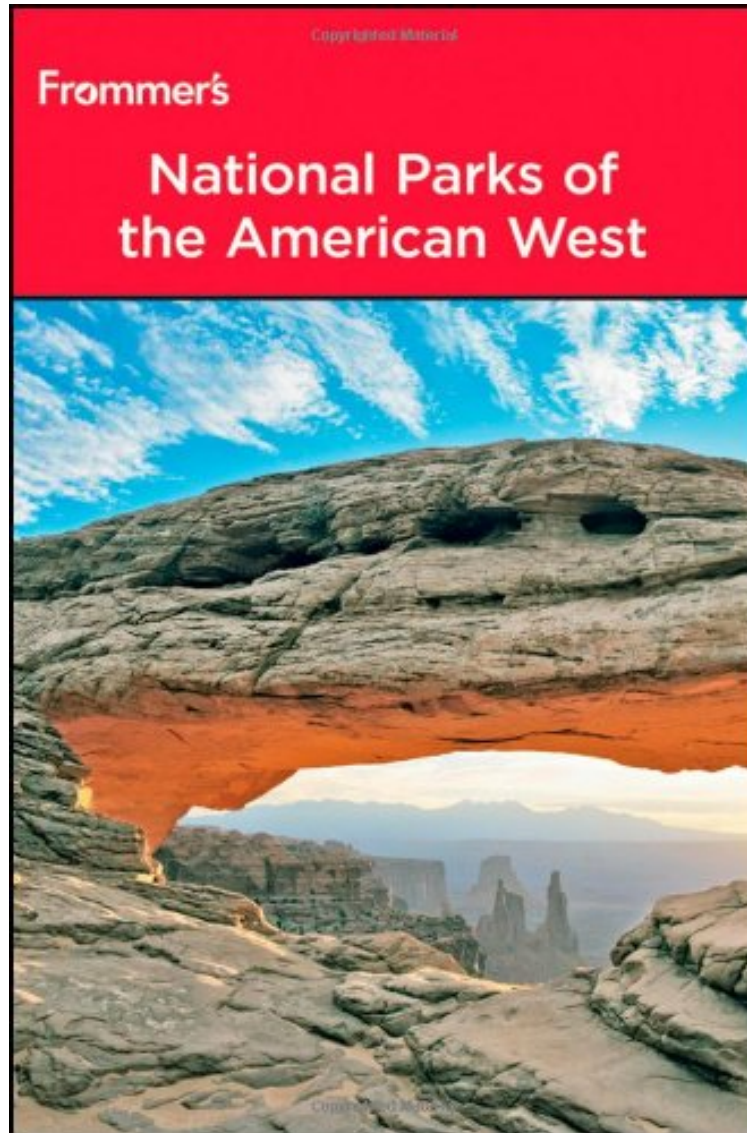


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It tells you the best options for staying at the park or nearby. It tells you where to eat, either in the park or right outside. It tells you the main activities available within the park. It provides geological and historical background for the parks. It is a great resource, and I have found the information provided to be pretty much on the mark. There is useful information missing about some parks, however. For example, at the Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado, one of the most fun activities is water play at the "beach" created by small creeks flowing past sandy areas. The park has even set up showers to rinse off the sand, just like you would find at many ocean beaches. By all means, bring your swim suits when you come to Great Sand Dunes. I recommend that you use this Frommer's guide to select your target parks and plan your overall trip. Then, seek out more detailed information for each park you will visit regarding the kind of activities you like. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Kindle edition was impossible to navigate. By Brian Probert September, 2012 The Kindle offers the potential of packing an unlimited quantity of guidebooks into your carry-on baggage but this volume is totally inaccessible in its natural format. The contents list is 29 pages long and all the entries whether chapter or subheading are in the same typeface with no indentation or high level summary list. If there is some organization by region, I was unable to discern it. Like my other Kindle guidebooks, there is no index. No matter how good its content, a guidebook without an index is totally useless. For example, when I search for Yellowstone Park, there are 22 pages of results. Unlike a web search - which would have the most useful results at the beginning - this is a random list. Since I have been unable to navigate this guidebook, I have not read any of the articles and cannot comment on any of the content. Postscript March, 2015 Apparently, the Kindle edition has been discontinued. This is unfortunate because if Frommer had invested in an index and formatting the Contents they could have released a useful second edition. Should they eventually get around to doing so, I would strongly recommend that they have a thumb index to the main index so that you can quickly locate the entries for each letter. Unfortunately, I have yet to see any Kindle book which does this and publishers seem to be unaware that there is no quick way to page through a long index on a Kindle. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. So much information. By Jake23 We are planning a trip to California (from Michigan) this June and this book has already really helped us plan the trip. Our objective will be to see as many parks as we can see so that when the kids get older they can go back to their favorites. So we really like the parts of the book that talk about quick visits. We also like the information about the hikes so we can know what hikes will make the most of our time there. We also really appreciate the information about where to stay. I guess I would have liked it if there would have been a few pictures of the best scenes at the parks. But the book is better than we expected.

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