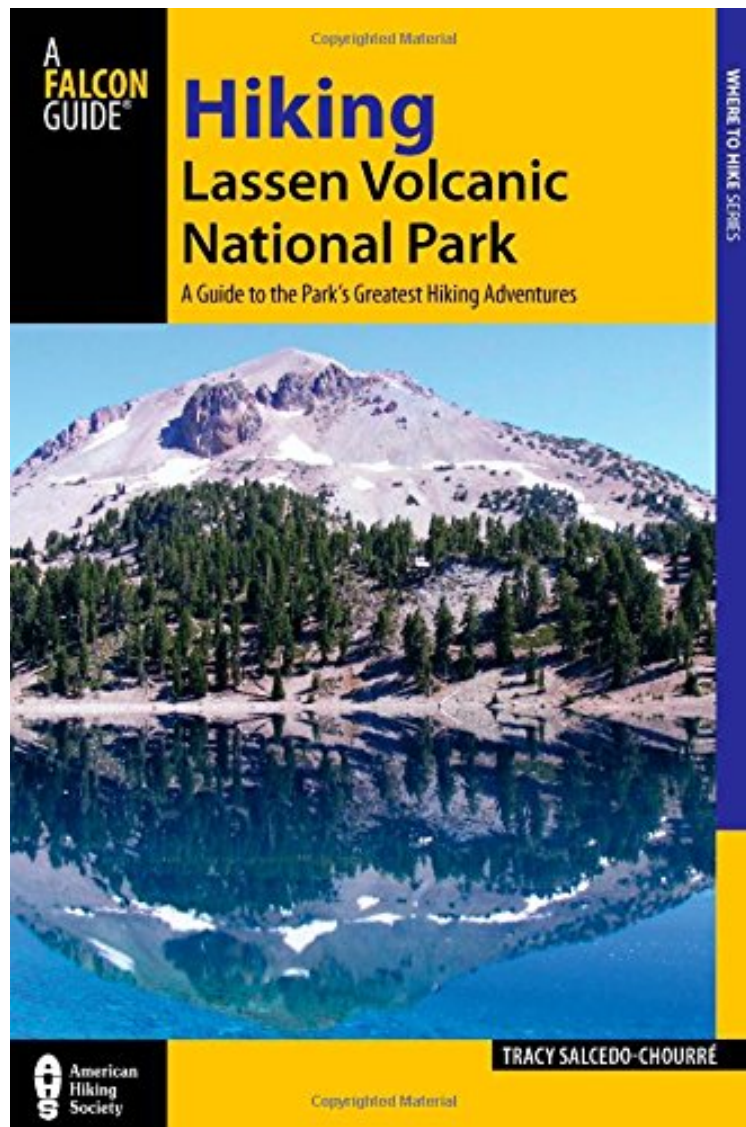


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Anecdotal, Comprehensive, and FunBy Fritz R. WardLassen Park is just about the finest day hiking park in California. Scenery is spectacular, trails are relatively free of crowds, and the hikes range from challenging to so gentle that many disabled people can enjoy the views from outside their cars. Of course, you can backpack in the park, but campgrounds rarely completely fill, even on holiday weekends. And the best way to explore this region is with Tracy Salcedo-Chourre's updated second edition of Falcon' hiking guide to the park.Salcedo-Chourre is Falcon's best California writer and she has a real gift for capturing the natural environment she shares in her guidebooks. Since the first edition of this book has come out, much has changed in the park, most notably the devastating effects of the Reading fire which obliterated a significant portion of Lassen's backcountry. The park had for years allowed downed wood to accumulate, a situation my wife and I noted a decade ago, and this tinder allowed the fire to become far hotter than it would otherwise have in historical times when Native Americans and later pioneers actively burned this debris. (As a complete aside, the oft repeated claim that "a century of fire suppression" is behind these devastating wildfires is simply not true. The Park Service abandoned the uniform fire suppression policy in 1969!). Happily, as the author notes, the Park Service has learned from this experience and is now piling up debris for burning in Warner Valley and other locations, returning to the historic policy of fighting fire with fire.But even as much has changed, Lassen remains a great hiking park, best explored in pieces, and the author has done a great job of dividing the park into geographical regions with trail heads that can easily be explored in a day. One of the best features of this book is that Salcedo-Chourre does not neglect the many great nature trails in the park, which other guidebooks often overlook. In all my visits to Lassen, I have been impressed with the quality of interpretative panels along these trails and the author apparently is as well. Moreover, she also provides detailed coverage of some of the less popular park entrances, including Juniper Lake and Butte Lake. Regular Falcon readers will recognize several features common to Falcon hiking guides. Sketch maps and detailed driving descriptions accompany each trail write up. Mileage figures have been updated using the author's personal GPS unit, usually (and not surprisingly to me) with the result that the hikes are slightly longer than trail head sign mileages suggest.But the main reason to buy this book, apart from the fact that it is the most comprehensive listing of hikes in Lassen National Park currently in print, are the many anecdotes and tidbits of natural and human history. From a less than flattering, but historically accurate description of Peter Lassen, the park's namesake, to accounts of the eruptions from 1914-17, to descriptions of the many different forests that cover the Lassen region, Salcedo-Chouure is nothing if not thorough. But, she is also readable, a nice combination for a guidebook author. She also shares some personal hiking anecdotes, the most memorable for me being her encounter with a mother bear and cubs. In all, this is a wonderful readable book and worthy of your purchase. It should go without saying the park is also worthy of your visit. I've been there four times now, and as I read this book, I. Began planning my fifth visit.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The maps are fine. I would have given it five starsBy CustomerWell written, up to date and organized. The maps are fine. I would have given it five stars. My only complaint is a major one for me. There are no details on elevation gain for the various hikes. Elevation gain is taken into consideration in the difficulty rating for trails, but I could not find specifics. I like elevation profiles, but lacking these, at least a mention of starting and ending elevation would be appreciated.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book for planning our tripBy Laurie PerkinsSaw this book at a bookstore awhile back. Got it cheaper through here. Great book for planning our trip. Each hike is broke down into skill, distance, and time. Also has great tips. Perfect for planning our hiking trip.

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