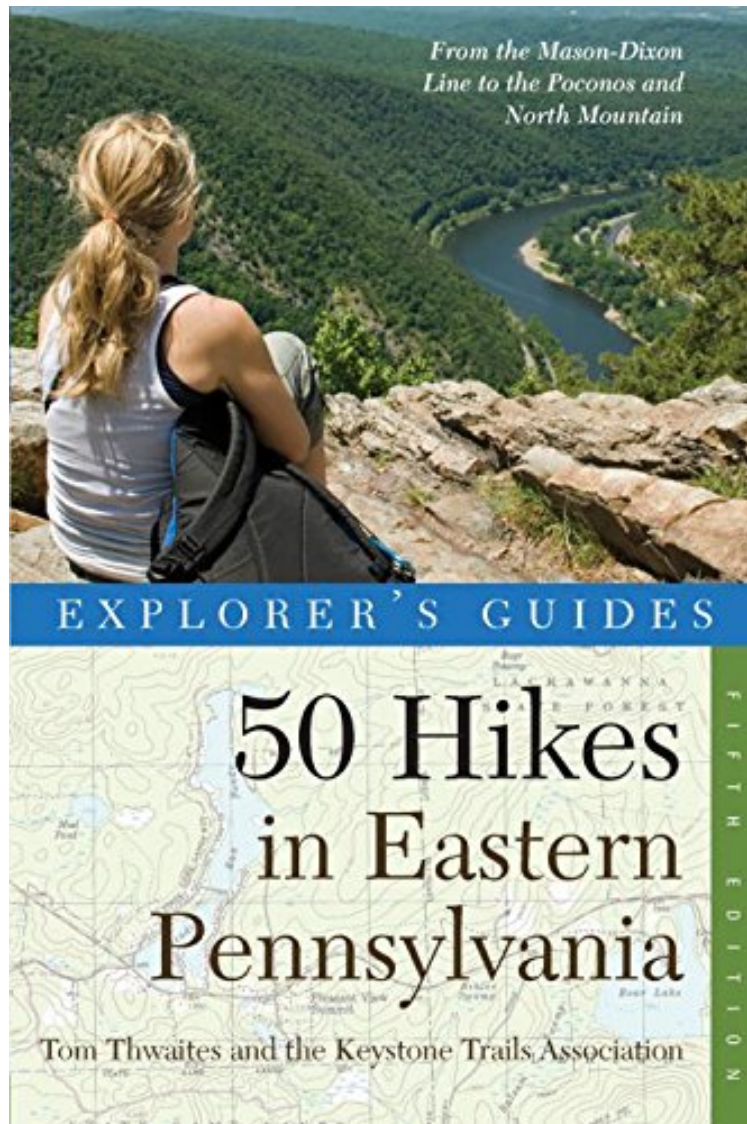


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Good overview of popular trails in eastern PA By Frank Kehl, Jr. This is the fifth edition of the venerable 50 Hikes in Eastern Pennsylvania, and the first time this classic guidebook is available on the Kindle. The 50 hikes included are identical to the ones in the fourth edition. Because the book is arbitrarily limited to 50 hikes, it doesn't come close to covering every trail in eastern Pennsylvania. However, it does hit the highlights and includes many of the classic hikes, such as the Falls Trail in Ricketts Glen State Park, Dingmans Falls in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and the walking tour of the battlefield at Gettysburg National Military Park. The Kindle edition is virtually identical to the print version, and the included topographic maps for each hike look reasonably sharp. Trail descriptions are very detailed. GPS coordinates for trailheads and major landmarks are not included and would make a welcome addition to future editions of this book. Pennsylvania is rich in history, and the author includes a lot of fascinating information about both the natural and human history of the areas covered in the book. While Pennsylvania has generally become far more urban and developed since the colonial days, the author still manages to uncover the ghost towns, abandoned lumber mills, and centuries-old stone bridges that can still be found in the wilder parts of the state. Highly recommended!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. needs to be better By Frank L. Greenagel II The hikes themselves are fine. The presentation is wanting. This is not nearly as good as the 50 hikes in NJ or 50 hikes in the lower Hudson Valley (NY). The photos are in black and white (not a big deal). There is a distance and elevation chart (using the metric system, which is a departure from the other books in the series and tricky for many Americans) in both the front of the book and in each individual section. The trail descriptions are fine. The major problem is the maps are sub par. Be aware that these are day hikes (2-8 hours). This is not a book for people looking for tiny hikes (sub-2 hours) or long ones (15 miles+) or overnights.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. 50 DAY Hikes, not for backpacking trips By Customer I live in Philly and have gotten interested in backpacking but have been trying to find hikes to start learning on. Most of the hikes in this book are 4-8 mile long loops. So this book would be great if you're looking for day hikes in the Harrisburg-Scranton-Philadelphia area. I was looking for 20-30 mile long trails which you will NOT find in this book, but I'm still keeping it because it does give me a lot of ideas of cool places in the area to check out. I'm thinking about going out for a weekend and hiking a cluster of them!

The book has black and white pictures and maps. At the beginning of each hike it tells you the distance, how many hours it'll take to hike, and any highlights, among other summary-type information. The author introduces the trail and any cool stuff about it, describes how to get there, and then gives a breakdown of the directions/layout of the trail which is all helpful.

A revised 5th edition of a classic hiking guide to one of the most-visited regions of Pennsylvania. Eastern Pennsylvania offers a wealth of hiking opportunities: North Mountain is still wild and remote; the popular Poconos offer miles of little-traveled trails; and the Appalachian Trail follows South and Blue mountains on its journey across the state. This thoroughly revised and updated fourth edition includes hikes ranging from 4 to 22 miles in length. Each hike description includes step-by-step directions, a topo map, information on hiking time, distance and rise, and knowledgeable commentary on the human and natural history you'll encounter. 44

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