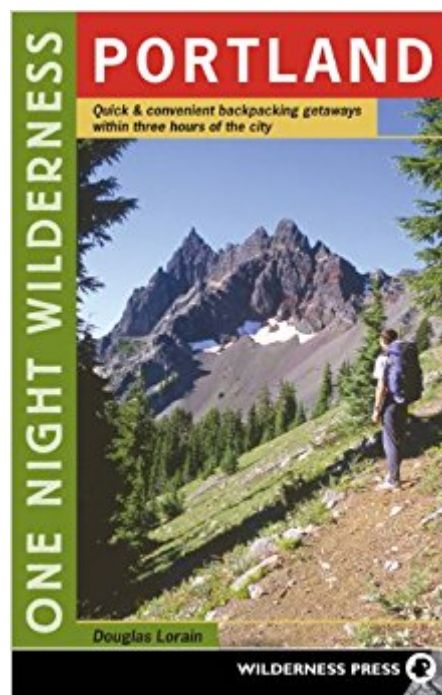




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One Night Wilderness: Portland: Quick And Convenient Backcountry Getaways Within Three Hours Of The City



Synopsis

Surrounded by old-growth forests, volcanic peaks, and water in nearly all its forms--from the ocean to alpine lakes, glaciers to waterfalls--the Portland area is a short jaunt from boundless adventure opportunities, many of which can be taken in just one night. This book covers the best one- (and a few two-) night hikes within three hours of the city--perfect for hikers seeking a wilderness experience without the commitment of a lengthy backpacking trek. Trips take readers to the lush Olympic Mountains, eerie Mount St. Helens, the thundering Columbia River, and the quirky spires of Three Fingered Jack.

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Customer Reviews

Douglas Lorain's family moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1969, and he has been obsessively hitting the trails of his home region ever since. Over the years he calculates that he has logged well over 30,000 trail miles in this corner of the continent, and despite a history that includes being bitten by a rattlesnake, shot at by a hunter, charged by a grizzly bear, and donating countless gallons of blood to "invertebrate vampires," he happily sees no end in sight. Lorain is a photographer and recipient of the National Outdoor Book Award. His books cover only the best trips from the thousands of hikes and backpacking trips he has taken throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. His photographs have been featured in numerous magazines, calendars, and books, and his other guidebook titles include *Afoot & Afield Portland/Vancouver*, *Backpacking Idaho*, and *Backpacking Washington*.

This is a really good guide book. It's got a lot of great overnight (or longer) trips in it. I like the scales it uses for scenery, difficulty and the all important solitude. It's got good, short descriptions of the hike and what you'll find along the way, as well as directions to get there. I'd love to give this book 5 stars, but I can't. The problem with the book, and why it only gets 3, is that it lacks important info that's easily available, and would make using it so easy that it's ridiculous not to have it. All the trails it mentions are numbered by the forest service. You can use these numbers online or when talking to a ranger to find out more information, exact information, and to help plan your trip when you're doing research that's not this book. But you know what? This book makes no use of these trail numbers. Instead, you get, Go here, turn left at the junction, keep going straight... which does work to get you there, but does not work to help you research beforehand, or use the trail markers and signs along the way, or talk with other hikers on the trails to get immediate information. Pretty insane not to have that info.

Maps are terrible, in fact, the worst I've seen in any book on hiking. Also, although centered around Portland, OR, several worthwhile trails in or near the Columbia river gorge have been excluded while trails in the state of Washington at some 175 miles from Portland have been included. Although photographs will not help you navigate, it would have been nice to see sharp color photos. As it is, the pictures seem to be archive material from the 1930's. Although some vital information is missing, I find the description of hikes useful.

This book is great! It works perfect for my needs. Working 9-5 and only having weekends off kinda can make planning a BP trip a pain. And it's not like I can afford to take time off every time I want to go outdoors. That's where this book steps in beautifully. Very well organized and the descriptions are spot on and very accurate. He gives you the in on where the good camp sites and springs are. Some of the campsites he describes are very hidden and you would never be able to find on your own. He gives you a topo map of each trail with marked campsites and springs. Driving directions are accurate and all of the trips I have taken so far were extremely beautiful and doable in a night. Everything is spot on. I give this book 5 stars!!! Can't go without it.

Decent reference book for planning local overnight trips within a reasonably short drive of the Portland Metro area.

Excellent collection of quick hikes near Portland. There are plenty of loops included, which are what

I really look for in overnight trips. Great information on logistics of getting to trailheads, water sources, etc. Definitely one of the irreplaceable Portland backpacking print resources.

I'm not a city person, and I missed being able to quickly get out in the wilderness when I moved to Portland. I love that this book also rates how crowded trails are. I'll take a less spectacular hike for some seclusion.

There's some good info in this book including info on the hikes it lists, but no info about the campsites! Some of the day hiking books for the area have more info about campsites along the trails - I'm better off looking at those.

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