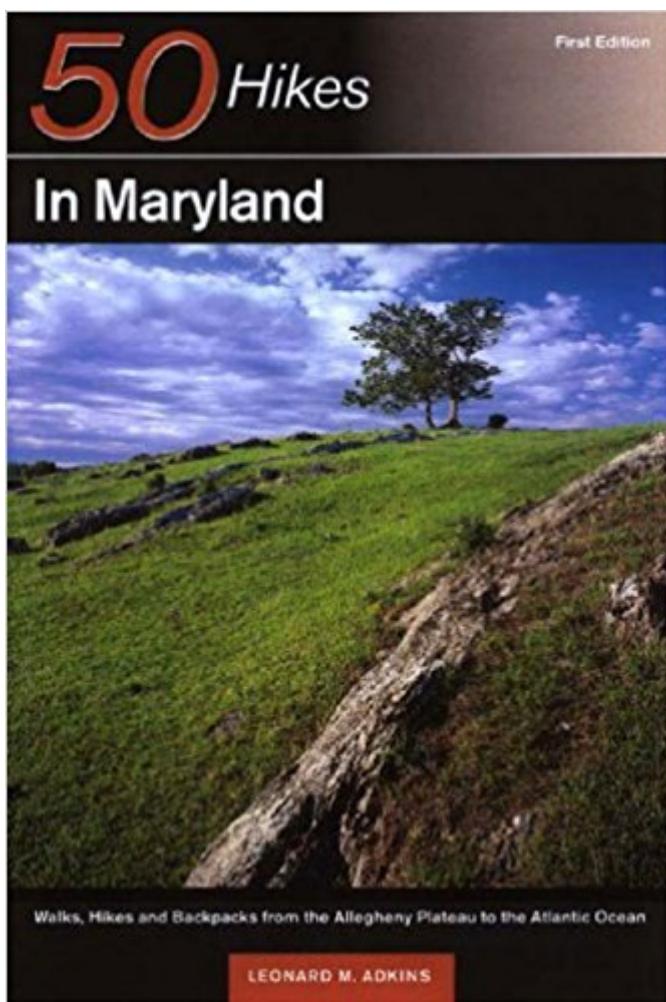


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# 50 Hikes In Maryland: Walks, Hikes, And Backpacks From The Allegheny Plateau To The Atlantic Ocean



## **Synopsis**

Maryland is one of the most densely populated states in the Union, yet miles of hiking trails weave throughout its natural areas. This is a guide to the trails and recreation areas, accessible to hikers through the Washington DC area. Hikes range from a 1.2-mile ramble in the Swallow Falls State Park to a four-day backpacking trip across Maryland's width. An overview chart at the beginning of the book provides information on the 50 hikes at a glance. Each hike description includes directions to the trailhead, a detailed account of the route, a map, and asides on natural and historical points of interest.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Freelance writer and lecturer Leonard Adkins has walked the length of the Appalachian Trail four times. He is the author of numerous books on hiking and the outdoors, including *The Appalachian Trail: A Visitor's Companion* and *Walking the Blue Ridge: A Guide to the Trails of the Blue Ridge Parkway*, and has received the National Outdoor Book Award and the Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award. He lives in Catawba, Virginia.

Did this author actually make these hikes? If so, did the author know how to use their equipment and observation to detail the hike? It seems to me something was lacking. More than a few of the hikes are dead wrong even the starting points at times are non-existent. We asked a ranger about one and he said they had never had a parking lot where the book indicated. On at least one hike

you need to cross a bridge with no shoulder with a 55MPH speed limit. This was not mentioned in the book. It was an uncomfortable crossing.

The book is excellent for getting you to and around many good hikes in Maryland. It is an excellent resource for those of us who love the outdoors but live near the B-W corridor.

Mr. Adkins' hiking books (all of them, not simply this one) are painstakingly researched and detailed. I've utilized them for 10+ years during weekend adventures around the greater Washington DC area. Nary do I go on a hike without bringing a photocopied map/synopsis of that hike from his book. I HIGHLY recommend purchasing his books if you're looking for a hiking guide in Maryland, Virginia, or elsewhere. Thank you Mr. Adkins for your contribution to the Great Outdoors!Happy Trails,

I have had this book for a couple of years and I and my family have done close to 40 of the hikes all over the state. I'm not sure what book the previous reviewer was using, but I have found 50 Hikes in Maryland to be a great resource and very accurate. Never have we ever become lost or confused while on any of the hikes and have even found the directions to the trailheads to be easy to use and always leading us perfectly to the beginnings of the hikes. Sorry that the other reviewer had such bad an experience; mine has always been positive. In fact, I've enjoyed this author's work so much that I have purchased his 50 Hikes in West Virginia.

Although I live in Charleston WV, I find myself going to hike in Maryland a lot, and this book is the best of the guides I've found. You can tell by the descriptions that the author has actually hiked all of the places he sends you to (the book cover says he uses a surveyor's measure wheel to get accurate distances). When I'm alone, I look for some of the more rugged hikes he describes; when with family we look for some of the easy 1-2 hour trips. What I really like is the book provides a lot of background information on the area you will be hiking in--history, plants, animals, and not just telling where they are but lots of tidbits about plant and animal life. Get this book and you will find some great places to enjoy the outdoors and the reasons as to why you are enjoying it so much.

What a great book. I've lived next door to Maryland all of my life and never realized all of the wonderful outdoor opportunities it has. This book brought me to many different places, from beach walks to mountain treks, from isolated locales to hidden spots near Baltimore and DC. What I really liked, though, is that it is much more than a "here's a hike and here's how to get to it" book. The

author provides dozens of bits of information on the human and natural history of the areas you hike through--and does it in an entertaining and enjoyable style of writing. Thanks to him, I now have a complete year's worth of hikes to look forward to.

I live in neighboring WV and am happy to finally see a good guide to MD. I travel there often and was becoming frustrated about not being able to find good hiking information. This book is it--better than any other I've used and full of wonderful background information on the places it directs you to. Hikes range from easy jaunts suitable for families with children to some good overnighters.

I bought this as a beginner hiker. It's great and easy to read and follow. It has hikes for all levels, from 1-2 hour hikes to camping overnight. This is a great book to have if you enjoy the outdoors and live in or around Maryland.

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