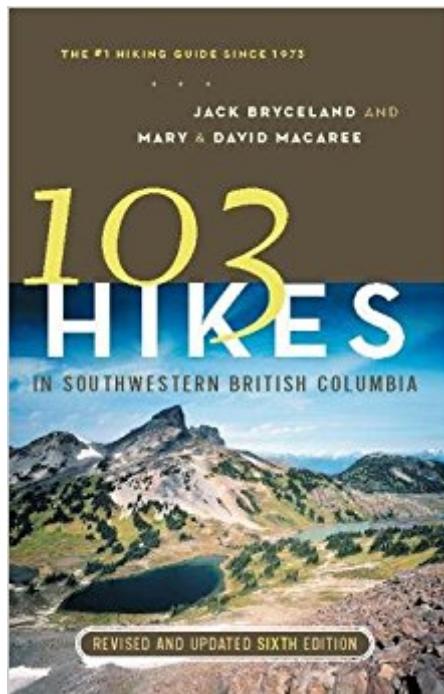


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103 Hikes In Southwestern British Columbia



Synopsis

Southwestern British Columbia's best-selling and most comprehensive hiking guide is bigger and better than ever. It guides hikers of all abilities around lakes, rivers, and mountains from the North Shore and Howe Sound to Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, and east to the Fraser Valley and Hope-Manning Park. Each route contains directions to the trailhead, photographs and descriptions, distance and elevation gains, estimated hiking times, and points of natural or historical interest. In this new edition, the authors offer up the latest trail information and all-new maps to make route-finding easier, plus an expanded, more detailed index that helps hikers choose a trail that's appropriate for the season, the timeframe, and their level of fitness. Engagingly written, meticulously researched, and thoughtfully organized by area, it's the region's ultimate guide for trekking year-round.

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Customer Reviews

A single trail guide for all of Southwestern British Columbia? In a region where craggy peaks and alpine lakes abound, it might seem an impossible undertaking. But the authors have successfully showcased most of Southern British Columbia's most awe-inspiring trails, all in one handy volume. From Pemberton and Lytton in the north to the U.S. border, and from Sechelt in the west to Keremeos in the east, 103 Hikes conveniently covers a vast and magnificent region. For each destination, vehicle approach and points of historical and natural interest are noted, along with a trail summary of distance, elevation gain, time estimation, and an illustrated route. You learn, for instance, that Unnecessary Mountain earned its name because it stood in the way of historical

climbers and their beloved East and West Mount Lions, or why it the complex of pools that includes Garibaldi Lake appears to have no outlet (lava beds permit a subterranean discharge). With at-your-fingertips access to such fine places as Singing Pass, Burnt Stew Lake, and the "Musical Bumps," you'll be on your way to enjoyment of some of the finest hiking in the province. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Having relied on the Pacific Northwest Hiking Guides published by The Mountaineers, I found this book to be almost laughable. Wanting to explore more of western BC, this guide looked like a good choice. The book did point me in some good directions, and a couple of hikes I did were absolute gems. However, I found many of the hikes to be lacking in basic information such as good directions to the trailhead, some trailheads almost impossible to find, road conditions that should have been clearly marked as 4 wheel drive only yet gave no indication of that requirement, and trail maps that were more sketches than anything else. So use this book to give you good hiking suggestions, but then do your additional research by getting a good topo map and checking all road and trail conditions before you head out

love it.

Excellent hiking guide. Exact, blow-by-blow details for hikes within a weekend of Vancouver. These hikes all have trails. For off-trail hikes, where one navigates through the forest and alpine with a topographic map, compass, and altimeter, and for descriptions of climbing routes, use the book by Bruce Fairley (which is essentially an update of Dick Culbert's "Hiking Guide to Southwest BC"). Culbert's guide is out of print and badly out of date, but IMO a better, more concise guidebook. For instructions on HOW to hike and climb, try "The Complete Walker III" by Colin Fletcher, and on how to climb try "Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills".

I have had this book for many years and done many of the hikes. It is a great source for the start of the trail but beyond that, you're pretty much on your own. There are no maps, just hand-drawn scribbles that seldomly represent the terrain. Be careful to look for the indication of North as it is never at the top of the page as it should. I just did one of the hikes yesterday, Deaks Bluffs Trail. The book is right on until after the third "Y" in the beginning of the trail but after that, you are totally on your own. Instead of factual directions or prominent features, the author(s) get way too wordy verging on poetic. Sweet but it doesn't help you in the back country. Anyone considering this book

must realize that the trails contained in this book are serious back country and we pull many people off these mountains banged up, hypothermic and on occasion, dead. I feel that is by and large due to books like this put you in the high country but don't prepare you for what's in store. It doesn't suggest kit or proper clothing. A lovely mountain trail that gets clouded in often means you can't see fifteen feet ahead of you. Visual references are quite important to the less experienced. It is my opinion that the author(s) should stick to writing "walks" books where the consequences are less severe.

Worst recommendation of a hike in any hiking book I've ever read. The book recommended a hike to Mt. Strachan in the Cypress ski area, on a trail that was terrible. Completely overgrown in places, unsigned in crucial places, blowdown to the point that you might as well have been bushwhacking, etc. We finally gave up and went up the ski area road, a much better option not mentioned in the book. Directions to the Garibaldi Lake trailhead were poor. I'm tossing this book.

I have worn out 3 copies of this book over the year. Very good selection of hikes within a day's drive of Vancouver. Good directions to trail heads and accurate time estimates for hike completion.

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