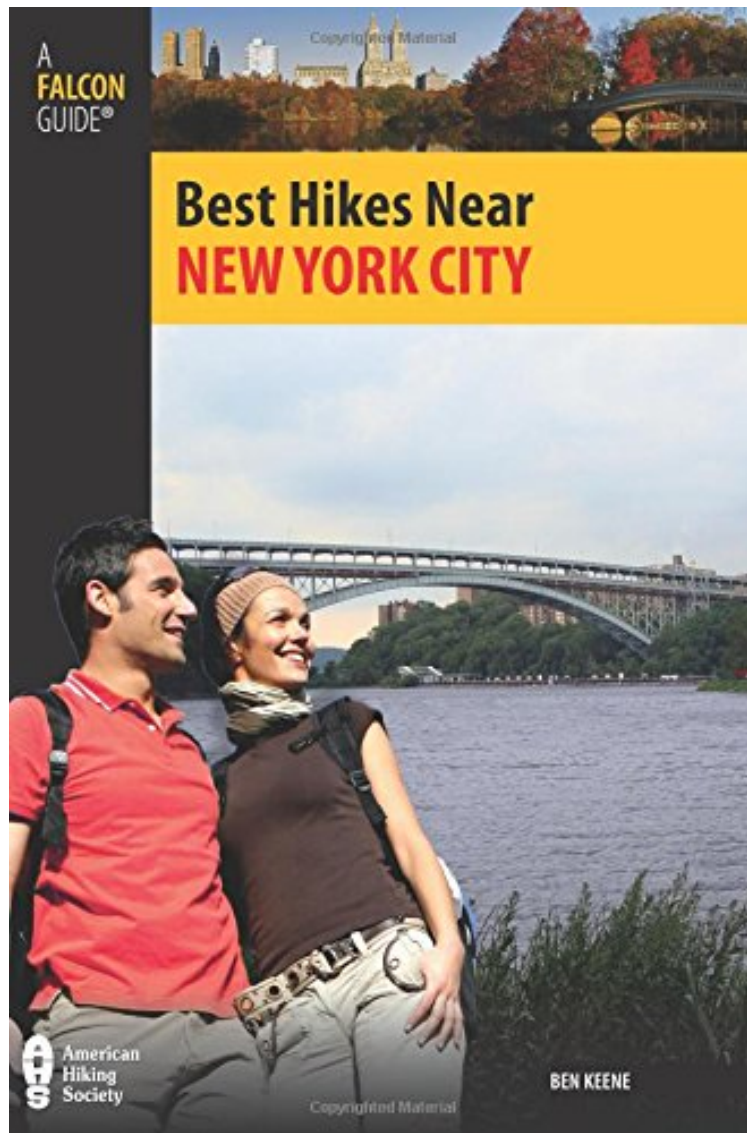


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Ben Keene : Best Hikes Near New York City (Best Hikes Near Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Best Hikes Near New York City (Best Hikes Near Series):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Hiking GuideBy William R. EllistonBest Hikes Near NY City

is well structured, with useful info and photos. Mr. Keene uses clear presentation of information, charming prose, and passion for the outdoors to illuminate the unique attributes of each hike. It's a solid reference book, not only because of the directions, trail maps, difficulty rankings, and logistical info, but because reading the descriptions of each hike makes me eager to strap on my boots and explore the trails for myself. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good idea resource, with some flaws

By Strohmian I've been using this book for well over a year now, and can attribute many great day hikes to it. It's time to endorse it and also warn about its shortcomings. The best part is how well it is organized. There's a map with trail numbers, an index by location, and even a "trail finder" matrix with such New Yorkish categories like "best for non- drivers". Personally, I mostly peruse the map and choose a hike depending on how much time I have (left) in the day. All hikes can be done in a day, and they take between 45 minutes and 2 hours to get to (by car that is). All hike descriptions work the same: a very short intro, a fact sheet (difficulty, time required, GPS coordinates, etc.), longer scenic description of the hike, turn-by-turn instructions, and then some more infos like "local eats". There is also always a map and usually multiple color photographs relevant to the hike. The scenic descriptions are nicely written and often include historical facts about the area, something that I find adds pleasure to the hike even if you're sports- or scenic- minded. One shortcoming is that there is no way to compare hikes to each other. Somewhat understandably, all descriptions attempt to glorify each hike, highlighting just the good parts. This became painfully evident when I made the mistake to perform hike #26: Van Cortland Park. Turns out that this "oasis of green" with "old railroad tracks" is just a filthy, run- down, no- view straight and flat mudpath. The nearby sports field had so much dog poo on it, we wouldn't even want to walk through it, and instead of the usual city hikers with a backpack and a smile, we encountered screaming, spitting kids with basketballs (on a mud path, I don't even..) and numerous mountain bikers on the very narrow path. Another shortcoming is that the turn-by-turn instructions are good, but not always adequate. On one end of the spectrum, Rockefeller park, the instructions outline a detailed hike, but once there I found one could get a map at the visitor center and just stroll around the many looped walkways - no need for details. On the other end of the spectrum (Harriman Park), we ended up through forest so poorly marked that we almost didn't make it out by dusk! In all, this is a great book to plan day hikes from New York City, and I continue to use it for ideas. But I also tend to Google the area beforehand - the few minutes of extra prep are worth it in order to not be disappointed. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Take a hike!

By Lavina This book was published just in time for the start of optimal hiking weather in New York. I'm an amateur hiker (if even that), and this guide is perfect. It's well organized (with hikes rated by difficulty -- easy for me, thanks), with just the right amount of information: maps, GPS coordinates, brief histories of the trail, photos, and one-page hike-spec boxes that include directions and trail contact info. This isn't a dry ol' hiking guide; the different hike descriptions are actually engaging and fun. Who knew that awesome hikes are just a subway ride away?! I can't wait to dog-ear this book and hike out of the city!

Who says you have to travel far from home to go on a great hike? In *Best Hikes Near New York* author Ben Keene details the best hikes within an hour's drive of the New York metro area perfect for the urban and suburbanite hard-pressed to find great outdoor activities close to home. Each featured hike includes detailed hike specs, a brief hike description, trailhead location, directional cues, and a detailed map.

From the Back Cover Take a Hike!