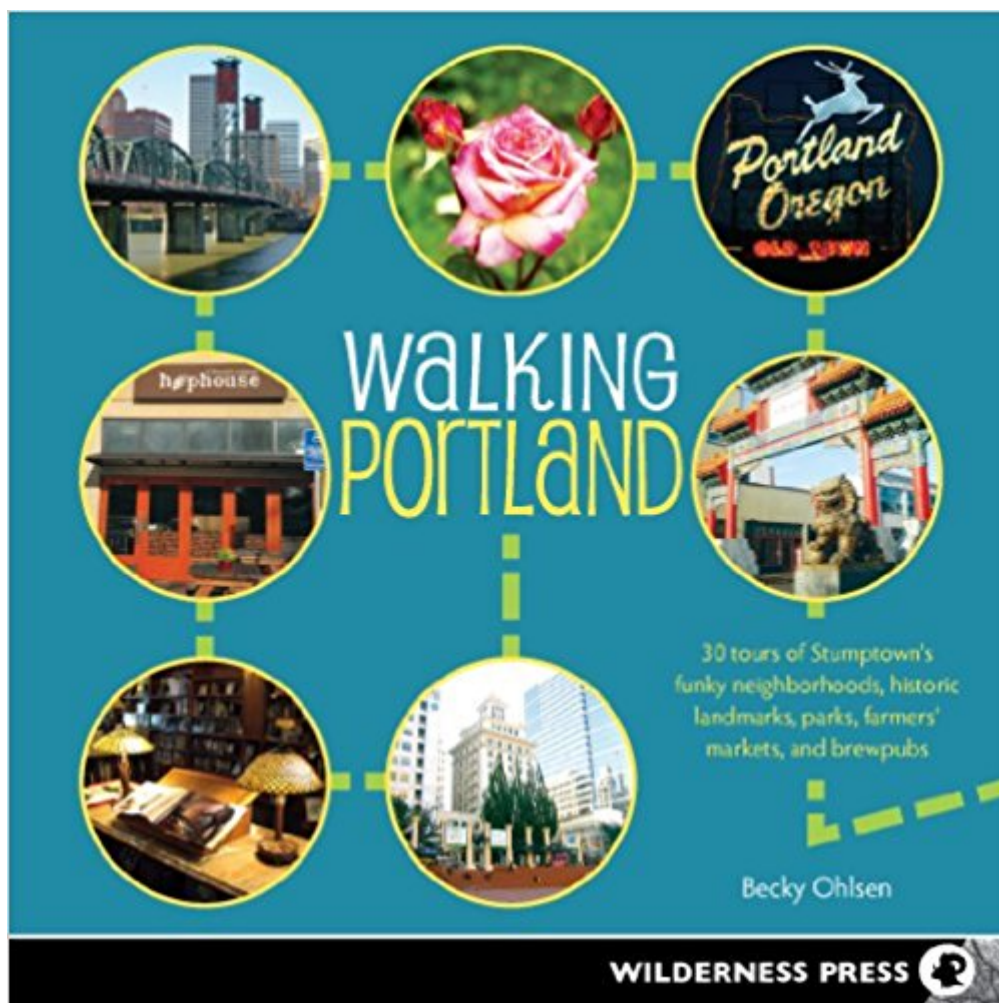




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# Walking Portland: 30 Tours Of Stumptown's Funky Neighborhoods, Historic Landmarks, Park Trails, Farmers Markets, And B



## Synopsis

From a massive urban forest to the tiniest brewpub, Portland offers a huge variety of entertainments within a surprisingly compact area. Organic coffeeshops line the streets at the foot of an extinct volcano, and independent bookstores nestle up against food-cart pods. Already famous for its great beer, the city has become a center for serious dining on a reasonable budget. And thanks to years of progressive urban planning, Portland's layout makes it a walker's nirvana. In *Walking Portland*, devoted local Becky Ohlsen guides you through the Rose City's many charms, from idyllic waterfront fountains to the more obscure and out-of-the-way pockets of cool. On each walk, you'll discover hidden gardens, historic landmarks, award-winning restaurants, old-school taverns, oddball shops, and edgy warehouse galleries in some of the Northwest's most exciting neighborhoods. You'll cross bridges and graveyards, wander a Smithsonian-honored boulevard, see experiments in urban renewal (some inspiring, some dubious) and be regaled with stories of the city's colorful past. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll full of shopping and snacks or a vigorous trek over tree-covered hillsides, grab this book, step outside and . . . walk Portland.

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## Customer Reviews

Becky Ohlsen is a freelance writer and critic living in Portland, Oregon. She has written guidebooks to Sweden and the Pacific Northwest as well as reviewing books, film, food and drink for various publications, including Portland's Pulitzer-winning alt-weekly, *Willamette Week*. A recovering copy editor, she will debate points of grammar with anyone, anytime. Becky is a member of the

Sang-Froid Riding Club and has raced vintage motorcycles in Portland and Seattle. (She has never been in any danger of winning.) She has a master's degree in journalism from NYU's Cultural Reporting and Criticism program.

I like the concept of this book and it's an enjoyable read but unfortunately, some of the places in it have closed (Backspace, 24 hr Church of Elvis, and Ping listed in tour #1 and the Museum of Contemporary Craft in tour #3 are a few). It's still enough info to get you started but you'll want to do some googling before you head out if you do choose to take one of the routes listed. Alternately, it's not bad for someone for who just wants a little structure to an idle wander or who is traveling via online map rather than in person and doesn't object to finding that a place is now something different than what it once was.

These books are fantastic. We live in LA and just keep the book in the car and use it all the time for walks on the weekend. Though they are much more applicable to residents, we took this with us on our first trip to Portland and it really helped us generate some itineraries for the days.

I love this book particularly since we've just moved to the Portland area. Now that the weather is getting cooler we'll start our exploring.

A great way to get to know the city, whether you are there to do the walks, or still in your armchair in Missouri wondering why everyone says Portland is so cool. P.S. - It is.

We just visited this city and the book was a valuable asset to us.

Can't wait to try some of these when I move there next year. After 3 years in LA with almost constant sunshine and no water, this New England Grandma is looking forward to many walks in the rain.

I look forward to using this when I move to Portland.

I bought this as a gift first but soon realized how awesome it was, so I bought one for myself! Filled with great trips around Portland for new and seasoned visitors.

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