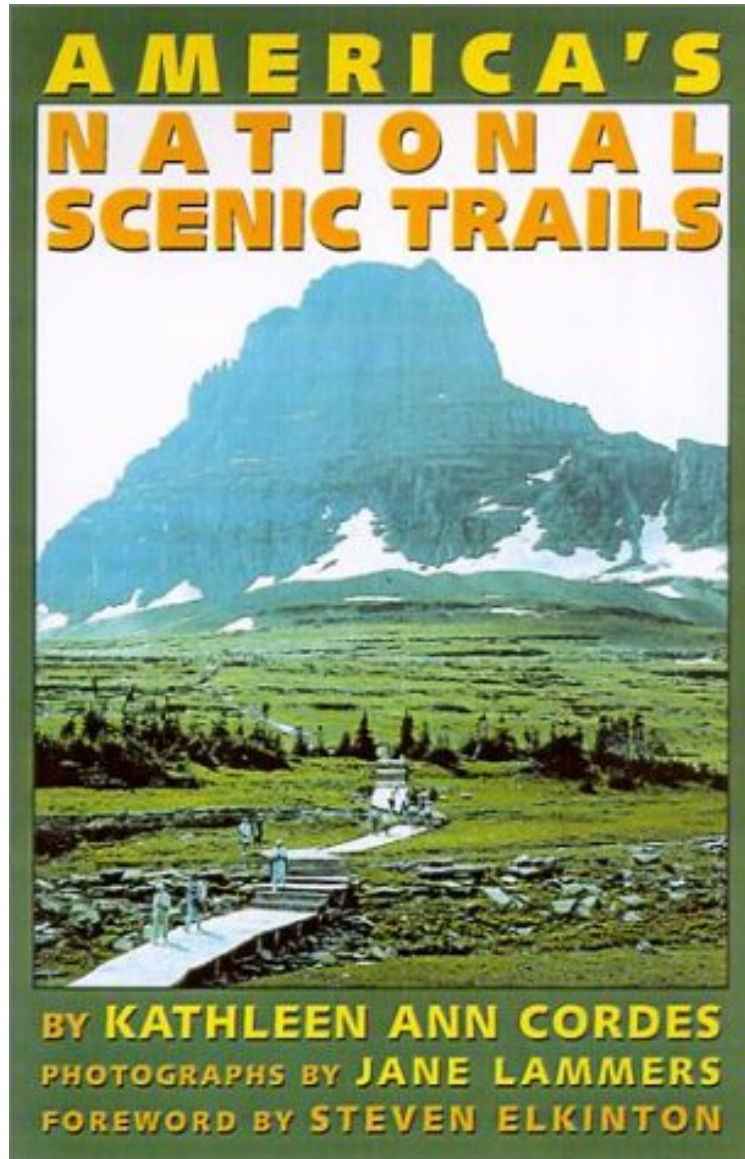


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. America's National Scenic Trails By Brian H. Nordstrom Lots of nice color photos and maps. Descriptions of trails are fairly comprehensive (usually 30 - 40 pages each), and include the Appalachian, Continental Divide, Florida, Ice Age, Natchez Trace, North Country, Pacific Crest, and Potomac

Heritage Trails. If your plans include hiking all or parts of any of these trails, then I recommend you read this book.³ of 3 people found the following review helpful. A good choice for arm-chair travelers and wanderers alike

By Charles M. Nobles This is one of those rare travel books that will inform and entertain the armchair traveler while at the same time provide invaluable information to the trekker setting out to explore one of the Congressionally sponsored National Scenic Trails. Congress established the National Trails System Act in 1968 for the purpose of creating a trail system that would provide long-distance paths through some of the most scenic country in America and preserve trails that contributed to our history. Since 1968 the trail system has designated twelve national historic trails, some eight hundred national recreation trails and eight national scenic trails. This book focuses on the eight National Scenic Trails in the system and is a great guide to the almost 16,000 miles they encompass through 30 states. The trails range in length from 694 miles (the Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail) to the 4,300 mile North Country National Scenic Trail. The trails, due to the diversity of their locations, can be traveled in all four seasons and contain some, if not all, of the best scenery and animal life, not to mention historical significance, that the United States has to offer. The National Scenic Trails are Appalachian, Continental Divide, Florida, Ice Age, Natchez Trace, North Country, Pacific Crest, and Potomac. The book is a combination travel guide and history lesson that is written in a highly readable, fact-filled manner. For each of the eight trails there is a history of the trail, a description of the trail today, a list of points of interest, detailed maps, state-by-state tourist information, a listing of the total mileage of the trail, and the states it traverses. For those of us that probably will not attempt to walk the Appalachian Trail "straight through" (it's 2,144 miles long!) the author thoughtfully gives suggestions on where one can enter the trail at numerous locations and walk for a few hours with time for a picnic lunch. This is a splendid general reference book for the National Scenic Trails. For the reader desiring more specific information on any of the trails the author has included a complete, up-to-date listing of all state and public land agencies, an exhaustive bibliography, an index, and 87 color illustrations and detailed, yet readable, maps. June 2nd is National Trails Day and what better way to learn about those national treasures than getting a copy of this book. This is a perfect example of the quality publications one can expect from the University of Oklahoma Press. Armchair travelers and wanderers of all types will be delighted.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent overview of the NSTs

