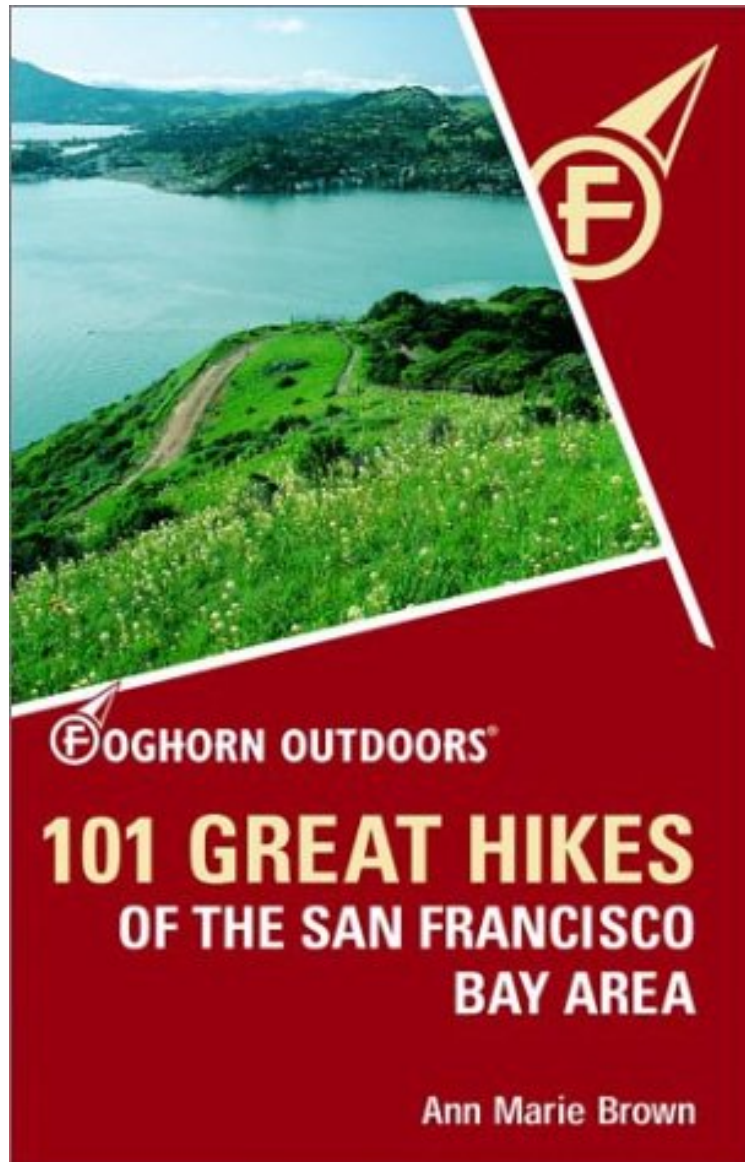


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**Ann Marie Brown : Foghorn Outdoors: 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area Second Edition** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Foghorn Outdoors: 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area Second Edition:

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signpostmom Overall, this is a good hiking guide; I have been on two of the hikes since receiving the book a couple weeks ago and I find that the author's descriptions are spot on. However, in my opinion, not enough attention is paid to people who plan to hike with their dogs. Only roughly 20% of the 101 recommended hikes allow dogs (not the author's fault, I realize), but there is insufficient detail regarding the trails that do allow dogs. First, there is no comprehensive index of dog-friendly trails in the book; so, if you want to find a hike to do with Fido, you are left to skim all the hikes in your chosen area until you find one that allows dogs. Such a list could easily be included among the helpful "Best of.." lists which have been provided for, e.g., wildflower displays, redwood forests, waterfalls. Second, even the hikes that are identified as allowing dogs by the dog icon appearing at the top of the hike's description are not necessarily entirely dog-friendly. In more than one instance, the author indicates broadly (with the icon by the hike name) that it is a dog-friendly hike, but then explains in her written description of the hike that only some portions of the recommended route allow dogs. Most frustrating, she does not specify which portions allow dogs / which do not. I'll continue to enjoy this guide but I do consider it incomplete in that it requires me to do extra "homework" to determine exactly which parts of some suggested hikes will allow dogs.

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By Customer  
This guide, while a bit older, remains a wonderful resource for Bay area hikers. The maps are detailed and easy to read, the directions are easy to follow and the narrative is fun and informative. I love that the author recommends hikes based upon a variety of criteria: length, sights (trees vs. wildlife vs. vistas), difficulty -- it is always easy to choose a hike for a given day.

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Buy the second edition of this great book!  
By Jane Mustor  
I owned the first edition of this book (the one with the Golden Gate Bridge on the cover) and I just loved it. It completely changed the way I feel about living in the Bay Area. There are so many wonderful trails around here and this book takes you to the best of them. I just recently bought the second edition (the one with the red cover) to give to a friend, but I wound up keeping it for myself because I saw that the author added trail options for every single hike in the book, so now there are really 202 hikes in the book and not 101! I can't recommend this book highly enough to anyone who lives in the SF Bay Area.

Think getting away from the more than six million neighbors one has while living in the San Francisco Bay Area is difficult? This region possesses more parkland and a greater number of diversity of trails than any other comparably sized metropolitan region in the country. All of these outdoor havens are remarkably accessible and author Ann Marie Brown offers the best ones in Foghorn Outdoors 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area. This book provides detailed information on the trails found in the regions' numerous state and national parks -- from mountaintop rambles on Mount Diablo and Mount Tamalpais to seashore strolls at Point Reyes and Ano Nuevo. All trails are rated according to difficulty and the time required for hiking, and offer tips on weather, ways to avoid the crowds, best family hikes, and much more. Special attention is also given to wildlife habitats and areas of botanical interest. Insightful, informative, and enlightening, Foghorn Outdoors 101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area is a must-have for casual or experienced hikers alike.

Meticulously researched and smartly written, Foghorn Outdoors offers some of the best recreation guides around.

About the Author  
The author of ten outdoor guidebooks, including Foghorn Outdoors: California Hiking, Foghorn Outdoors: Southern California Cabins Cottages, and Foghorn Outdoors: Day-Hiking California's National Parks, Ann Marie Brown is a dedicated California outdoorswoman.