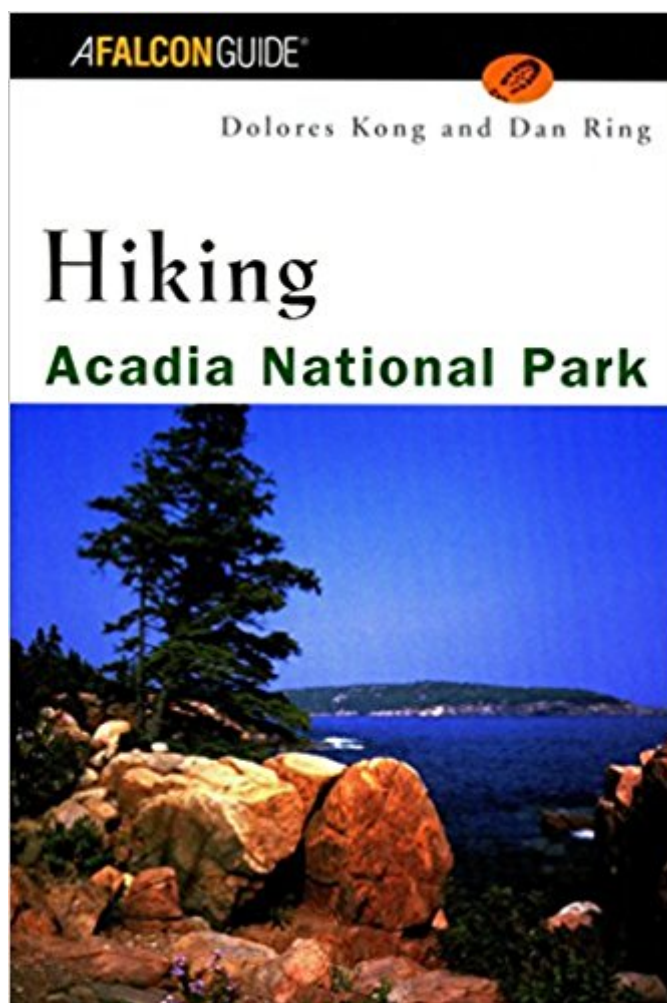




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Lace up your boots and sample more than 120 miles of hiking trails through the approximately 40,000 acres of America's first national park. Explore the famous rocky coast of Maine, trek through verdant forests, amble along the shores of secluded lakes, or see the views from the mountaintops of Mount Desert Island. Veteran hikers and outdoor writers Dolores Kong and Dan Ring will introduce you to these trails and more. Use this guide for up-to-date trail information, accurate directions to popular as well as less-traveled trails, difficulty ratings for each hike, detailed trail maps, and zero-impact camping tips. Whether you are a day-tripper or long-distance hiker, old hand or novice, you'll find trails suited to every ability and interest throughout Acadia National Park. (6 X 9, 272 pages, b&w photos, maps, graphs)

It is a good purchase if you're planning a few days trip to Acadia. It contains many excursions, of various difficulty. But keep in mind that, as most of the Acadia experience, it caters more to the amateur hikers than to the seasoned one. Hence: 1) Acadia has tons of trails, but this guides mixes and matches them and provides excursions of 4-5 hours max. The selection is good, but I'd have preferred to have a complete description of each section of each trail. That would have been a less

ready-to-use guide but more complete. 2) descriptions of trails are often more anecdotal than technical. A book of the same editor on a different park (Big Bend) was technically a better product. 3) time estimations of the excursions are generous, you'll probably be faster than what they claim.

Really great guide, used this to hike all of the large mountains in Acadia this past summer on our first camping trip to the park. I felt really confident having this in my backpack knowing I could find extensive maps, hints and directions if I needed them. The guide also includes different combinations of hikes to the top of each summit, allowing you to choose however long or challenging of a hike that you want.

Overall a good guide, some additional information would be helpful. Would have liked to see trails with offshoots grouped together instead of each of them being a separate hike. Also would have liked to see the elevation changes listed for planning purposes.

This book was very useful for planning hikes. Notice that I said hikes, not bike trips or kayaking or sightseeing or photography. I found the directions for the trailhead especially useful, since not all trails in Acadia start at a marked parking lot. The authors helpfully group the hikes by the various regions of Mt Desert Island and the hikes seem appropriately rated. You can use the individual elevation diagrams to gauge the difficulty yourself. I picked up this book over the AMC guide because this was specifically for hiking whereas the AMC guide covered hiking, biking, and kayaking. That said, this book could definitely use a little updating. For one, did the publisher really save significant money by using only black and white pictures? Secondly, some of the trails have been renamed since the original printing. Thirdly, although each hike is accompanied by a highlighted map, I prefer the AMC approach with a full map included inside the book. In summary, bring this book, but get another one to appreciate all of the other things around Acadia NP, Bar Harbor, and the other communities on Mt Desert Island.

We hit some of the most amazing trails of our lifetime at this park! Not only do I recommend people take the time out to visit this place, but you must get out of the car and hit the trails. There some like none other here and this Nat Park boasts ocean views from a mountain top is quite a short distance! Try the Precipice if you dare and watch out for slippery rocks on the Cannon Ridge! Enjoy friends, we did!!

Great book covering many trails in Acadia. Have completed at least a half dozen hikes since purchasing. Very descriptive and informative to the trail and to level of difficulty of the trails.

Not kidding, this book made the trip! Best guide I've ever used.. the descriptions were spot on. Just ordered the NC version.

Great information on hikes in Acadia attractively and logically presented. I would recommend this for a friend.

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