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**Timothy P. Spira : Waterfalls and Wildflowers in the Southern Appalachians: Thirty Great Hikes (Southern Gateways Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Waterfalls and Wildflowers in the Southern Appalachians: Thirty Great Hikes (Southern Gateways Guides):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A great Father's Day gift and a "must have" for anyone wanting to hike to beautiful waterfalls in the Southern Appalachians. By Southern Comfort This is an extremely well thought out guide book-probably the best I have ever used. Before using this guide, I was "plant blind".....I walked by so many amazing wildflowers (and other plants) without really seeing them. Directions to each hike's trailhead are REALLY helpful (even if you have a navigation system). Before starting on a hike, notice that each hike has a plant list, with referenced page numbers to go to in order to find a photo. The wildflower profile section is arranged by flower color which is very helpful. Dr Spira includes a hike narrative which helps you understand what to look for (not just wildflowers, he tells you about trail length and difficulty, about the plant communities you pass through, and even which birds or insects etc you might see. We have used this guide to see 5 different waterfalls already this spring--can't wait to do the other 25!

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Kristi J Arrived perfectly

If you love waterfalls, here are some of the best hikes in the Southern Appalachians. And if you love plants--or simply would like to learn more about them--you will be in hiking heaven: naturalist Tim Spira's guidebook links waterfalls and wildflowers in a spectacularly beautiful region famous for both. Leading you to gorgeous waterfalls in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, the book includes many hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. As he surveys one of America's most biologically diverse regions, Spira introduces hikers to the "natural communities" approach for identifying and understanding plants within the context of the habitats they occupy--equipping hikers to see and interpret landscapes in a new way. Each of the 30 hikes includes: \* a detailed map and GPS coordinates \* a lively trail description highlighting the plants you are most likely to see, as well as birds and other animals along the way \* an associated plant species list Also featured: \* beautiful color photographs of 30 destination waterfalls, 125 plants, and more \* detailed descriptions of 125 key plant species \* 22 drawings to help identify plant structures \* a glossary of botanical terms

Offers informative essays, accompanied by stunning color photos and helpful maps. . . . Biologists will savor this handy hiking guide to a particularly beautiful region.--Library Journal An artistic and athletic feat. . . . As useful for vacation-at-the-cabin reading sessions as it is as a field guide.--Asheville Citizen-Times For those who like to hike light . . . [Waterfalls and Wildflowers in the Southern Appalachians] could be the only guidebook you'll need this season.--WNC Magazine Links waterfalls and wildflowers in a spectacularly beautiful region famous for both. Equip[s] hikers to see and interpret landscapes in a new way." --McCormick Messenger I can't wait to have this book in my backpack (and in my hand) on a mountain trail! Tim Spira's guide will appeal to hikers, waterfall enthusiasts, wildflower lovers, and folks interested in the natural history of the Southern Appalachian region, plus boaters and fisherpersons who encounter waterfalls in their wanderings. The wildflowers are placed in the context of natural communities and other natural history features through 30 fascinating hikes. Tim's photos are outstanding and will be very useful for identifying wildflowers.--Thomas R. Wentworth, coauthor of Exploring Southern Appalachian Forests: An Ecological Guide to 30 Great Hikes in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia About the Author Timothy P. Spira, professor of biology at Clemson University, is the author of Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont: A Naturalist's Guide to the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia.