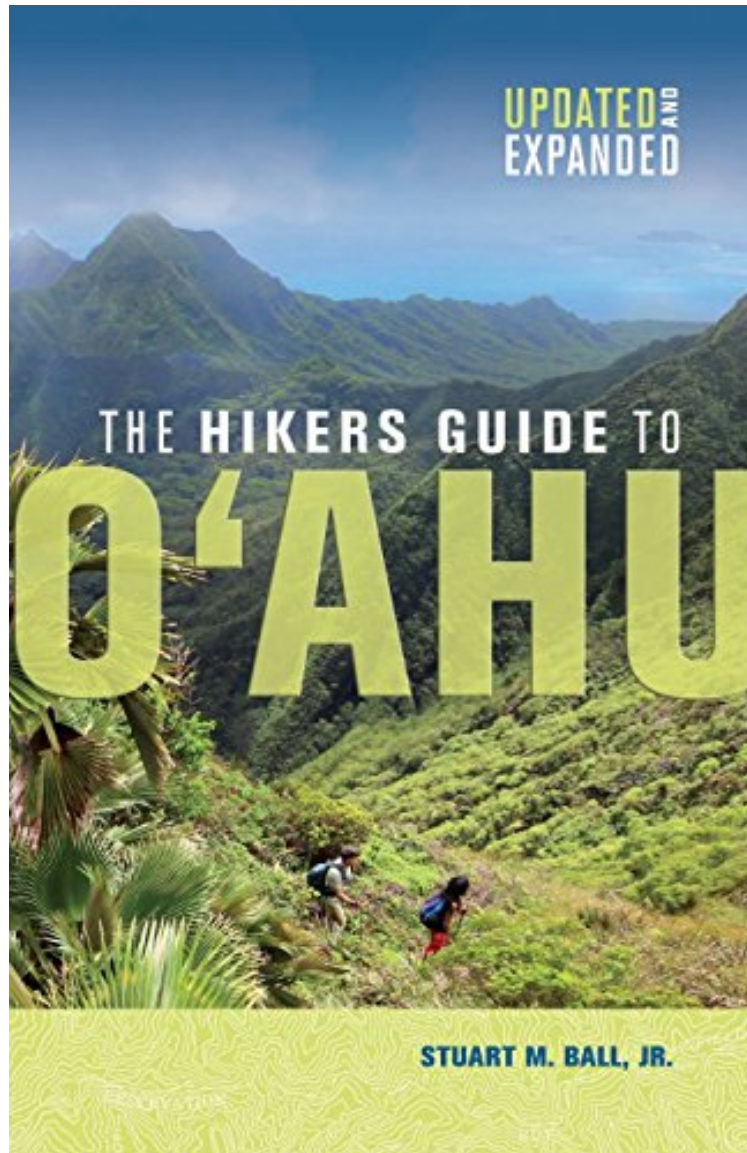


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are updated versions of this book which have a more current hiking list. Having this book has allowed me to learn about many different hikes on the island that may or may not be there anymore. I am an avid hiker and explorer who has lived in Hawai'i on the island of O'ahu my entire life, and have done well over 50 different hikes. There are many things to do here and a lot of sites to see for those who want to go out and look. This book is an excellent tool to have as it is the most detailed hiking book I have ever come across. The author Stuart M. Ball Jr does an excellent job of detailing the terrain, giving a difficulty rating, whether you need to get permission or not, the directions on how to get there whether you have a car or not, the directions to follow on the hike itself, and a guide to the local plants and animals you may encounter on the hike. I would highly recommend purchasing this book to any hiker or nature lover as it will bring you to many excellent views and the "hidden" beauty of this island. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. THE best Oahu hiking guidebook By Kevin This is a review for the revised addition printed in 2000, so if there have been editions since then, I'm not aware of them. First off, this book is well organized by the commonly known geographical parts of Oahu. There is also a good little bit of information in the front about common dangers faced by hikers in the islands, as well as some good gear advice without being overly complicated. The next thing you run into is a handy quick reference table, again sorted by geographical location on the island, that gives you a quick snapshot of everything you would want to know about a hike. It tells you length, difficulty, terrain, access status, opportunities for flora and fauna viewing and makes note of swimming opportunities. It's a great tool for figuring out what hike you want to do today. On to the trail write ups. In a word, they are thorough. Everything mentioned in the quick reference guide above is described in detail, with the addition of a complete descriptive narrative of the walk through of the hike. There are also maps for each hike that show topography and orientation. The only improvement I would suggest is the addition of Lat Long way points for navigation. There are way points described on each hike, but there aren't any coordinates. The coordinates would be useful to confirm position and progress and to ensure you aren't wondering off on to some hunting spur trail, which are quite common. O'ahu back country is a maze of trails that interconnect with few signs. For the uninitiated, it can be easy to get lost. All in all, there is no better book for hiking in O'ahu. 330 pages dedicated to JUST this island, make it pretty comprehensive. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good purchase for vacation By C. Thompson A very good book showing the hiking areas in O'ahu. It helped a lot

Experienced and novice hikers alike will benefit from the information in this updated and expanded edition of the best-selling *The Hikers Guide to Oahu*. The author describes in detail 52 trails that will take you to Oahu's lush valleys, cascading waterfalls, windswept ridges, and remote seacoasts. Although 8 trails from the previous edition are no longer open to the public, 10 new hikes have been added. Included for each hike are directions for reaching the trailhead, a detailed route description, and information on the length of the hike, degree of difficulty, and trail conditions. For GPS users, UTM coordinates have been added for the midpoint or endpoint of each route. An expanded notes section will help readers identify geological features, historical points of interest, and commonly encountered plants and birds along the trail. The full-color insert of 22 photos will inspire hikers to explore different trails. Stuart M. Ball, Jr. has been hiking in Hawaii for more than thirty years. He is a hike coordinator for the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club and is author of *Native Paths and Volunteer Trails: Hiking and Trail Building on Oahu*, *The Backpackers Guide to Hawaii*, and *The Hikers Guide to the Hawaiian Islands*. Retired from the Bank of Hawaii, he holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

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