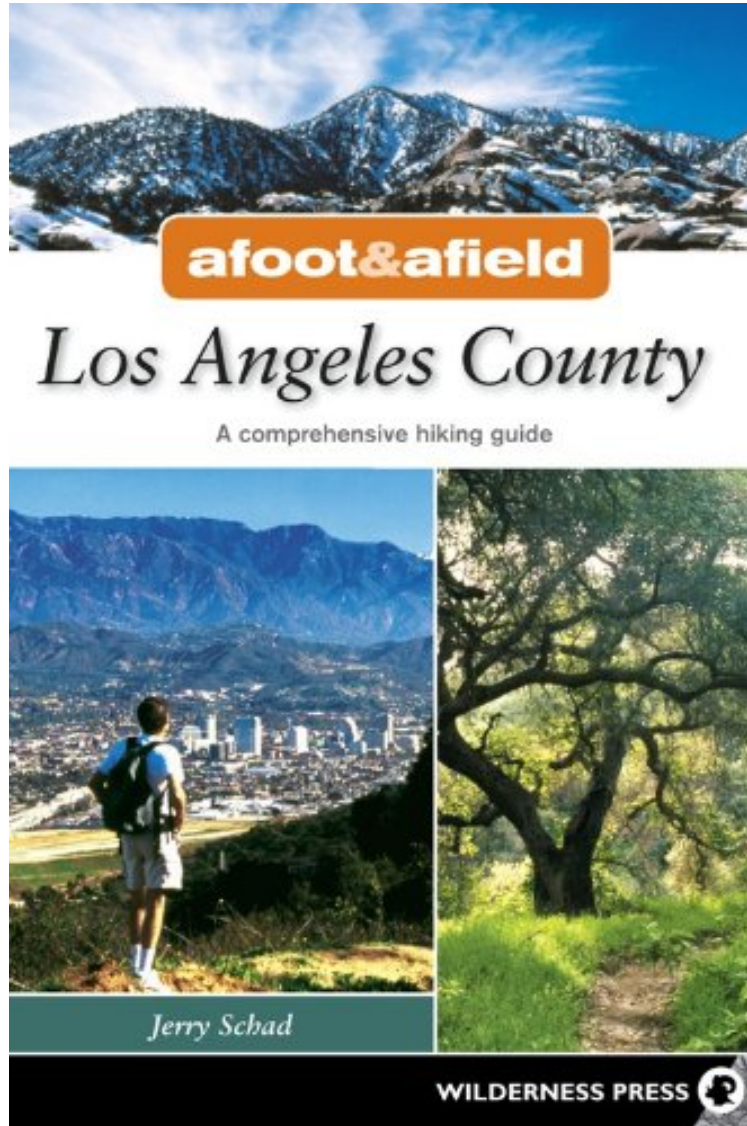


# Afoot and Afield: Los Angeles County: A Comprehensive Hiking Guide

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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good selection of hikes, but sometimes missing or inaccurate detailsBy Brian NilsenAs another reviewer mentioned, sometimes the text is a little bit light on details. I've never had

a problem with the driving directions, but when it comes to finding the trailhead once I've parked, or coming to an unmentioned fork in the trail, the lack of details aren't totally confidence inspiring. Also, at least according to my GPS for the hike we did over the weekend, the 6.0 mile out-and-back was actually 8.3 miles. The elevation change was accurate, but having the hike be almost 40% longer than advertised made things slightly more difficult for my wife and I, seeing as we're beginner-intermediate hikers. Despite those two issues, it's got a great selection of hikes, many close to use in West Los Angeles. There's a wide variety of hikes, and lots of details about what's notable on a given hike. I've learned a lot about the areas near me just from skimming through this book, I had no idea about the Nike-Ajax missile command site up in the Santa Monica mountains or old oil wells out in the Santa Susana mountains. I'm definitely glad I got it, it's a far more useful resource than anything I've found on the internet so far. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bible of Hiking in LA! By Daily Commuter This is the bible of hiking in LA. Every hike I've done in this book has been awesome and well described by Jerry. I love the way it's organized and have always felt it was easy to navigate. I usually take a photo of the page in the book where I'm going on my phone or make a photo copy so I can reference it along the way since the book is heavy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hiker's bible By J. Abalos finally, an update to what was always a great guide. the fires and drought keep changing the hiking landscape in southern cal. You need to have updated info. and while there's lots of websites dedicated to this, there's just no substitute for Afoot: thorough, concise with all you need to decide where to go and how to get there.

Jerry Schad is your knowledgeable and reliable guide for the 192 trips in this book--ranging from gentle family walks in Griffith Park to strenuous treks over the spine of the San Gabriel Mountains. Whether you seek solace from the crowds, a cardiovascular workout, or a new perspective of the natural world around you, this book provides all you need to know. The second edition of this popular book covers all of the county's open spaces. A total of 192 hikes--including 17 new ones--are described in detail with trips organized into specific areas. Illustrated; detailed maps.

About the Author Jerry Schad's several parallel careers have encompassed interests ranging from astronomy and teaching to photography and writing. He teaches astronomy and physical science at San Diego Mesa College, and currently chairs the Physical Sciences Department there. Schad has run or hiked many thousands of miles of distinct trails throughout California, in the Southwest, and in Mexico. He is a sub-24-hour finisher of Northern California's 100-mile Western States Endurance Run, and has served in a leadership capacity for outdoor excursions as close as San Diego County and as far away as Madagascar.