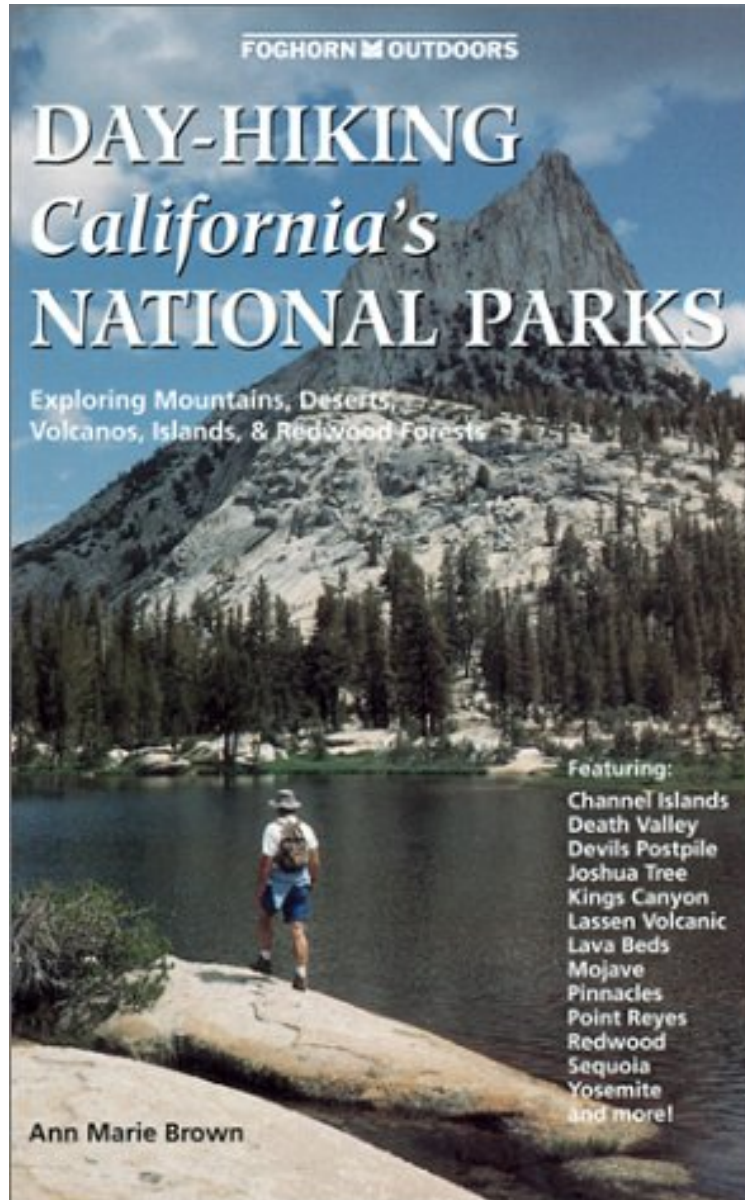


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organized. It is my favorite hiking book. My friends keep borrowing it so I finally bought them one. It just makes it so easy to pick a hike and to enjoy a park without a lot of reading. I highly recommend this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Helpful and informative guide for NP vacation planning By The Belgo As a big fan of day hikes in national parks, there are few books in my library I've turned to more than this book. It's extremely user-friendly for planning which hikes to take, and for the hike itself, of course. After the title for each hike, there's a very brief description with the area of the park in question, i.e. "Tioga Road area, Yosemite NP, A sparkling cataract on the Tuolumne River." Then it lists the distance in miles and in time needed to complete the hike, the difficulty level on a 5-point scale, the starting elevation, the change in elevation during the hike, the crowd level, which are the best months for the hike, and finally a 5-point rating scale (well, she doesn't actually list any 1-star hikes). Of course, there's a detailed itinerary of the hikes following the brief summary. Included are not only all of the state's national parks (including Channel Islands), but also the most popular national monuments: Lava Beds, Point Reyes, Muir Woods, Pinnacles, Mojave, and Cabrillo. I'm sad to see that there's no new edition, but if you'll be visiting more than 2 California national parks in the future, it's worth getting this used. At 550 pages, it's not too big to take along, although I'll usually just photocopy the pages to take on the hike(s) I'll be going on.

Carrying only a lunch and water in a lightweight day-pack, visitors can leave the tour buses and gift shops behind and experience the stunning scenery of California's national parks on easily accessible trails. The first in Foghorn's series of day-hiking guides to the country's national parks, this book includes the best 500 trails to be found in the state's parks and national monuments such as Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, Redwood, Point Reyes, Devil's Postpile, Muir Woods, Cabrillo, Joshua Tree, Death Valley, Mojave, Lassen, Channel Islands, Pinnacles, and Lava Beds. The book's outings range from one- or two-hour saunters for families with small children to 15-mile treks for experienced hikers. It includes tips on avoiding crowds, suggestions for places to stay and camp, information about the best times of year to go, helpful hints on trip planning, and a list of "top- 10, don't-miss" trails in each park.