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100 Classic Hikes Washington



Synopsis

100 Classic Hikes: Washington has been an iconic state trails guidebook for decades. Initially written by the godfathers of Washington guidebooks, Ira Spring and Harvey Manning, 100Classics has been fully revised and updated by their spiritual godson, Craig Romano. Author of more than a dozen books on Washington hiking, Craig brings his own energy, passion, and expertise to this new edition that is every bit as gorgeous as its popular predecessor.

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Customer Reviews

With the new edition of this classic guide, it's fair to ask - what's changed? Quite a lot. Legendary, influential (and, later, perhaps a little curmudgeonly) original authors Ira Spring & Harvey Manning have sadly passed away since the last edition. Capably filling their shoes: Craig Romano, writer of other excellent Washington hiking guides like Backpacking Washington & Day Hiking North Cascades, among others. The trail descriptions may not wax as poetically (or preachily) as Spring's & Manning's prose of the past, but the detailed, descriptive trail notes of Romano more than suffice. In fact, he pays homage throughout by denoting some of the hikes in their original guide as "Legacy" hikes, and cites selected passages of theirs as well. Pretty nice. Perhaps more significantly, there are improved maps - gone are the odd isometric projections & tangled trail markings of the past, now replaced by straight-forward topographical map with a clear route in red (with of course side trails, camp sites, roads, etc, all easy to take in at a glance). In addition, there is now a separate "Getting There" section with details on finding the trailhead, as well as GPS

coordinates. Another major change - more on a mixed note - is the trail selection: previous editions focused almost exclusively on the Cascades and Olympic National Park. Now, the whole state gets a spotlight, with sections on the San Juan Islands + Whidbey, the Columbia River Gorge, and Eastern Oregon. The total is still 100 hikes, which means some choice selections from the older books are unfortunately gone (like, say, Noble Knob and Whatcom Pass). A few were merged into one entry, or are no longer easily accessible (such as Clear West Peak and Lake Byrne).

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