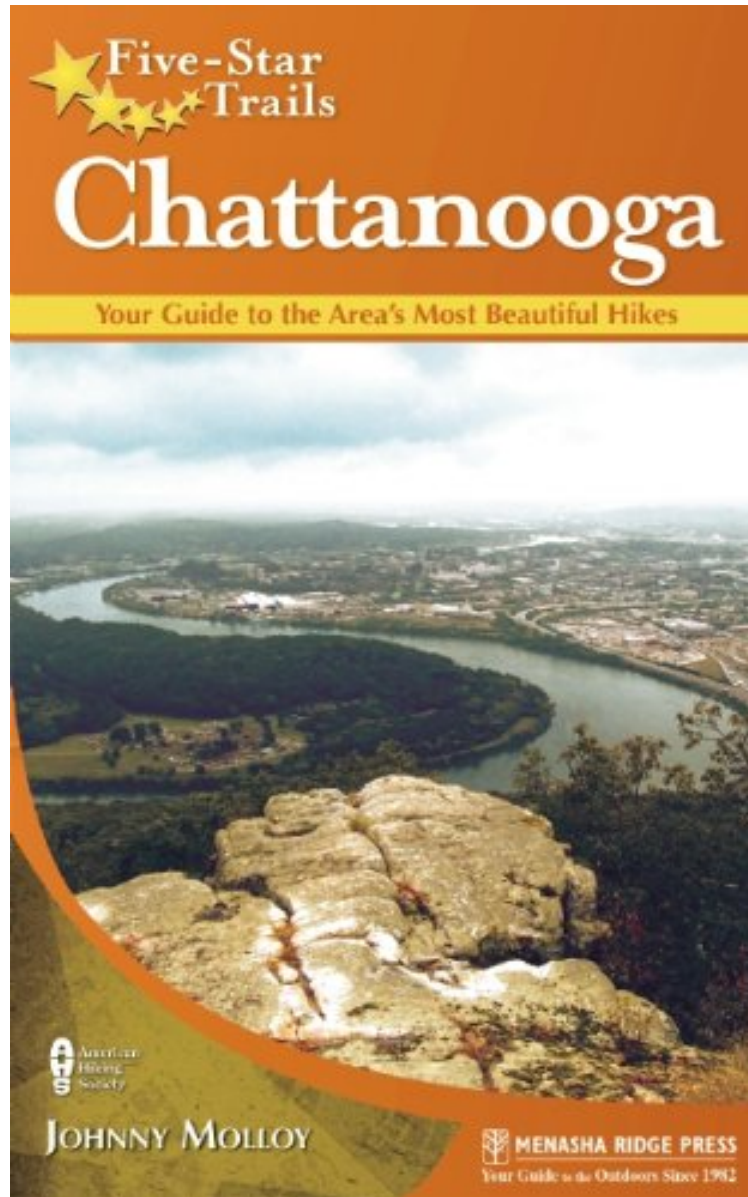


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Johnny Molloy : Five-Star Trails: Chattanooga: Your Guide to the Area's Most Beautiful Hikes before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Five-Star Trails: Chattanooga: Your Guide to the Area's Most Beautiful Hikes:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A good guide to local and easy drive hikes in the area. By Jessica Porter
The book provides a nice "topical" table of content in addition to the traditional style. If you want a really good trail for solitude or one with sweeping views or a family friendly hike, you don't have to hunt through a tone of trail descriptions. The author lists the top five in several different categories. Book provides good descriptions of the trail highlights. The reason I don't give this five stars is the author's difficulty ratings. I've done a couple hikes in the book and found he inconsistent with the degree of strenuousness. The first hike I did said it was easy with a few moderate inclines. I'm a fair weather hiker and after a long winter of no hiking I wasn't in the best shape when I started up again in the spring with this hike. So I expected to notice the said inclines. There were inclines, but I wouldn't call them steep or moderate by any means. I hardly noticed them. Another trail was rated moderate to difficult. Again being an "average" hiker I would have rated the whole trail difficult. But difficulty is very subjective thing. What is an easy trail hike for an experienced hiker is moderate or more for someone new to hiking. Walking a trail is much different than walking the sidewalks in a neighborhood. However, with other guides to other areas after a few hikes on trails in the book, I get a feel for how the author rates difficulty compared to my perception/ability. I've done five hikes in this book and I still not sure what to expect when I hit the trail. It's been hit and miss.
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A good trail guide for the Chattanooga area. By Ray Galyon
I've really enjoyed a couple of Malloy's books, particularly, Trial by Trail. He seems to have parlayed a love of the outdoors into a living as a writer / outdoorsman. If you are looking for a good trail guide for your area, see if Malloy has one; he has published quite a few. If you really want to get to know an area, I'd suggest that you generally get a couple of guides by different writers. Trail guides are like folk remedies, no one person knows them all and you have to have more than one to get a good 'picture' of the area.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Stick with online info
By JWBradley
Probably will give this book away to a doctor's office or something. Nice read, but so much more information is available online.

Five-Star Trails: Chattanooga is a handy guide for area residents, vacationers seeking outdoor fun, and for business travelers with a free afternoon. With a diverse collection of hiking routes, the book offers choices for everyone from solo trekkers to companions to families with either youngsters or oldsters to consider. This book profiles close-in urban and suburban locations that can satiate scenery-hungry residents and also offers routes of superlative beauty in the adjacent local, state, and national parks. All this adds up to a hiker's nirvana. Chattanooga is ideally situated to enjoy some of the Southeast's best scenery. To the east and south are two huge tracts of sublime and primitive national forest land -- the Chattahoochee and the Cherokee -- much within an easy drive of Chattanooga. The national forests also offer camping, hunting, fishing, nature study, and more. To the west rises the Cumberland Plateau, with its finest features protected under the umbrella of Tennessee's state park system, centered by the Volunteer State's master path, the Cumberland Plateau. The geologically fascinating Cumberland offers hiking routes along rushing rivers, deep gorges, wild waterfalls, and other rock features.

From the Inside Flap
With a mosaic of natural splendor, Chattanooga sets the stage for hikers. Centered on the banks of the mighty Tennessee River, and flanked to the east by the lofty Southern Appalachian Mountains and to the west by the rugged Cumberland Plateau, Chattanooga is within easy reach of an incredible array of hiking destinations. Hiking in Chattanooga can mean a ramble through the backcountry of the Cohutta Wilderness, a trek to the natural bridge on the Cumberland Plateau, a history-rich stroll along a Civil War battlefield, or a quick escape on a greenway near your house. Without this book, you might miss the hidden hiking treasures of the greater Chattanooga area. But with expert guidance of author Johnny Molloy, you'll enjoy 40 of the region's best trails. Molloy's vivid hike descriptions give insight to the history, flora, and fauna of the routes, and his concise, accurate trail descriptions will keep explorers on the right path.