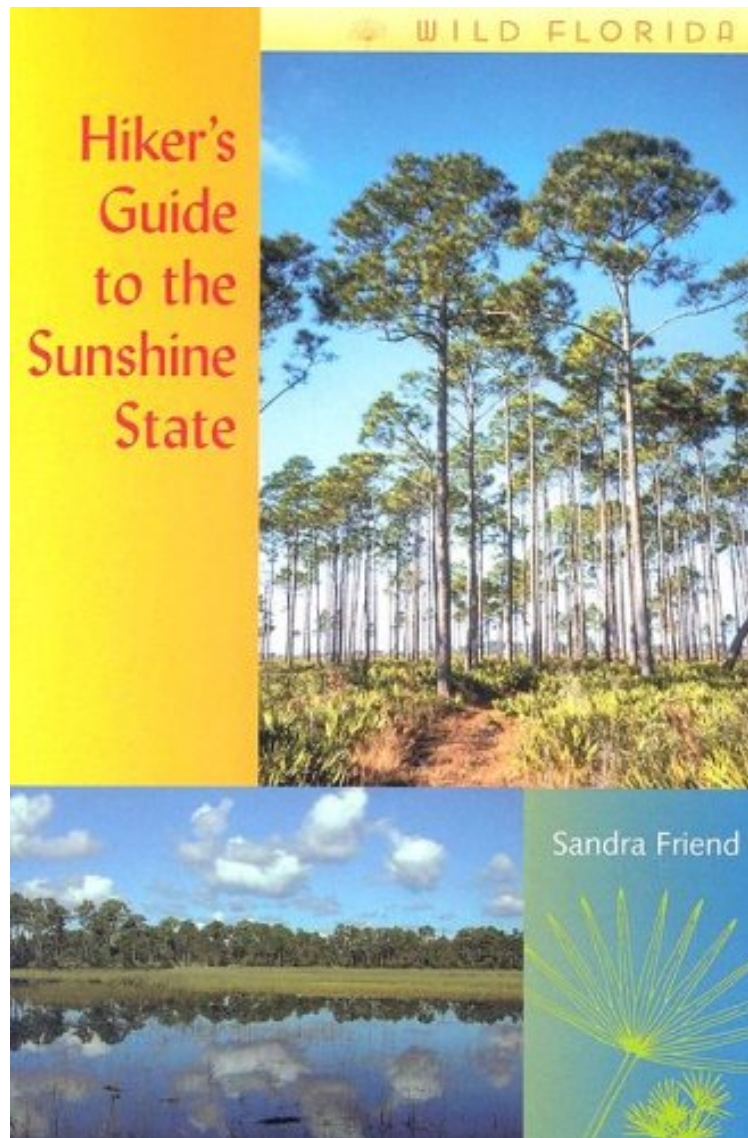


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Sandra Friend : Hiker's Guide to the Sunshine State (Wild Florida) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hiker's Guide to the Sunshine State (Wild Florida):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Trail For Every HikerBy Tania A. RuizAfter reading (and putting to good use, having hiked 44 out of the 50 trails) Sandra Friend's "50 Hikes in Central Florida," I bought this book in order to prepare for what I like to call Life After 50 Hikes. I love hiking in Florida - it's a great way to see the state, and there are an abundance of trails. This book covers trails in every area of the state, with a fair amount of

information (overview style) on each one. Having been spoiled by the more focused and incredibly detailed "50 Hikes," I know I'm more critical of this guide than others would be. I would probably choose to rate it a 3 1/2 if I had the chance, but it's better than a 3 so I went with 4. What I miss in this book are the trail maps and detailed hiking directions. What I appreciate is that so many different trails are covered, it is a wonderful overview of what is available, and the reader can follow up on Friend's website for additional details. Key points for each trail are listed including logistics and highlights and the trails are split into geographic regions which helps for planning purposes. A state map broken down by region and an overview chart in the beginning are both good reference tools. If you are hiking one particular region of the state, like I did with Central Florida, you are better off with one of Friend's regional guides. If you'd like to get a feel for what trails are available throughout Florida, though, this book is for you. As a practical field guide it must be supplemented with information from trail websites or Friend's own site, but as an introduction it is useful and comprehensive.

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By Sabes This is the second copy of this book I've purchased. Our own is much loved and I wanted to share the secrets of Florida's trails with a friend. My husband and I find it easy to navigate the book to find new hiking trails. We've discovered pockets of nature in FL we never knew existed! If you like to spend time outdoors in Florida, this is an excellent choice!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very comprehensive, limited in-book maps but author's website has google map

By Eli Lilly This book is very comprehensive. It seems to contain nearly every hiking trail in Florida. It even includes short nature walks. The author's website at floridahikes.com has a Google map overlaid with many, if not all, of the hikes in this book. The book, together with the website, make an excellent resource and this overcomes the limitation of the crude maps used in the book. The book is really a must-have for anyone interested in visiting Florida's natural areas.

The definitive guide to more than 500 hiking trails in Florida that no enthusiast will want to be without.

A guidebook that activity leaders will love. -- Footprint - Official Publication of the Florida Trail Assn, Sep/ Oct 05

A trail-by-trail guide to hiking and walking opportunities in Florida...a well-done guide, easy to use and inclusive. -- Southeastern Naturalist

A treasure trove of trail trekking This book will greatly simplify anyone's search for the trail less traveled. -- Tampa Tribune, Feb. 19, 2006

You won't have any difficulty choosing or finding the trail upon which you can celebrate Florida Trails Hiking Month -- Tampa Tribune, Feb. 19, 2006

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