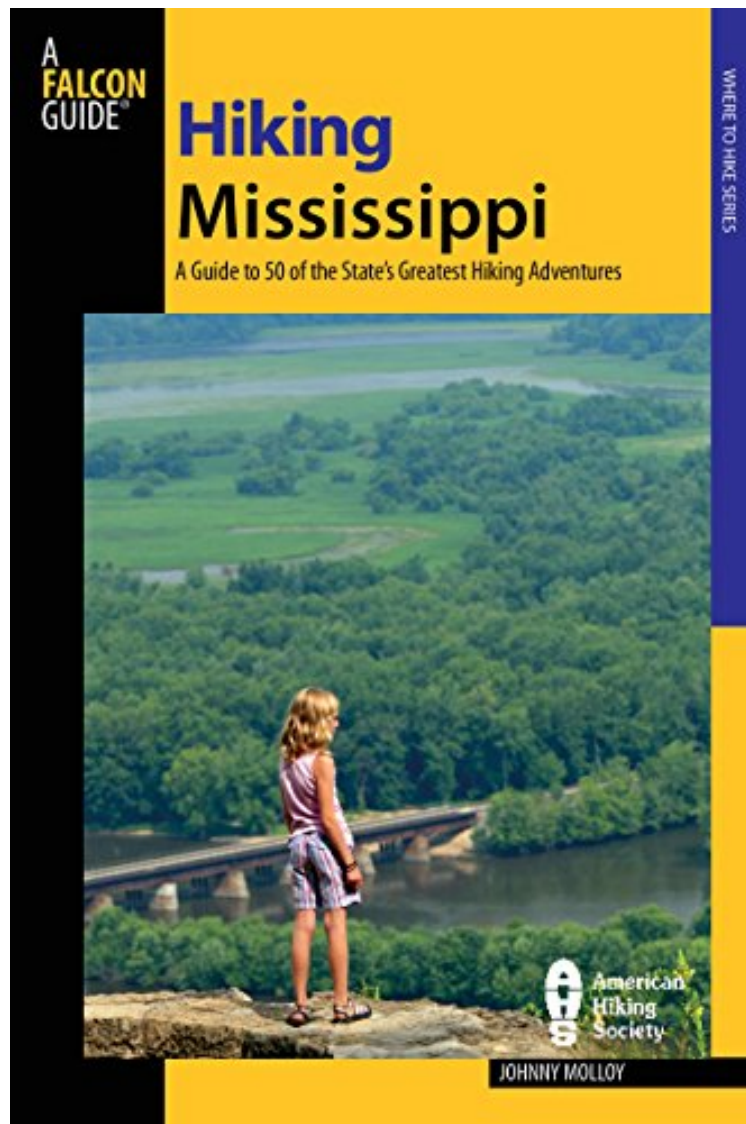


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Johnny Molloy : Hiking Mississippi: A Guide To 50 Of The State's Greatest Hiking Adventures (State Hiking Guides Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hiking Mississippi: A Guide To 50 Of The State's Greatest Hiking Adventures (State Hiking Guides Series):

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with little Mississippi hiking experience, I bought this book hoping for a catalog of the best hiking trails in the Magnolia State. I found some good ideas here, but this book leaves you wondering if this is the best hiking Mississippi has to offer. This guide describes 50 hikes in Mississippi. The entire state is covered from Tishomingo State Park in the northeast corner to Clark Creek Natural Area in the southwest corner and Gulf Islands National Seashore along the Gulf of Mexico. 6 hikes feature the famous Natchez Trace, and all 6 of Mississippi's national forests are covered. The national forest coverage is a real strength of this guide: due to the USFS improving but still mediocre website, good national forest trail information can be hard to find. Each hike contains a nice summary, a solid but sometimes terse trail description, and a trail map (of the typical Falcon variety that I have complained about in many reviews due to their lack of detail and elevation information). The average trail length is around 4 miles, but there are a few very long hikes (10+ miles) that greatly increase this average. Indeed, 17 of the 50 hikes are less than 3 miles long. The guide also includes a couple of bike trails that make for good biking but notoriously unpleasant hiking. That point brings me to the main problem with this guide. While almost every hike in this book is a nice woodland hike, almost none of them feature exceptionally famous or scenic destinations. They are JUST nice woodland hikes. While there is nothing wrong with a nice woodland hike, they are rather plentiful, and therefore you don't really need a hiking guide to find them. I realize that a Mississippi hiking guide needs to be written about trails in Mississippi, so I did not lower the rating too much for this issue, but it is something to keep in mind. In summary, while I was somewhat underwhelmed by the quality of hikes in this guide, it does fill what was previously a void in terms of solid Mississippi hiking guides. This guide is the best book on Mississippi hiking on the market, so if you are planning to do some hiking in the Magnolia State, it probably deserves a spot on your bookshelf.

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Hiking Mississippi details fifty hikes in the Magnolia State, from the Coldwater Nature Trail near the Tennessee state line to the boardwalks at Davis Bayou on the Gulf Coast. Specific emphasis is placed on the most scenic destinations and the unique places that make Mississippi so special—places like rocky Bear Creek, the waterfalls of Clark Creek Natural Area, and the crest of Little Mountain.

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