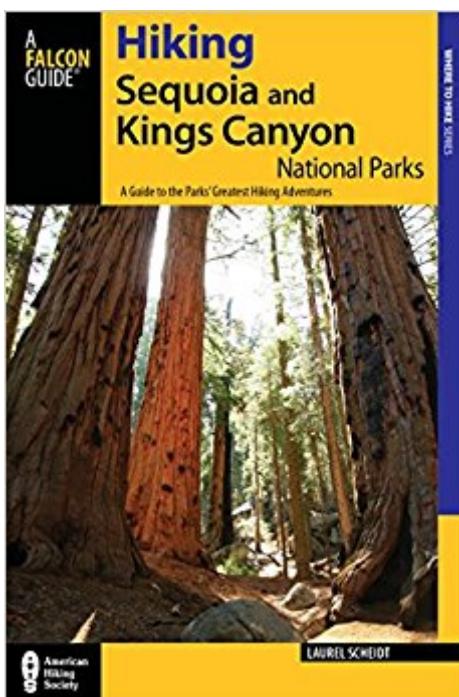


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Hiking Sequoia And Kings Canyon National Parks, 2nd: A Guide To The Parks' Greatest Hiking Adventures (Regional Hiking Series)



Synopsis

Sequoia and Kings Canyon have routes to please hikers of every stripe. Let veteran hiker and nature lover Laurel Scheidt lead you through eighty-six trails that vary in difficulty from easy strolls for the whole family to challenging treks for the more experienced hiker. 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.

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Lace up your boots and trek where John Muir, shepherds, cattlemen, and Native Americans once did by sampling eighty-six of the finest trails Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have to offer. From towering groves of giant sequoia trees, crystalline rivers, cascading waterfalls, and glacially carved canyons to flower-filled alpine meadows and soaring peaks like Mount Whitney, this south-central California region has routes to please hikers of every stripe. For more than thirty years, FalconGuides® have set the standard for outdoor guidebooks. Written by top experts, each guide invites you to experience the adventure and beauty of the outdoors. Features: Hikes suited to every ability, from hour-long strolls to ten-day treks. Directions to the trailheads. Trail Finder for best hikes to mountaintops, waterfalls, meadows, sequoia groves, or lakes. Comprehensive trail descriptions with mile-by-mile directional cues. GPS coordinates. Difficulty ratings, average hiking times, and best hiking seasons for every hike. Information on fees and permits, contacts, canine compatibility, and services.

Laurel Scheidt is a veteran hiker and the author of Best Easy Day Hikes Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

At present, this book is the most comprehensive guide to hiking in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Printed on glossy paper with nice two color maps, it features 82 routes through the Parks. These are centered around 11 separate geographical areas. In short, this book explores virtually all the ecosystems found in Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Fully revised in a second edition, it includes new trail heads and up to date information on backcountry regulations. The author has also made a real effort to provide more natural history comments in her route descriptions. There is a lot to like in this book. The many full color photos accentuate the text. Based on my experience, the maps and elevation profiles are accurate. The book also offers a nice mix of longer day hikes and backpack trips. I docked it a single star because I would like to see contours on the maps instead of elevation profiles. Topographical maps are simply better for identifying features near the trail. I am also concerned about the number of trail descriptions that were essentially the same route with a destination just slightly further out along the trail. For example, the book lists as separate trips the High Sierra Trail to Bearpaw Meadow, the High Sierra Trail to Hamilton Lakes, the High Sierra Trail to Nine Lakes Basin, and the High Sierra Trail to Big Arroyo. Given the number of trails in Sequoia that could have received additional treatment in a book like this, it would be nice if the author had combined a few of the route descriptions. That said, this is the most comprehensive guide to hiking the parks currently available. If you want to do some extended exploration in Sequoia and King's Canyon, be sure to get this book.

This guide is extremely informative. It gives descriptions of trail, it gives you a map, and it gives you points of interest. I received it a few days before I went to Sequoia and it made all the difference. I plan on ordering more from this series as I plan to visit all of the National Parks and these guides are chock full of great information. I can't say enough about them.

This book was a great help on our first trip to Kings Canyon (we ended up spending all of our time in that park). Plenty of diverse trails are described, from beginner to advanced multi-day (of which I cannot comment on). The description of the Lookout Peak trail head was a bit vague — we totally missed it and ended up at a dead end — but in general the maps are good quality, and the elevation charts are really helpful for planning trails based on people's abilities. Looking

forward to using this guide on a future trip to see more of the parks!

Great book for describing trails. But please get a detailed map from park ranger store before you head into the woods on longwe hikes. Book does a good job of describing trails but not meant to replace topo maps.

The lakes hike kicked our butt despite being labeled as 'modest', but we blame the altitude! ;) Very good descriptions and maps to all the hikes, with enough personal guidance to allow us to pick hikes that fit us. Perfect. exactly what I needed.

Clear and concise description of trails. Easy to use to locate trails within the park. Sometimes ambiguous to distinguish between "moderate" and "difficult" hikes. I think it centered around the altitude and steepness of the assent.

Great coverage of a lot of trails in the parks. A lot of the trails that are in this book are not easy to find from the park map, etc. but are marked on the roads. As we drove through offered many different options for hiking. A certain must if you plan on going and enjoy lots of hiking.

Purchased this in advance of our west coast hiking trip and though good found the lonely planet book much better.

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