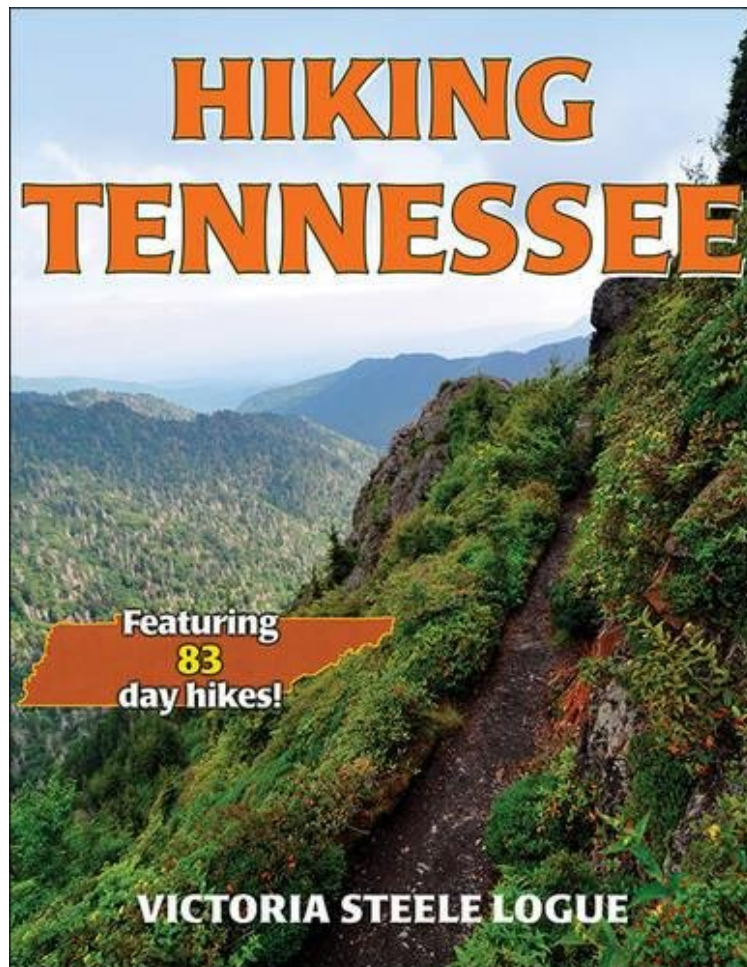


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Victoria Logue : Hiking Tennessee before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hiking Tennessee:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Covers trails not found in any other guide; great level of detail; too much emphasis on short trails and simplistic maps.By Carl NelsonThe good:-Hike descriptions are super-detailed. A few of them might even take longer to read than to hike! Emphasis is given to pointing out natural and historical features found along the trail, making the descriptions far more than simply directions on how to complete the hike.-GPS points are given for virtually every feature identified in the hike descriptions.-This book is an excellent guide to Tennessee's state parks. I think every state park with a trail or path of any sort is featured, with the exception of the two newest that opened within the last few months (Seven Islands and Rocky Fork). On the flip side, all but four of the areas listed are state parks--and there are tons of great places to hike in Tennessee that aren't state parks!-The overview text of each park is extensive, educated, and readable.-I like the "hike finder" chart listing at the beginning, that shows

