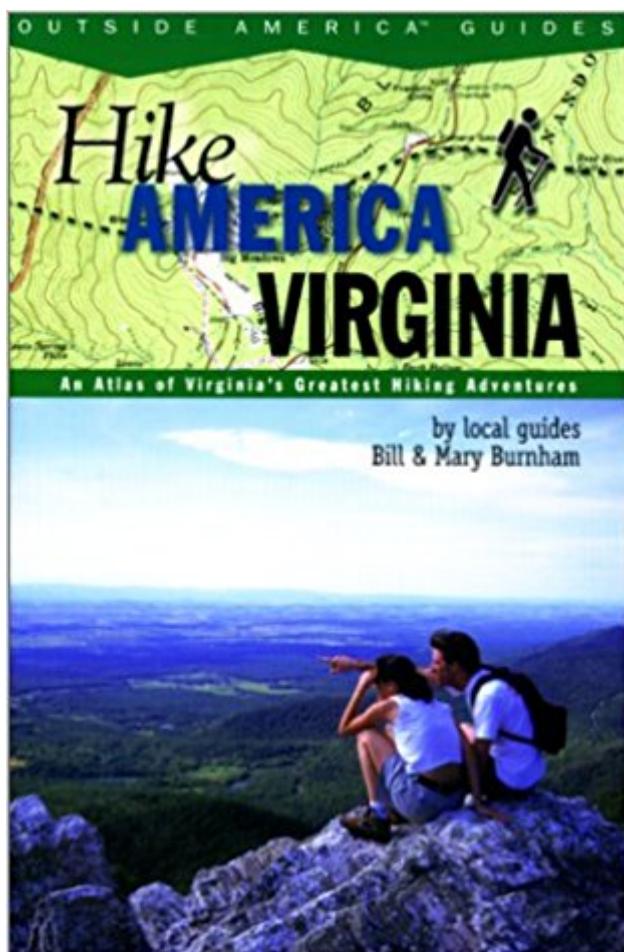


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Customer Reviews

Wherever you are going, Hike America Virginia is indispensable for exploring the Commonwealth. Authors Bill and Mary Burnham breathe fresh air into popular Virginia destinations and explore commonly overlooked yet equally dramatic hikes. Discover the history of a young American nation; watch stories of lost cultures come alive; and imagine the ghosts of Indian raiders, moonshiners, and outlaws haunting the backcountry routes of the past. Packed with notes on plants, trees, and geology, as well as a list of local attractions and 'good eats and sleeps' for the weary hiker, this book covers Virginia's outdoors from the seashore to the mountain slopes, past and present. This guide includes comprehensive trail descriptions, from beginner to advanced; GPS-quality, digitally designed relief maps detailing each hike; accurate route profiles showing the ups and downs of each hike; mile-by-mile directional cues, difficulty ratings, elevation gain, trail contacts; information on the equipment you'll need, plus tips on trip planning, hiking with dogs, and hiking with children. (5 1/2 X 8 1/2, 384 pages, b&w photos, maps, graphs)

Great reference for the area. Don't trust the reviews. The hikes are definitely harder than the author describes them. I've hiked all my life, so I don't think I'm being a wimp.. :)

I am planning to relocate to Virginia and hiking is a big part of this plan. This book has been a valued resource.

In my opinion this is the best hiking book for Virginia. The trail guides are accurate and provide great information. I originally borrowed this book from the Library and then had a hard time finding this book online for sale, eventually discovered that this book is now under the title of "Hiking Virginia" and is published by Falcon.

Terrific book! Not only does it provide all the necessities for hiking in Virginia, it also provides a great deal of entertainment. Anyone considering braving the wilds of the Old Dominion shouldn't be without this book. The authors assembled everything a person needs to know about hiking the state. I was dumbfounded by the volume of information provided including: nearby lodgings for those nights before (or after) a trek, trail maps, things to watch for and things to avoid. Novice and experienced hikers will get value from this book. Most surprisingly, I found it a really funny read! ("Just because we're IN the woods, doesn't mean we have to like we're FROM the woods.") The authors have a great sense of humor and the anecdotes they share will tickle you. I found myself wanting to hike some of the trails they cover just to see where some of these events took place! Overall, a great book - they obviously love hiking and their enthusiasm for it rubs off. Fortunately, they couple it with sage guidance.

Everything, and we're talking every last thing, you will want or need to know about hiking in Virginia. Comprehensive, yet does not overwhelm with information. This feature owes a great deal to the editorial layout. The pages themselves are aesthetically pleasing, with beautiful photos and interesting sidebars, and information is easy to find. No digging through indexes and tables of contents and flipping through endless chapters to find trail information. You can give it a quick read and get all the essentials, or take a little bit more time and peruse the more in-depth accounts of the trails (which are delightful, by the way). A special recommendation for including some of the more out-of-the-way and unique hiking destinations (such as the Eastern Virginia shore points, and the Southwest Highlands). I want to Hike Virginia!

I think this book is now A Falcon Guide HIKING VIRGINIA by localhikers Bill & Mary Burnham. ISBN 0-7627-2747-0. HIGHLY RECOMMEND also. I also have the Hike Pennsylvania (Hike America Series) too. GREAT BOOK. Hikes in order of region and close proximity (great for planning) Hike Specs, how to get there, Hike Miles and Directions to the 1/10th of mile. Trail Map overlaid on TopoMap. Elevation Graph in vertical and horizontal measurements.

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