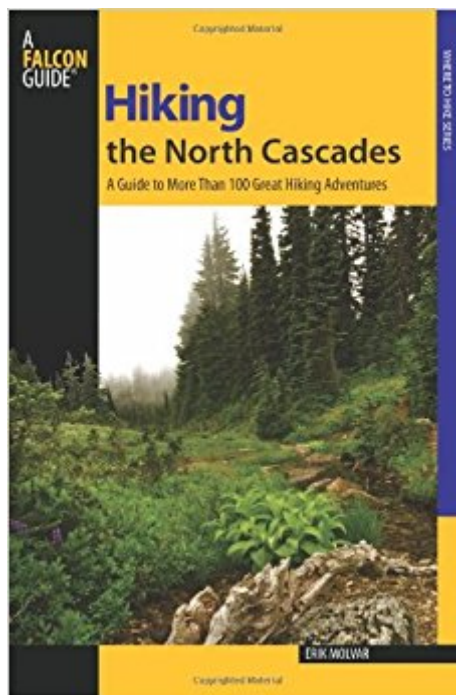




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Hiking The North Cascades: A Guide To More Than 100 Great Hiking Adventures (Regional Hiking Series)



Synopsis

Mile-by-mile descriptions and maps for more than 100 hikes eliminate the guesswork of hiking in this mountain paradise east of Puget Sound. From short day hikes to long backpack expeditions, Hiking the North Cascades is a passport to one of the most beautiful mountain areas in North America.

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While few of the jagged, glacier-clad peaks east of Puget Sound exceed 9,000 feet, their vertical rise is on par with that of the Rockies. These are the Northern Cascades—a vast wilderness that is home to mountain lions, elk, mountain goats, and even a few grizzly bears. With hundreds of miles of pathways that penetrate deep into the forests and climb to the tundra of mountaintops, it is just waiting to be savored by hikers and backpackers. Hiking the North Cascades describes 105 of the region's best and most varied hikes, from a few choice short excursions to a whole host of day trips and overnight treks. Whether you want to explore the region's gateway—the broad, green Skagit River—or enjoy panoramic vistas such as those atop McGregor Mountain, this comprehensive guide is your passport to one of the most beautiful and truly wild reaches of North America. Look inside to find:

- Hikes suited to every ability
- Directions to the trailheads
- Comprehensive trail descriptions with mile-by-mile directional cues
- Trail locator maps
- Difficulty ratings
- Key regulations and tips on zero-impact hiking
- List of backcountry camps with comparative ratings

Veteran author and backcountry explorer Erik Molvar discovered backpacking while working on a volunteer trails crew in the North Cascades of Washington. He is the author of more than a dozen FalconGuides for such places as Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Olympic National Park, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, as well as Colorado's Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

This hiking book is a fantastic guide for those of us that love to spend time in the great outdoors on trails. I use this one more than any other hiking guide books because it has the most helpful information. It gives direction cues for each hike, mile by mile. It breaks down hikes based on difficulty. It notes camps and gives cues regarding regulations in the area. I like the photos and topographical maps that help me envision gain and loss when I'm planning a hike. I feel it is the most comprehensive book for the Northern Cascades hiking trails.

Detailed hiking maps of North Cascades along with information on what is where. This is a great resource for people that are going to the area for the first time. We used it on our trip and was very helpful and resourceful.

"The northern end of the Cascades has always been the most forbidding and impenetrable ... never been conquered by 'civilization' and offers a last retreat..." into God's country. This 5-star Guide includes requisite details like best season, hike difficulty, elevation gain and loss, maximum elevation, topo map listings, and explicit directions to trailheads. Comprehensive yet concise hike summaries complete the guidance along with info-rich maps, mile-calibrated hiking directions, and a fairly generous sprinkling of inspiring (B&W) photos.

I wish this book had more information on the land and trails managed by the forest service, which is adjacent and seamless with the national park itself.

Very complete trail descriptions, but ratings might be a little deceiving. The trails rated moderate can be pretty rough in parts. Also, it should mention that the Marblemount Ranger Station does not issue permits for the whole park. The Glacier Ranger Station issues permits for Copper Ridge.

This book is an awesome resource for planning your hikes in the North Cascades. There are not

only detailed descriptions of the trails, but some interesting facts about the area as well. I would have liked an overall map that shows what the different hikes are they've described, and the loops you can do for backpacking, but overall found this book a great tool.

All these books really help me pick my next hike. Great information.

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