the types of terrain and natural features found on each trail.-This is a pretty book, well organized and a pleasure to read. The author is both knowledgeable and a clear communicator.The bad:-The trail choice favors very short trails. I count 14 "trails" under 1 mile, and 56 that are under 3 miles. In many cases, significantly better trails at a park are overlooked in favor of short jaunts. As an example, the wonderful 4.5 or so mile Cub Creek Lake Trail at Natchez Trace State Park is well worth a visit to the park for its water features, walk across the dam, combination ridge and bottomland hiking, and optional wire traverse across a stream (not to mention that it's a loop that connects with a pair of beautiful bridges across the lobes of the lake, not a one-way trail as stated in the guide). The Fairview Gullies Trail, a 1 mile loop through astonishing erosive features, is another great choice. But this book gives a full page description of the half-mile Fern Nature Loop instead--a cute interpretive trail, but it's not going to inspire anyone to drive the 100 or so miles from either Nashville or Memphis to hike it, whereas better choices would.-The maps are very simplistic, just black and white drawings of some roads, trails, water features, a few icons, and numbered points along the trail that refer to the legend and text descriptions. In many cases, these numbered features could be labelled on the map with universally understood symbols. No topo lines are shown, so ridgelines are not obvious at all, a glaring oversight. No scale is given. The overview maps of the park frequently don't identify the trailheads for the hikes (and sometimes don't even share any features!), which makes it difficult or impossible to match up the hike detail map to the park map.As an example, see these two maps from the Reelfoot Lake State Park entry. Examining the overview map gives no clue where the trail is in the park. From the legend, it is clear that there are roads and bridges along the hike. Why are those not simply shown on the map with appropriate symbols? The text of the book describes lakeshore, bog, and an air strip along this hike. Why not depict those?-Elevation data isn't readily found. This is a must for any Tennessee hiking book!-The book is a big, heavy 8.5x11" package that I really couldn't see taking on a hike. Hello, scan and print and the questionable copyright law interpretation that entails...Probably more "Walking Tennessee" than "Hiking Tennessee". Good for its coverage of lesser-known trails, but all too frequently these are lesser known because they don't present much in the effort/reward ratio. This volume could have been considerably better with improved maps and more compelling hike choices.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Two great weekends so far...By Linnea BurkeI couldn't wait for this book to arrive. The Logues' Appalachian Trail Hiker got me section hiking the A.T. But now I am dating a guy who wants to hike, but isn't ready for overnights. I looked through the book and flagged hikes that interested me and passed it along. I couldn't believe he picked a trip to the South Cumberland Recreation Plateau.We had a great hike on the Big Creek Rim and Laurel Trails Loop. This is why I love a great guidebook. We discovered a loop we would not have found on our own. Using three trails for one 7.4-mile hike, we enjoyed some spectacular sites on well-maintained trail. The next day we stopped by the Foster Falls Trail for a perfect short hike before heading home.With one idyllic weekend behind us, we headed up to Roan Mountain the next week. I already loved the area, but while I had hiked through on the A.T., I had not done the day hike to Laurel Fork Falls. A little crowded for our tastes, the trail is beautiful. The day recovered when we went up to the A.T. for the hike out and back to Jane Bald.The book is a big 8.5 x 11. This could be a downside, but photocopied front and back, it gave us the one trail directions and maps we wanted with the guidance in picking hikes we needed. Now we are looking at taking on some sections of the Cumberland Trail.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. AwesomeBy Cheryl G OdomAwesome

Hiking Tennessee is your complete guide to 83 of the most scenic day hikes in the Volunteer State. From the Woodland Trail in Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park to the Hidden Passage Trail in Pickett State Park to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, this handy guide will lead you to the best trails throughout the state. In this one-of-a-kind resource, you'll find the following features: Detailed descriptions complete with GPS coordinates for every hike in all three regions of Tennessee Special points of interest, including Civil War era and Native American historical sites; descriptions of the topography, flora, fauna, and climate; estimated hiking time and distance; and difficulty ratings for each trail Phone numbers and websites, park hours and rules, and available facilities for the states most scenic hiking areas Easy-to-read maps for every park and trail to help you navigate your hike and locate landmarks and other points of interest A convenient trail finder that provides a summary of each trails features and available facilities Hiking Tennessee brings to life the history, terrain, wildlife, and natural features of each area. The vivid descriptions of the foliage, animals, and well-known and local historical accounts of each area provide an invitation to explore and experience the trails for yourself. Hiking Tennessee is your guide to enjoying the great outdoors!

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