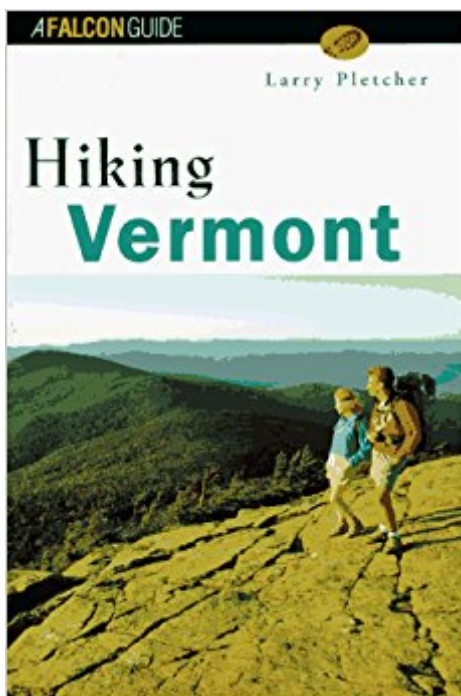


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Customer Reviews

Divided according to the 11 natural regions of the state, the hikes described in this FalconGuide include views and rambles along the Taconic Range, poetic stops along the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail near Middlebury, the sound of the cascades in the Lye Brook Wilderness, and visits to a farmstead and a sugarbush with a nearby swimming hole. Learn how to pack to assure a safe trip, whether you're taking an afternoon hike or taking an extended trek atop peaks and ridges. Other features include the black-and-white photos which give a sampling of the state's scenic treasures. Also included are special sections on the Long Trail, hiking with children, and barrier-free trails that lead to great fishing spots, campsites, and more. Don't venture into the natural splendors of the Green Mountain State without Hiking Vermont in your pack.

Tom Seymour is a two-time award-winning outdoor columnist and book author and a regular contributor to Maine Fish and Wildlife magazine. July 2006 marked the twentieth anniversary of Tom's award-winning outdoor column "Waldo County Outdoors," which appears in the Republican Journal and Waldo Independent. Tom's book credits include Hiking Maine, Foraging New England, Fishing Maine, and the soon-to-be-released Birding Maine (FalconGuides).

Additionally Tom wrote Tom Seymour's Maine: A Maine Anthology, and he edited and updated Maine Off the Beaten Path, and Hiking Vermont (Globe Pequot Press). Tom wrote Maine Wildlife, a Maine Sportsman publication. Tom also writes From The Ground Up, a regular column on gardening, for Courier Publications. Tom pens a blog, Wild Plants and Woolly Bears, for Courier Publications MaineCoast.com website. Tom appeared regularly on the Maine television show The Maine Outdoors, and also starred in the Ursus Productions video Nature's Garden. Tom is a registered Maine Guide.

In a rural state such as Vermont, although plenty of opportunities for hiking exist, finding them can be difficult since they are off the beaten path. This guide will help you find those hidden (and some not-so-hidden) hiking gems that are scattered throughout the Green Mountain state. This guide describes 61 hikes scattered fairly evenly across Vermont. Hikes range in length from 0.5 miles to 15 miles with the average at around 4-6 miles. Each hike comes with some basic facts about the trail, a rather detailed set of directions to the trailhead, a map, a detailed trail description, and usually a photo. The maps are typical Falcon maps: they show the trail, a couple of main features, and not much else. I have to say I don't understand why Falcon doesn't upgrade their maps to the USGS topo variety that are found in the 50-hikes series and most other top hiking guides these days. Still, I have lots of Falcon hiking guides on my shelf, so I guess my wallet speaks louder than this review. Perhaps the most outstanding quality of this guide is the author's wide and varied vocabulary. In fact, this guide has a literary quality not found in most hiking guides. Occasionally this gets in the way of clarity. For example, the author describes the trail to Camel's Hump as a "bony" trail. Does he mean rocky? narrow? These cases are the exception, and usually the author's vocabulary simply makes the reading experience more enjoyable. I have heard some other people complain about the lack of Long Trail information in this book. On this point I must respectfully disagree. True, if you are looking to hike the Long Trail from start to finish, you will need better information than what is provided here. Still, 16 of the hikes in this book describe dayhikes along the Long Trail, and this is a book on hiking, not backpacking. Most dayhikers will find plenty on the Long Trail here to keep them busy for a long time. In summary, this may not be the best guide to Vermont hiking on the market, but this book merits serious consideration. I withheld one star, mainly for the maps and slightly for the potentially vague descriptions. As I said though, this book has a literary quality not found in most hiking guides. So if you enjoy reading hiking guides or you are interested in Vermont hiking, this book should find its way onto your shelf.

This book, along with "50 hikes in Vermont" takes care of every aspect of hiking I want to do in Vermont on a daily basis. Hiking Vermont contains the majority of short hikes of 5 miles or less. There are some longer hikes of 11 miles or more but if you're driving along and decide to take an hour or two to explore the woods, then this book is for you. You don't need a GPS to find the trailhead, the directions are well documented. This book also has perfect maps of the trail and a nice selection of pictures on the trail. It's my driving bible.

This is an excellent addition to the Falcon Guide hiking series, and the author adds a touch of humor and class to each route description. The driving directions to each trailhead are detailed and accurate. The route descriptions are similarly packed with information that any hiker can use. If there was a chance of seeing wildlife, Pletcher duly notes it and informs you when the best times are for seeing bears or moose. If you're backpacking, he tells you where to find water and where reliable springs are located. I was a little disappointed that he didn't concentrate more on the 260 mile Long Trail which traverses the length of Vermont. I was looking for information of their shelters and side routes into towns along the way. But for day hikers, this is a good, reliable and handy guide. Recommended.

This book is just what someone needs to go hiking in Vermont. It has specific details and directions to each hike. The seller was a very quick in fulfilling my order.

Just got back from a trip to Vermont. So very useful.

Well written, will put it to use next week, very detailed, would recommend it to others. Will go in my hiking collection.

I have purchased a number of these regional hiking guides and always find them to be valuable resources. Concise and informative - includes basic trail maps as well.

Great range of hikes in here for all levels and difficulty of hike.

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