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**James D. Thayer : Hiking from Portland to the Coast: An Interpretive Guide to 30 Trails** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hiking from Portland to the Coast: An Interpretive Guide to 30 Trails:

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accidentally, and am so glad I did! How it happened: My husband and I were driving along Skyline and saw a gate to a logging road, and we decided to spontaneously hike it. That led to discussions about how many other "trails" might be available, which led to a Google search of "North Tualatin Mountains Hiking", which resulted in Mr. Thayer's Forest Hiker blog, which led to this book! We learned that we would need to purchase a permit to hike the logging roads, which we promptly purchased. We've done four of Jim's hikes the last few weekends, and have not been disappointed! My husband and I have both lived here all of our lives and had no clue any of this existed. Along with perfect trail descriptions, the history that Jim provides about each trail is very interesting and joyful to read. Thank you, Jim, for writing this book. What a wonderful resource!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Author did his homework. By CustomerGreat info on area so close to Portland. Also, a very difficult place to hike and not get lost. Got book from library, showed friends and had to buy one. Not just hiking but history of the area before ships and trappers.

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A guidebook for both experienced and casual hikers, *Hiking from Portland to the Coast* explores the many trails and logging roads that crisscross the northern portion of Oregon's Coast Range. While showcasing convenient looped routes, it also describes complete throughways connecting Portland to the coastal communities of Seaside and Tillamook. Designed to both inform and entertain, each of the 30 trails described includes a backstory highlighting the rich histories of Native Americans, white settlers, loggers, and railroad operators. While suitable for hikers, equestrians, and bikers, many of these trails have never been surveyed for recreational use. All are meticulously surveyed and described here, alongside detailed and annotated maps. Some trails are located on private timber holdings, accessible only by paid permit, while access to others is free. In most cases vehicular traffic is not permitted; neither is camping, littering, or making fires. From time to time, access may be restricted due to fire danger or commercial activity. The maps, notes, and tips provided in *Hiking from Portland to the Coast* will be invaluable for those adventurers who wish to wander far from the beaten track. Less intrepid explorers will find plenty of short and scenic exploratory hikes in the forests that parallel Highway 26 to Seaside or Highway 6 to Tillamook.

**About the Author** JAMES D. THAYER is a hiking enthusiast and local history buff. He is the author of *Portland Forest Hikes* and manages [foresthiker.com](http://foresthiker.com), a popular hiking website. In 1985, Thayer was elected as the first president of the Friends of Forest Park. He also served as president of Oregon's World Affairs Council. Currently, he sits on the Columbia Land Trusts executive board, the Oregon Recreational Trail Advisory Council, and the Salmonberry Trail Development Committee.