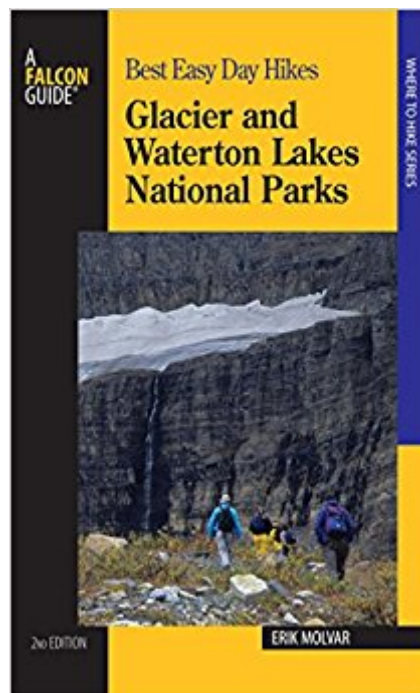




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Synopsis

With hikes in Glacier and Waterton varying from half-hour strolls to full-day adventures, this guidebook is for everyone, including families.

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Customer Reviews

Best Easy Day Hikes Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks features concise descriptions and easy-to-follow maps for 28 short hikes through some of the most spectacular scenery in this natural wonderland. Look inside for:

- * Half-hour strolls to full-day adventures
- * Hikes for everyone, including families
- * Hikes ranked from easiest to most challenging
- * GPS-compatible trail maps

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 Colorado's Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

Best Easy Day Hikes for Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks is a bit misleading as a title. While there are easy hikes, some are far from it. For example, one hike is nine miles long with a 1200-foot climb while another is over 14 miles long. Fortunately, the distances and elevation

changes are clearly marked in the description so it is easy to select those you are willing and able to tackle while leaving the others for the more adventurous. There are also maps for each hike but it sometimes took me a while to use them. The actual trail wasn't always well defined within the larger area portrayed on the map and I often found the trailheads especially difficult to spot. It was not a major problem as I always worked it out in the end but it is an area that could use a bit of improvement. There are 28 hikes listed and they are broken down into 5 geographic areas of the two parks. My wife and I did 2-3 hikes from each area and found the descriptions to be both helpful and largely accurate. The book is small enough to easily fit in a hip pocket and held up very well during a full week of heavy usage. Color photos would have been a nice addition but that would have made the book both larger and heavier which is not ideal for a pocket guide. Overall, this was a great purchase at an extremely reasonable price.

For less than ten dollars, one would be hard pressed to call this a waste of money, as it does provide a great deal of information on 28 different hikes throughout the park. That said, it doesn't provide much more information than the one can pick up at any of the ranger stations, [...]. Its main advantage is organization, as you're not futzing around with a bunch of double sided pieces of paper and several newsletters, trying to figure out which hike to go on and how to get there.

ok. Helpful when we were in an area of the park and wanted to see if there was a hike we should do. Overall, however, The Moon Guide was our clear resource throughout the trip.

Lots of good information. Unfortunately no color maps just black and white. I also would have liked more GPS coordinates. But still a good place to start planning some hikes! Sam Hendricks, author Fantasy Football Tips and Fantasy Baseball for Beginners

Great descriptions of each hike. Direction, parking and length of hike. Good rating system for hikes. Will be hiking in Glacier for two weeks this summer.

very helpful for first time visitor

Used this a lot to plan day hikes and did many of the listed hikes while at Glacier in July 2008. Distances, times seemed reasonably accurate and comments a good synopsis for the trail. Doesn't rate hikes, "easy", "difficult", etc; but most in Glacier are in the easy-intermediate range anyway.

Relatively small size made it easy to take along or fit in pants pocket. Trails in Glacier are well used/marked so you don't really need it during hiking, but I liked it for planning my hikes or referencing when having to change plans during the day. Maybe only thing to add are a few pictures, which can help decide if you want to take a certain trail or not.

This book will come in handy for our June trip to Glacier. It is small enough to fit into a pocket with trail maps.

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