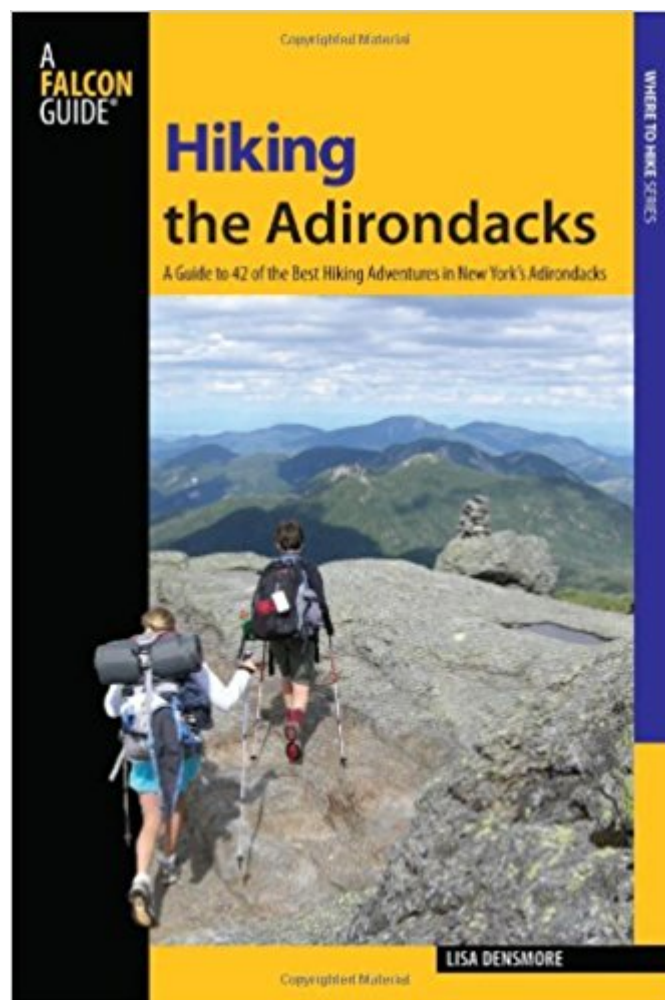




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Hiking The Adirondacks: A Guide To 42 Of The Best Hiking Adventures In New York's Adirondacks (Regional Hiking Series)



Synopsis

This book features the best day hikes and weekend backpacking trips in the mountain wilderness of northeastern New York State. From 360-degree mountaintop views to dramatic waterfalls and pristine ponds, it takes readers to the most scenic locations, some well-known and others off the beaten path.

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Customer Reviews

Lace up your boots and sample forty-two of the best day hikes and weekend backpacking trips throughout northern New York state's entire Adirondack Park—one of America's great wilderness regions. They include numerous High Peaks adventures as well as other breathtaking experiences such as Pharaoh, Blue, and Black Bear Mountains, and Gleasons Falls. Whether you're looking for a 360-degree mountaintop view, a dramatic waterfall, or a pristine pond, Hiking the Adirondacks takes you to the most scenic locations. Some are well-known and others off the beaten path, making this the ideal all-in-one reference to the Adirondack's finest backcountry destinations. Look inside to find:

- Hikes suited to every ability
- Directions to the trailheads
- Trail Finder for best hikes for lake lovers and with dogs, children, great views, and fire towers
- Comprehensive trail descriptions with mile-by-mile directional cues
- GPS coordinates
- Difficulty ratings, average hiking times, and best hiking seasons for every featured hike
- Information on fees and permits, contacts, events and attractions, restaurants

Lisa Densmore, who has been hiking the Green Mountains for more than thirty years, is the Emmy-winning host of Wildlife Journal (PBS) and a writer and nature photographer whose work has appeared in Backpacker, Her Sports, Vermont Life, and Vermont Magazine.

I'm very disappointed with this book. As a comparison, last year I did a trip to Acadia park and I bought "a falcon guide" for that park that was extremely helpful. Now the Acadia book had 77 trails. This Adirondacks book has 42 trails. Adirondacks takes up 1/3 of new York, Acadia is on a island. Also the difficulty rating is absurd. We did a 5.4 mile hike whose vertical gain was "under 100 feet". It was literally a stroll though the woods... very flat woods. The difficulty rating was "moderate". Then we did a 4 mile hike up a mountain whose vertical gain was 1,537ft, it was one of the hardest hikes I've ever done (and I've done some mountains on Acadia plus numerous places in my eastern pa home) and the difficulty rating: "moderate". Then on our way to do a 4,000 footer I saw there was a 2 mile "easy" hike I thought would be a nice warm up on our way to do a 4,000 footer. A 2 mile easy hike, I thought we would be taking a nice stroll around a pond or something. I read the actual description and it's hiking up a mountain! A small mountain but still! As we always try to bring our dog, I love the canine compatibility and a description of why. Like some hikes are for "fit dogs". But some hikes said they were not for dogs because of "rock chimneys". I've never heard of or seen rock chimneys and they did not put any pictures in the book of a rock chimney. We ended up taking our dog on a hike that had a "rock chimney" because it was at the end of the hike shortly before a turn around point. If what I think was the rock chimney was actually a rock chimney, the trail, and my dog easily went around it. Many trails were described as out and back but then looking at the map there are options to do a loop. But it never explains other options, like how long it would be if you just continued on the loop. They would show other trails on the map but never mention them. On the hike with the misleading "rock chimney" it was out and back but we continued on the loop and the loop was a far easier and less strenuous way of going down the mountain although more mileage it was probably less time than spending time climbing down boulders.

Very clear and well written for the out of Towner who wants to hike in the Adirondacks. Just know the difficulty levels for each hike are for Hikers, not beginners. Where it says difficult or expert, they mean it!

maps are nice

This book is great for anyone who is "NEW" to hiking or just visiting the area, but for those of you who are looking for a "die hard 46'er" book, this is NOT it. This lists and shows trails that are made for anyone of any age group. the tallest mountain they list in here is Haystack Mountain. I was hoping it was going to list the best mountains to hike for views, not for easiest hikes.

It got off to a bad start when I ran into a silly error on the first page: the Delaware River does NOT drain into Chesapeake Bay as the author writes (hint: Delaware BAY? ?). In a hiking guide if you're sloppy with facts what are you left with and that's an awfully silly error. We'll see.

Good guide with dog friendly tips for trails.

Enjoy this series

Any potential hiker to the Adirondacks must take along Hiking the Adirondacks: it provides a guide to over forty hiking opportunities in New York State, offering maps, directions, topography, and black and white photos throughout. Each hiking opportunity includes keys to locating the trailhead, difficulty ratings, and extensive notes on the hike itself. Hikers will find the specifics lend to advance planning.

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