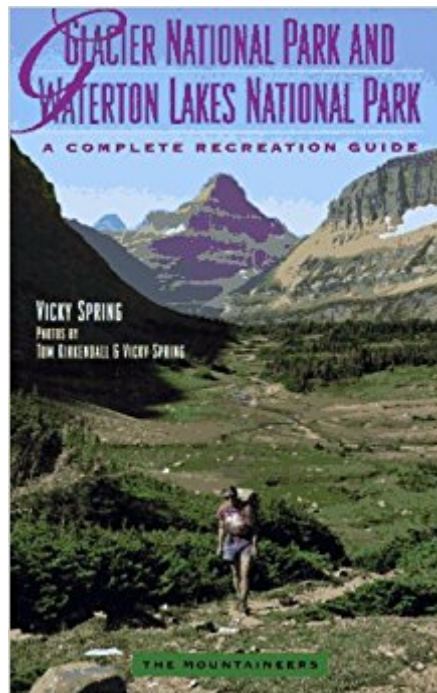




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Customer Reviews

These two valuable guides to popular recreational areas both deserve a place in any public library. Oregon State Parks considers often overlooked attractions of this remarkable state, best known for its Crater Lake National Park. Bannan covers 110 of these scenic jewels, giving potential visitors all the information they will need to make the most out of what is bound to be a memorable vacation. Her personal involvement with her subject is evident in her lyrical descriptions of the sights and accommodations. More utilitarian, but still displaying a dash of humor, is Spring's guide to Montana's Glacier National Park and its Canadian counterpart--Waterton Lakes. This was the first park to cross the U.S.-Canadian border, yet there remains enough of a difference in administration and tourist amenities to maintain distinctive cultural boundaries. Spring presents an exhaustive look at the backpacking opportunities available in each park. She does describes the creature comforts offered by the parks but makes it clear that these are parks to be savored more in the crisp air of the outdoors than the tourist hotel. These are two outstanding additions to any collection.- Joseph L. Carlson, Vandenberg Air Force Base Lib., Cal.Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is a very nice book with lots of valuable information for those intending to visit the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park. This is an older book that was published in 1994. I like to read some of the older books as they will sometimes include information that is not covered in more

recent publications. The book is very useful as it gives not only distances, but also elevation gain, high point elevation, difficulty rating, and a time estimate. And of course some of the pictures are not all available in other books so it adds to the information available on particular hikes. There is currently a movement to double the size to Waterton National Park in Canada to include the area on the western slope of the rocky mountains.

Nice size for backpack. Concise profiles of the various hiking, biking, skiing trails with needed info re length, difficulty, elevation gain, sights along the way as well as the locale of each. There are small maps to give you an idea of each trail and a selection of photos. Included in the intro are suggestions of where to stay, the amenities of the area and important safety tips.

Just got back from GNP and used this book extensively for hikes. Great descriptions and format allow you to quickly narrow in on the best choices for the time you have and area of the park you are at. Also has a number of good descriptions of bike paths, although the author's advice on biking along Going-To-The-Sun Road (p.66) is really a bad idea. It's way too narrow and congested to be safe for bikes.

If you are planning to hike or backpack in Glacier, this is a great book. Especially helpful are the elevation charts, showing the altitude changes over the course of the trail.

Only the first twenty pages mention ANYTHING about recreation or facilities. The rest is simply a hiking guide. No color pictures.

I bought both this book and the Falcon Guide to Glacier NP. Although a little out of date, I really preferred this book. I found its hiking maps to be far superior -- they're drawings with dimension that gives you a really good idea of what the hike is going to be like, and the author actually expresses some opinions and preferences, which is rare in a guide book like this. Most important, I agreed with her judgements.

I bought this book along with the Falcon Guide book and was very disappointed with both books. This one offers good descriptions of the hikes and what to expect, but no color photos. A nice general overview of the hike, length, elevation change, difficulty, and some color photos of the highlights were all I wanted, and neither book fit this description. You would only need one or the

other, and really either would suffice, but if you want color photos pass on both.

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