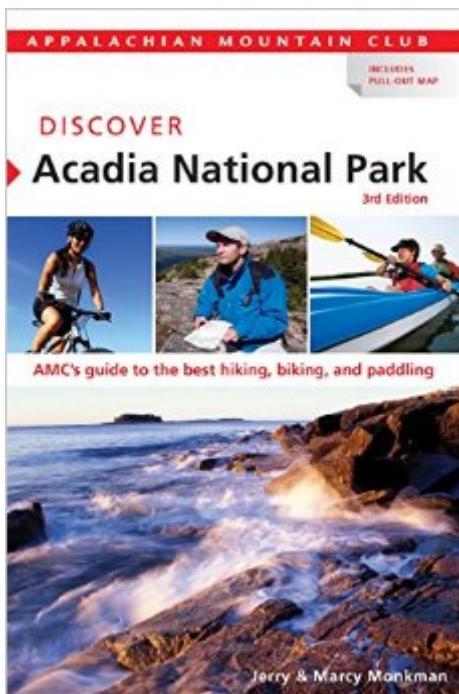


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# Discover Acadia National Park: AMC's Guide To The Best Hiking, Biking, And Paddling (AMC Discover Series)



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Discover Acadia National Park, 3rd Edition includes the 50 best hiking, biking, and paddling trips in Acadia for all ability levels, including hikes up Cadillac Mountain and cycling trips on the Park's popular carriage roads. This completely revised edition includes five new trips and the most up-to-date information on where to go and what to do during a visit to New England's only national park. First-time visitors and veteran explorers alike will enjoy this comprehensive guide to trips on Mt. Desert Island, Isle au Haut, and the Schoodic Peninsula. Perfect for a day trip or multi-day excursion, this guidebook will reveal scenic bike paths, cobblestone beaches, glacial ponds, granite peaks, and ocean-side cliffs.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was very useful and is up to date. It doesn't cover everything in the National Park - but is an excellent resource overall. We especially liked the ratings and details for finding parking and access to sites/trails, etc. We supplemented with material provided within the park and took the time to review and plan carefully, leading to an exceptional experience in one of our countries top treasures - Acadia National Park!

Anyone who is going to Acadia National Park should have a copy of this well-written book. It gives great details of countless trips, whether hiking, biking, kayaking or canoeing- you won't get lost, you'll know exactly what to look for, and you'll enjoy the Monkman's' beautiful descriptions while

you're at it. The trips are labeled as to their difficulty, how long they might take, etc. Don't go without it!

I've used this book on a couple of trips to Acadia. Its best feature is the detailed pull-out map in the back which shows all the major hiking trails. This is a great book to study BEFORE your trip. It has very detailed descriptions of hiking and biking trails and paddling and sea kayaking trips. It's great to pick out the activities you want to do, but this detailed nature makes it less useful on the trail though. It's too wordy and too bulky. (Take the map with you though!) It would be better if it had more pictures of the different areas. It's also missing mini-maps of each hiking or biking trail. Instead, you're left to pull out the map and try to follow along based on their descriptions. It would be great if this book were split into two, one for hiking and biking and one for paddling and sea kayaking, each in color with more pictures and terrain maps. Until then, there's still a lot of great info in this edition.

This is the authoritative guide for any hikes in this beautiful National Park. Jerry Monkman KNOWS Acadia. (He was also one of the outstanding instructors for a photography weekend organized by the North American Nature Photographers Association last October, and his photographer's guide to Acadia also rocks.)

Just spent Labor Day weekend in Acadia and this book was incredibly useful. As an experienced hiker I've had plenty of guidebooks which provide either too much or too little detail. This book nailed the sweet spot of teaching you a lot about the park without becoming long winded or making trail descriptions drag on.

I agree with the previous reviews- this is the only book you'll need to have when going to Acadia National Park, and you'd be missing something great if you didn't have it. Even if you are only a beginner, you'll enjoy reading about the more advanced trips as well as the easy ones because the information is so well presented. The authors are also excellent nature photographers, so the readers are able to see the described trails and scenery as if they were looking through the lense of a camera- everthing is so beautifully presented. The book gives a lot of material that could be cut, dried, and boring, but it is anything but. Do yourself a favor, and buy this book before setting out - you'll enjoy your adventure so much more.

So thorough, helpful, and attractive is this volume that I should think the Monkmans have eliminated

the need for any similar Acadia guidebooks for years to come. What elevates this particular effort above others in the genre is the top-notch photography which accompanies the text (which is hardly a surprise given the Monkman's tireless EcoPhotography work in the northeast) and the handy hiking & biking map ensconced in the back. Admirable, too, is the text's obvious effort to be more than a mere assemblage of practical information and trail descriptions: the recreational advice is complemented by revealing sidebars and park history, reflecting the authors' commitment to the spirit of Acadia and the natural world. I can't imagine, in other words, that there's a better guide to tuck in the pannier or the backpack for your next trip to this great park!

This is an excellent resource and the included map is a bonus. You get routes, access locations, length and degree of difficulty. My only quibble would be that a couple of the prime outings are omitted.

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