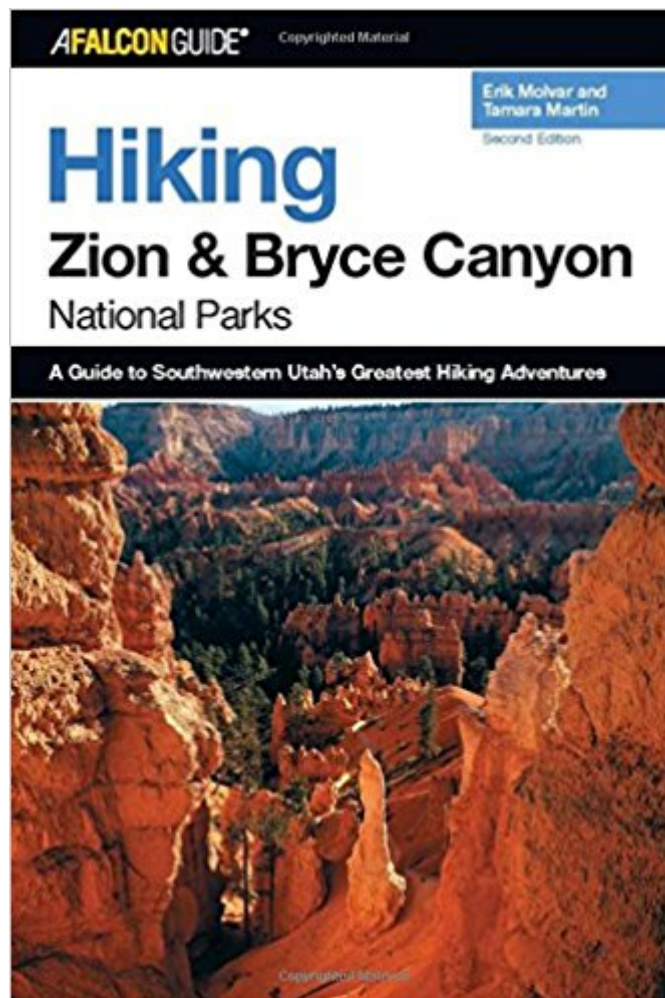




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For more than twenty-five years, FalconGuide® has set the standard for outdoor recreation guidebooks. Written by top outdoors experts and enthusiasts, each guide invites you to experience the endless adventure and rugged beauty of the great outdoors. Hiking Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks features fifty-nine of the finest trails in southwestern Utah—from day hikes to backcountry treks. With this comprehensive guide, veteran hikers Erik Molvar and Tamara Martin provide all the information you need about two of Utah's most prized parks—as well as Cedar Breaks National Monument, the Markagunt Plateau, and the Paunsaugunt Plateau. Look inside to find: Hikes suited for every ability Accurate directions to the trailhead Comprehensive trail descriptions, trail maps, and route profiles Difficulty ratings, recommended hiking seasons, and park contacts Invaluable trip-planning information, including a checklist of essential equipment and supplies

Veteran author and backcountry explorer Erik Molvar discovered backpacking while working on a

volunteer trails crew in the North Cascades of Washington. He is the author of more than a dozen FalconGuides for such places as Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Olympic National Park, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, as well as Hiking Colorado's Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

This book is well-written and contains detailed descriptions of short and long hikes suitable to a variety of abilities and interests. However, it contains no peripheral trip planning information. For instance, the description of the West Rim Trail (hike 28 in this guide) leaves out ANY mention of the backcountry campsites along the trail. It also does not mention the parks shuttle service, which is an important part of this hike for many hikers. The book also has no index.

We liked this hiking guide for what we were using it for. It is fairly large/heavy, so not the best to take on the trail with you, which is unfortunate because it provides lots of detailed information that is difficult to remember when out on a long hike. It is very useful in terms of finding trailheads, noting elevation changes, scenery options, and listing which specific items to observe along a hike, however, it frequently did not provide mileage points for key markers and pictures were difficult to interpret because they were only in black and white. Ultimately, we ended up combining this with another book a fellow hiker brought along AND local maps.

I was disappointed with this guidebook. The descriptions of the trails were vague as were how to find the trailheads. Not enough information. For example, the book did not describe how much change in elevation would be encountered, whether streams had to be forded, how close to cliff edges the trail came. Not very many pictures either. Overall pretty disappointing.

We lived by this book when hiking Zion and Bryce. Many off the beaten path hikes and realities or the popular ones. My only complaint is that the time required for a hike is not too realistic, even if you are in good shape.

I've bought Falcon guides for my first visit to a lot of places. This one was another success. The guide helped us come up with a short list of things to do and see. We were not disappointed.

Good classification with clear rating and description. A pity that the pictures are back in white. Besides this, good advice and warnings as well!

Certainly full of information with awe-inspiring photographs.

I spent a week in Zion with a family group in July and found this book to be very useful. It got to be 100 degrees F most days and so accurate information was very important when we went up on the East Rim. I don't know how we would have ever found the trailhead for the Deertrap Mountain hike without the precise information in this book. Also, I took the book along to read to my companions as we went along - it added to our enjoyment and was a very good description of the terrain through which we passed. The book is also helpful for the hikes in the main canyon, but of course those trails are so well marked that you can leave the guidebook at home. I wouldn't want to do a rim hike without it. We also used the book for a day trip to Cedar Breaks and again found it to be very accurate.

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