By Bomojaz This book provides an excellent overview of eight National Scenic Trails, from the Appalachian to the Pacific Crest Trails, and including the Natchez Trace, Potomac Heritage, Florida, Continental Divide, North Country, and Ice Age Trails. Each trail gets a separate chapter, and within each chapter we get an historical overview, what each trail is like today, and a fairly comprehensive listing of points of interest for each NST. Maps are also included, though they are not very detailed. Some of the trails will probably be familiar to most people (the Appalachian and Natchez Trace, for example), but others may not be. I'd never heard of the Florida NST until reading about it here; it stretches from Big Cypress Swamp in the south all the way up and over to the western end of the panhandle near Pensacola. The North Country NST, one of the newest of the trails, is still very much under development and incorporates many local trails in state parks and national forests in the seven states it crosses (NY to ND). The Potomac Heritage NST runs over much of the CO Canal Towpath along the Potomac River, where there are many historical points of interest. Armchair travellers might find this book more pertinent than hikers: those in the field might want more detailed information than is provided here. But for anyone planning on hiking any of these trails, or part of them, you will find much good material here to get you started and direct your attention to the more general things you can expect to encounter along the way. The book is well-illustrated, has an excellent index, and is printed on slick, sturdy paper. Highly recommended.

Vistas of mountains and meadows, waterfalls, glaciers, and streams, and intimate observations of wildlife reward travelers on America's eight Congressionally designated National Scenic Trails. America's National Scenic Trails, the first general guide to vividly describe each trail, provides background and helpful touring information, lists points of interest for each trail, and offers informative trail maps. Eighty-seven color photographs depict the attractions, geography, flora, and fauna found along the trails. With hundreds of one-day excursions, as well as advice to the seasoned hiker, this book is a passport to the adventure and discovery found along America's magnificent National Scenic Trails. In these pages, readers will explore: Appalachian National Scenic Trail (GA, TN, NC, VA, WV, MD, PA, NJ, NY, CT, MA, VT, NH, ME) Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (NM, CO, WY, ID, MT) Florida National Scenic Trail (FL) Ice Age National Scenic Trail (WI) Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail (MS, AL, TN) North Country National Scenic Trail (NY, PA, OH, MI, WI, MN, ND) Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (CA, OR, WA) Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (VA, MD, PA, DC)

From Library Journal This beautiful and informative book, replete with majestic photography, discusses the eight trails designated by the U.S. federal government to be protected and maintained by legislation going back to the National Trails System Act of 1968. These national trails which include the Appalachian, Continental Divide, Florida, Ice Age, Natchez Trace, North Country, Pacific Crest, and Potomac Heritage reach coast to coast and north to south, covering thousands of miles of American wilderness, from swamps to glaciers and meadows to mountaintops. Cordes, who is the executive director of the American Association for Leisure and Recreation and who has authored other wilderness

travel books (America's National Historic Trails), writes about the history, geography, geology, flora and fauna, and points of interest along each of the trails and discusses opportunities for adventurous activities other than hiking, such as cross-country skiing, kayaking and canoeing, biking, horseback riding, and mushing. She also includes vital addresses for obtaining further information on each trail, an appendix that contains sections with public lands and state lands information, and a comprehensive bibliography and index. An excellent addition to adventure-oriented travel collections. Melinda Stivers Leach, Precision Editorial Svcs., Wondervu, CO Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Kathleen Ann Cordes, Executive Director of the American Association for Leisure and Recreation, resides in San Diego, California. She is the author of America's National Historic Trails (University of Oklahoma Press). Jane Lammers is a professional photographer. Steven Elkinton is Program Leader for National Trails System Programming, National Park Service.