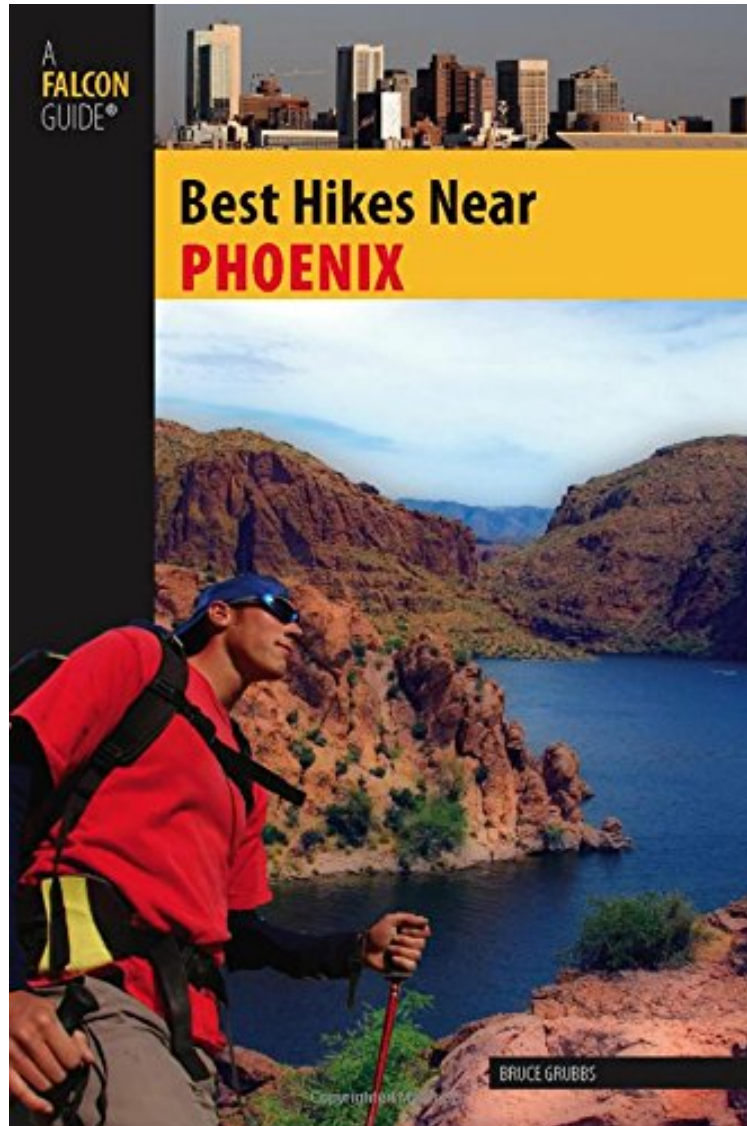


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Bruce Grubbs : Best Hikes Near Phoenix (Best Hikes Near Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Best Hikes Near Phoenix (Best Hikes Near Series):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. HelpfulBy A. CoopermanGood reference to hikes in the Phoenix area. Descriptions are helpful and most importantly, accurate. I use it primarily and as confirmation of hikes I read

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By Fritz R. Ward
The "Best Hikes" series from Falcon guides offers a beautiful format that I wish was more common in hiking guides. Full color pictures, clear maps, and detailed route descriptions combine to make books in this series among the best guidebooks available. This guide to Phoenix is no different. It features 40 trips averaging about 11 miles each. Most can be accomplished in a long day, a few in an afternoon, and some require one or more overnights. Like other books in this series, Best Hikes Near Phoenix also features "green tips" so you can feel good about yourself. Not all of these are very practical. Grubbs suggests taking public transport to the trail head, but few of the hikes listed are serviced by public transport. Still, one can find some helpful, if common sense, advice in these sidebars. Probably the best feature of this book is the diversity found in the various routes described herein. From short (but incredibly steep) hikes in the Phoenix Mountains, to long desert explorations and even some hikes in the pine forests of the Mazatzal Mountains, this book features a lot of varied scenery. Phoenix has some nice hiking. I found only two minor problems with the book, which caused me to drop it from five stars to four. First, Grubbs ignores the White Mountains, which I think feature some of the nicest day hiking near Phoenix. More importantly, I suspect he understates both mileage and elevation gain. He lists the circumference trail of Lookout Mountain as 1.8 miles. Other sources say it is 2.6. Not a huge difference, but if Grubbs is off by that percent on a consistent basis, then some of the hikes will be really challenging. Similarly, he provides an elevation gain of 1,000 ft in one mile for Camelback Peak. Actual gain is 1,300 ft and the hike, which Grubbs lists as easy is in fact a class 2 climb. Still, no one ever said desert hiking was easy. Avoid the Phoenix area from May through October. As for the rest of the year, take along this book.

This guidebook features 40 hikes located in the greater Phoenix area and within approximately an hour's drive from the edges of the city.

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