British Columbia, North Idaho, and Montana, and has enough trips to keep northwest paddlers busy for years to come.

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Customer Reviews

Just what I was looking for, for paddling some of the rivers of western Washington! Good info and rating of rivers, where to put in, take out and class ratings so you know what you are getting into. Good maps and easy to find the rivers and areas you want!

So far so good. I have used it on three rivers so far. I am planning more trips with this book.

It is a conglomeration of three different guides. This one is great for those of us who do whitewater, inland touring, and sea kayaking.

Very thorough review of the flatwater & whitewater bodies of water in Washington. We have tried several in and around the Spokane area and the descriptions have been right on target.

Having done two of the routes described in this book (Ross Lake and the Yakima River Canyon), I have mixed feelings: On one hand, there is a lot of useful information in this book (e.g. which sections of which rivers are most suitable for paddling, and at what water levels). On the other hand, the description for Ross Lake wasn't very detailed (e.g. no mention of the one-mile lake access trail), and the map for the Yakima River Canyon route had the take-out site a mile downstream of the actual location. There does not appear to be a website for submitting and viewing errata for this book. Also, given that most of the routes in this book are on rivers and require a shuttle, a list of reliable shuttle companies would have been a plus.

Why only four stars? Because "love" and words like "awesome" are words I don't use to describe much of anything. Hyperbole. "Great" is another. I found the book an excellent source for finding the kind of canoe paddling that my wife and I do: flatwater. (By way of background, we have canoed in Ontario and in the Boundary Waters and British Columbia. We own a Langford Explorer Kevlar canoe, which I don't want to bang up on rivers. I also don't like the trouble of shuttles, hence, flatwater.)

This is without question the must have guide for paddling the inland Northwest! I've used the guide for several years in planning my own trips and as a reference in updating and writing my own guides for Mountaineers Books. I always refer others to the guide when they inquire about where to paddle in the inland NW.

Most complete book.

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