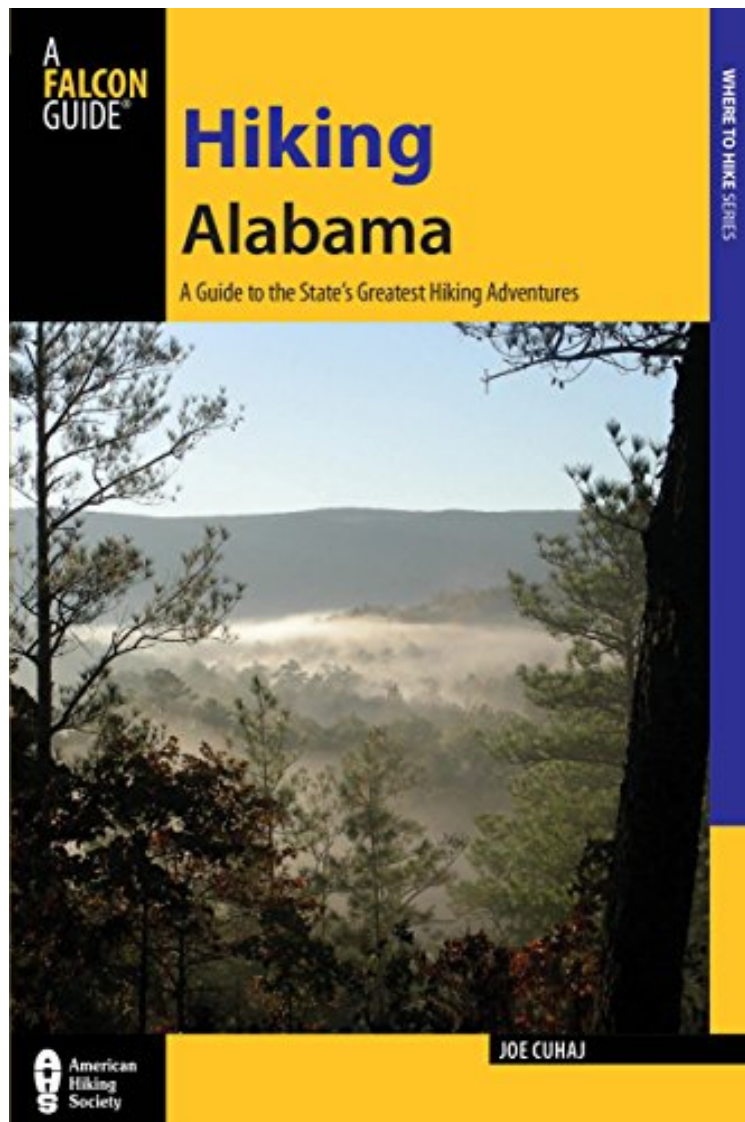


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dont' throw out your 3rd EditionBy R. ShawI was glad to see a new

edition of the Hiking Alabama book. I was also glad the new book included beautiful color maps and photographs, and was really happy to see the addition of trailhead GPS coordinates in the book... Unfortunately, there are some problems with the 4th edition. This book is almost a complete alternate from the 3rd edition. There are a large amount of new trails in the book. To make way for the new trails, there were also a large amount of dropped trails. That's not the problem. That's a good thing (I'm glad to learn of new hiking trails, and don't want to see a complete repeat of a previous edition). But, here's the problem. This book favors the SHORT trails. Almost all of the trails in this book are under 5 miles, with the average being around 2 miles. While 2 mile leg stretchers are nice to do when you have limited time, I would prefer more day hike length trails. The 3rd edition had those. Even on trails that are listed in both editions, there were changes made, that simply don't make sense. Take, for example, the Falls loop at Desoto State Park. The 3rd edition has you start at the park headquarter from the east. This allows you to pass through a great rock formation area with Needle Eye Rock. It's a 3.2 mile hike. The new edition has you start from the west, which cuts out the Needle Eye Rock for some not really scenic trail. Another seemingly inexplicable change, as it seems he's dropping out some premium hikes to make room for new trails, he takes a 5 mile double loop at Monte Sano and makes it two write ups of a 2 and 3 mile hike. It was not a hike that needed cut into 2 different hikes. I can keep going. In the Cane Creek Canyon hike, the 3rd edition has a very nice 7 mile hike described. In the 4th edition, he's cut most of that hike out to a 4 mile hike, eliminating 2 waterfalls from the previous edition. The Cemetery Trail near Mobile, he shortens the trail by 0.4 mile from 2.8 mile to 2.4 mile by doing a road walk back to the trailhead instead of taking the trail he used in the 3rd edition. Who wants to walk road instead of trail?? The Chinnabee Silent Trail, he changes the trailhead to shorten the hike from 7.4 miles to 5.4 miles, which really doesn't improve the hike. I could keep going. So, my big problem is not the added trails. Its the changes to the trails, and not for the better. And, it's the shortening of almost every trail in the book. It's the addition of ONLY short trails. Sometimes you want a longer hike, and most people can handle more than a 2 mile hike. For a book that's supposed to highlight the best in the state, I'm not sure this new edition does that. For people who have and have hiked trails out of the 3rd edition, hang on to that. The 4th edition is a good add on to show some new spots to enjoy, but for the best picture of Alabama hiking, you will also need to keep that 3rd edition around as well.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Each trail the author has chosen to review is profiled to a great detail with maps and photographsBy lzhomeEnormous amount of information that is superbly organized into a quick reference and very readable format. Each trail the author has chosen to review is profiled to a great detail with maps and photographs. Along with directions on locating the trail heads you will also find latitude and longitude coordinates to facilitate loading the location in your GPS. A great companion to keep in your backpack.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book. It would be nice if it noted ...By wigGreat book. It would be nice if it noted spots for birding and spelunking. But perhaps that is beyond the scope of a hiking guide.

The premier guide to 51 of the greatest hikes in Alabama. This one-of-a-kind guide to the "State of Surprises" takes hikers to the summits of the last of the Appalachian Mountain chain, the deep and wild canyons and rivers of Central Alabama, and the pristine white beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. Inside readers will find detailed maps, accurate route profiles showing the ups and downs of each hike, tips on equipment, trip planning, and hiking with dogs and children, accurate directions, difficulty ratings, trail contacts, and more.

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