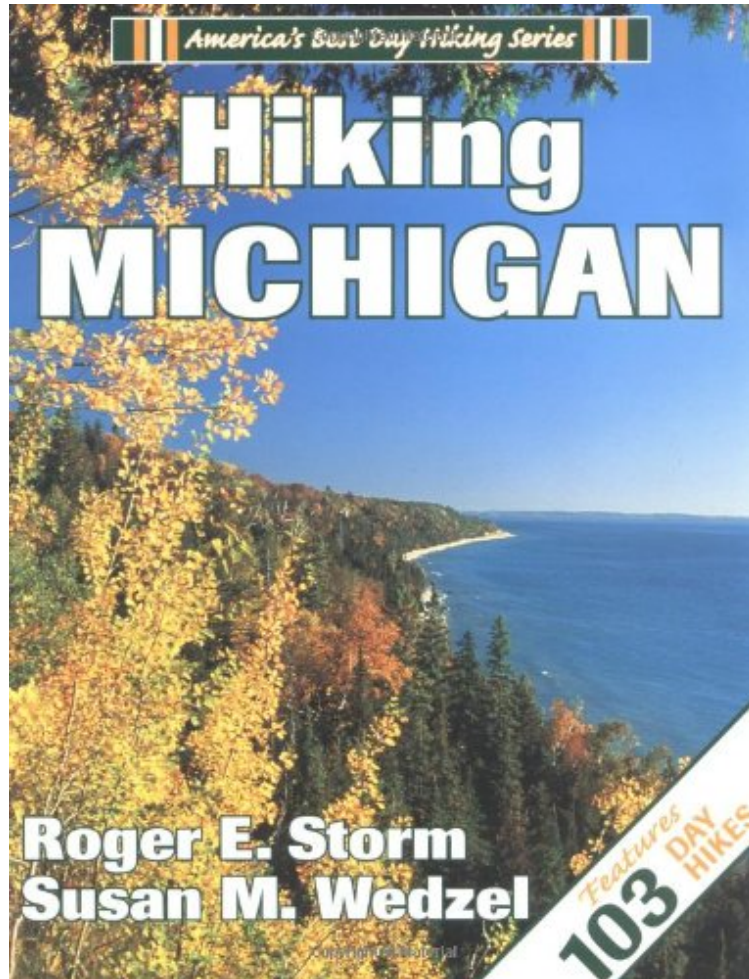


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Roger Storm, Susan Wedzel : Hiking Michigan (America's Best Day Hiking Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hiking Michigan (America's Best Day Hiking Series):

2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Book Size Too Large By pmajaa The book size is too large to carry with you on a hike. The hikes that the author has chosen are not the "best" hikes in Michigan for serious hikers. The hikes are more like "walks" for the casual hiker. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Mountain of Michigan Dayhikes By David Prager Weighing in with 309 8.5x11 inch pages, Hiking Michigan is one of the largest hiking guides I have ever encountered. The guide has a few flaws, but it contains some very good trip ideas. This guide describes hikes at 77 different hiking destinations in Michigan. 25 of the destinations are in the upper peninsula and 52 of the destinations are in the lower peninsula, so the hikes are rather evenly distributed across the state. The states

major hiking destinations such as Mackinac Island, Lake Michigan sand dunes, metro Detroit, Pictured Rocks, and Porcupine Mountains all get significant treatment. Each hike has a detailed trail description, a trail map (but see below), and a well-written overview of the area. A nice, detailed table at the front of the guide makes it easy to choose a trail to hike regardless of your ability. Trail length ranges from 0.5 miles through a suburban nature center to 10.8 miles on isolated Grand Island. In particular, all of the hikes in this book are dayhikes; none of Michigan's many fine backpacking trails are featured here. Thus, backpackers will find nothing of interest here, though some of the destinations described in this guide also offer multi-day backpack trails. The maps are more problematic: they look like they were drawn in Microsoft Word Clip Art. They show no elevations, elevation gain is not even reported, and they give no idea as to what kind of environment to expect. Is the trail rocky, sandy, sunny, shady? Even Google Maps gives better information than you will find here, so you will want to bring a better map with you on the trail. These issues are not too serious: you probably don't want to carry this large of a book in your backpack on either a dayhike or multi-day trek. In summary, despite its shortcomings, this is my favorite guide to Michigan dayhiking on the market. Given the large quantity of good quality trails described here, if you plan to do some dayhiking in Michigan, this guide will be a good investment.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Get Outdoors! By E. Meyerson

Hiking Michigan is a great source to discover all sides of Michigan's outdoors. From Detroit's Urban Waterfront Trail, to the Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge, to remote State Parks on Lake Huron's shoreline, to beautiful and wild inland lakes and waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula, there is much to explore in this great State.

Hiking Michigan is your complete guide to 103 of the best day hikes in the state. No matter which region you wish to explore or how easy or hard of a trek you want, this handy book will lead you to the right trail and ensure that you don't miss anything on your journey. Featuring trails in the upper peninsula and northern and southern sections of the lower peninsula, the book offers you a guided tour of trails in such scenic areas as Mackinac Island State Park, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, and Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness. Hiking Michigan includes the following special features:- Detailed descriptions of 103 trails, including length of trail, estimated time to hike it, and a difficulty rating- 151 easy-to-read park and trail maps- A trail map for each featured trail with points of interest labeled and distance from the trailhead given- Practical information on how to get to parks, park hours, available facilities, permits and rules, and a contact address and phone number- A convenient trail finder grid, which provides a summary of each trail's features and location in the book- A section on nearby points of interest, with contact phone numbers

Written by hiking veterans Roger Storm and Susan Wedzel, the book also provides detailed descriptions of the history, topography, and plant and animal life of each hiking area. Plus, you'll find helpful information on nearby recreational and sightseeing destinations. Whether you live in Michigan or are just visiting, there's no better way to discover the natural beauty of the state than with Hiking Michigan.

About the Author Roger E. Storm and Susan M. Wedzel have been hiking partners since 1982. Together they have trekked the Canadian Rockies, hut hopped in the Alps, and hiked Isle Royale in Michigan. This is the second book they have written together. Roger is a consultant and a former state director for the Michigan Chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. He was also the Michigan coordinator for the first National Trails Day. A resident of Chelsea, Roger's favorite leisure activities include hiking, biking, and reading. A technical writer since 1986, Susan operates her own business Wedzel and Associates which specializes in real estate appraising and consulting. She lives in Chelsea, where she enjoys hiking, reading, and gardening.