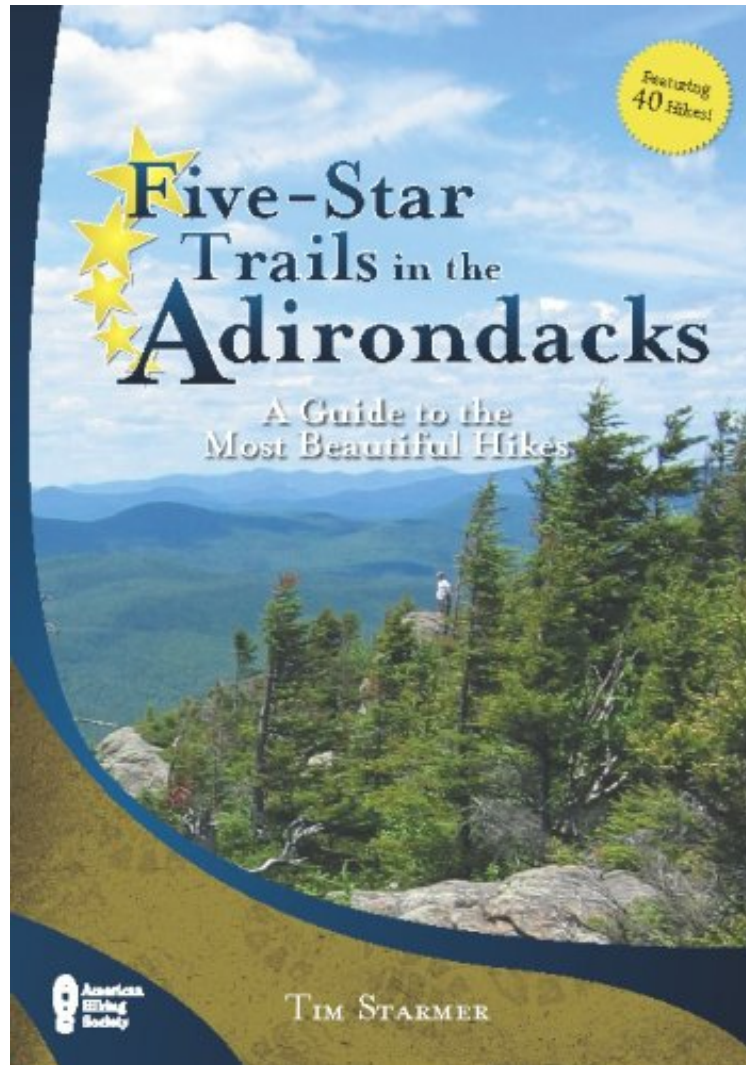


Five-Star Trails in the Adirondacks: A Guide to the Most Beautiful Hikes

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Tim Starmer : Five-Star Trails in the Adirondacks: A Guide to the 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 in the Adirondacks: A Guide to the Most Beautiful Hikes:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Great Overall Guide to Various Trails By A. Stackhouse This book was a great guide to help me pick which trails I wanted to hike in the ADK. I especially liked how you could pick your hike based on category (i.e. which hikes give you the most seclusion). At the beginning of each hike is a rating system

for scenery, trail conditions, etc. which is extremely helpful in deciding whether you would like to hike the trail or not. The maps (despite being in b/w) are nicely detailed and easy to read (although I would love it if there was a topo overlay but... there is an elevation profile shown separately). The trail description and directions are excellent and this book helped me twice (so far) where I could have made a wrong turn on the trail. I would recommend this book if you are planning on hiking in the ADK and would like some guidance/suggestions on which trails to hike. 14 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Best for Novice Hikers Only By SRFI picked up this book hoping that it would serve as a valuable resource for some of the best hiking options in the Adirondacks. After reviewing the book and comparing it to other offerings, I feel a more appropriate title would be "Two-Star Trails in the Adirondacks." Most of the hikes are easy, with a few possibly deserving an easy-moderate rating. Many of the best summit hikes in the Adirondacks aren't even mentioned in this book, so if you are looking for a guide that points you to some of the better mountain hikes and views, you would do well to look elsewhere. Though there are some good hikes in this book, you simply will not experience the best of what the Adirondacks have to offer if you use this as your guide. Ultimately, I found myself turning to other resources. The book itself is fairly well designed in terms of its organization and content. The book is organized based on park regions, and there are a number of hikes suggested for each region. The trail info is clear and the directions are understandable and accurate. My favorite part is the scenery rating given to each hike, which is something that I find useful when narrowing down my selections. Overall, my reservations aren't with the book design so much as they are with the hike choices. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great hikes in the Adirondacks By MaisiBI am always looking for good hiking trails in the Adirondacks and have found many good trails on here!! I would highly recommend this book for anyone looking to get off the beaten path and find some great trails!!

Each hike through the Adirondack Park is rated for scenery, difficulty, trail condition, and accessibility for children. Individual trail maps, elevation profiles, and GPS trailhead coordinates aid in navigating the myriad of unnamed roads. Featured trails range from easy strolls for the family to bone-crunching vertical ascents for the fearless hiker.

"The massive size of the park can be intimidating for beginner hikers, but Tim Starmer makes navigating 40 popular hikes seem like a breeze." --Syracuse New Times, September 2011 "Five Star Trails: Adirondacks is a valuable source of information, particularly for people who are not familiar with the area." --Dick Lightcap, former chair to the Onondaga Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club "A handy one-volume sampler of top spots" --Adirondack Life Magazine