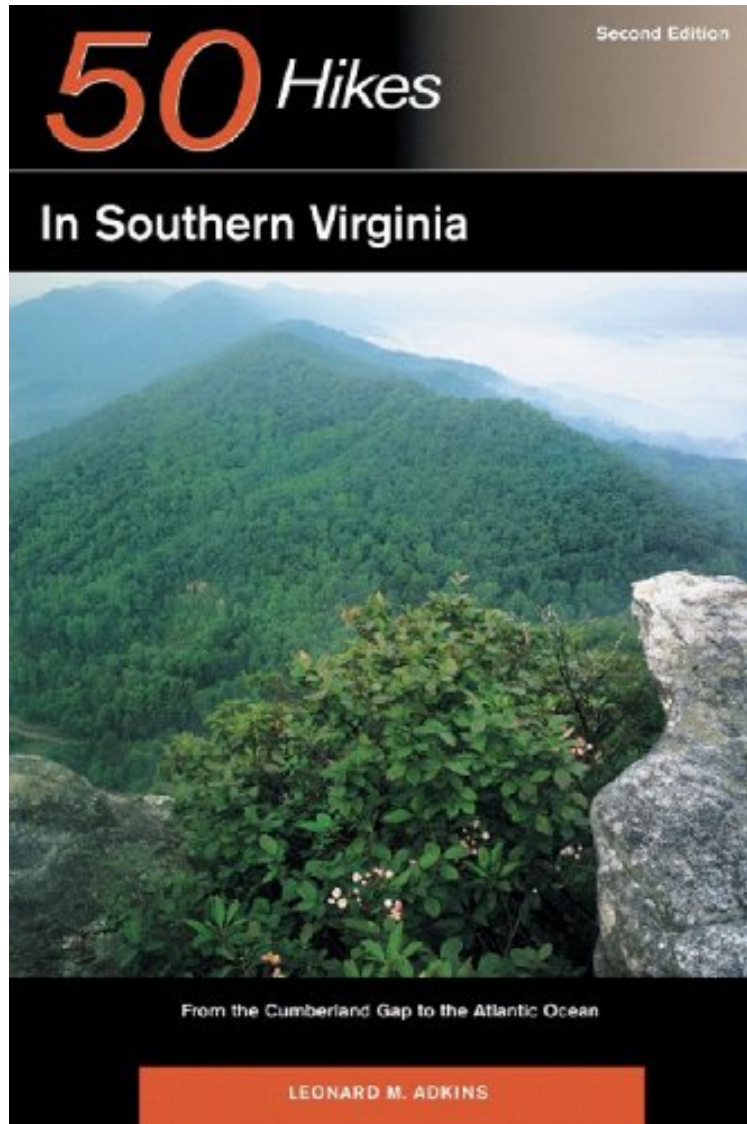


[DOWNLOAD] 50 Hikes in Southern Virginia: From the Cumberland Gap to the Atlantic Ocean

50 Hikes in Southern Virginia: From the Cumberland Gap to the Atlantic Ocean

Leonard M. Adkins

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#4113672 in Books 2007-05-09 Format: Bargain Price PDF # 1 .90 x .7 x .611, #File Name: B00DPO7YJI304 pages | File size: 21.Mb

Leonard M. Adkins : 50 Hikes in Southern Virginia: From the Cumberland Gap to the Atlantic Ocean before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 50 Hikes in Southern Virginia: From the Cumberland Gap to the Atlantic Ocean:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Guide with a Couple of Shortcomings By David Prager Written as a companion to "50 Hikes in Northern Virginia" by the same author, this guide indeed describes 50

hikes ranging geographically from Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in the west to False Bay State Park in the east. In this author's reckoning, southern Virginia more or less means south of US 60. All of the major hiking destinations in this region are given ample treatment, including Dismal Swamp, Mount Rogers, the Appalachian Trail, and of course the national forests. Hikes range in difficulty from a 1 mile boardwalk in Dismal Swamp to a 35.9 mile multi-day backpack to some of Virginia's highest summits. The trail descriptions are informative and detailed without being too technical, and each hike contains a map copied from a USGS topo map. Thus, the hiking information contained in this guide is second to none. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for a couple of other areas. First, while the author does provide nice driving directions to the trailhead, they are not set apart from the rest of the trail description. Hence, you will need to either mark them off yourself or have a very good idea as to where you are going before you set out for the trailhead. Second, of the 50 hikes described in this guide, 17 of them are 9 miles or more in length, making them too long for a comfortable day hike. I appreciate the inclusion of backpack treks, but with so many such hikes, the guide would be more usable by dayhikers if the author would suggest some shorter options to the multi-day journeys. Of course, dayhikers could find these options themselves, but that defeats the purpose of buying a hiking guide. In sum, I can't give this guide 5 stars for the reasons mentioned in the previous paragraph, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't own it. Combining this guide with the Northern Virginia companion makes for the best available guide to Virginia hiking. I would buy either of these guides (let alone both) over the comparable Falcon guide.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Probably pretty good information, just not inspiring
By B CI was pretty excited about the concept of this guide, but without any color pictures, and relatively little photography, it is hard to get a feel for the hikes. I like the page that has all the hikes numbered on the same map so you can compare where they are relative to each other.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars
By Tim C Found a lot of great routes in this one

A thoroughly revised and updated edition, with four new hikes. The Roanoke Times calls Leonard M. Adkins "a great hiking writer," and for this edition of Explorer's Guide 50 Hikes in Southern Virginia he has thoroughly updated all of the hike descriptions. Working in concert with the administrative personnel of the many national forest ranger districts, state parks, national wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, and national parks, he re-hiked many of the trails, and four of them are so completely different that they qualify as entirely new outings. Closed services and facilities have been deleted, new ones have been added, and relevant Web sites are now included in the contact information. 50 full-color photographs, 51 maps

About the Author Leonard M. Adkins is a writer who has been awarded the National Outdoor Book Award, the Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award, ForeWord Magazines Book of the Year Award, and others. The author of more than 100 newspaper and magazine articles about the outdoors and travel, he has written more than a dozen books, including Explorer's Guide 50 Hikes guides to Maryland, West Virginia and Northern and Southern Virginia, Explorers Guide Maryland, and Explorers Guide West Virginia. He makes his home in Catawba, Virginia.