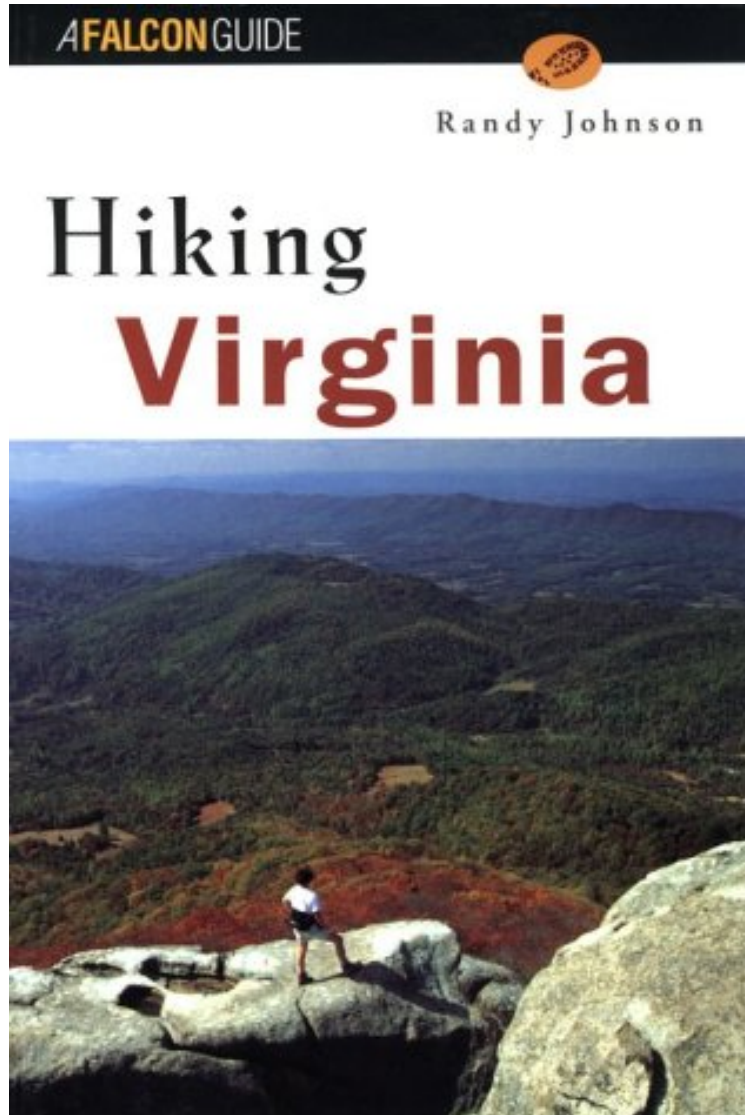


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mentioning water sources. I don't have any recommendations on general hiking guides to Virginia but if the Appalachian Trail is your cup of tea then look no further than Exploring the Appalachian Trail: The Virginias. That series of books is far more detailed than any of the Falcon guides for the area. You'll actually want to take those books to the field because they will do more than just get you to the trailhead and no more like this particular Falcon guide does. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Water Sources??? By A Customer I chuckled at Icapote's review of this book. Duh- if you want an index to water sources on the Appalachian Trail, then buy the Appalachian Trail Guides for heaven's sake! This book does not list all the state's trails or water sources, but it is an inexpensive overview of the state's best trails. It's been really useful and informative for me.

From the Blue Ridge Mountains to rolling forests and farmlands to coastal beaches and islands, Virginia presents a varied landscape with a multitude of hiking opportunities. Hiking Virginia, formerly The Hiker's Guide to Virginia, takes you to the highest point in the Old Dominion--Mount Rogers--and along the beaches of the Assateague National Seashore, through the historic Richmond area, into Shenandoah National Park, and to dozens of hiking areas, some well known, others relatively undiscovered. The guide has been updated and includes phone numbers to call for further information, with recently changed area codes. The book can be used to plan leisurely family strolls, urban walks, and overnight backpacking trips. Hiking Virginia, by travel and outdoor writer Randy Johnson, includes 50 hikes--a sampler of the state's most scenic and historic paths. The book also contains detailed maps for each hike, black-and-white photos that give glimpses of the landscape, and sections of history, geography, and safety. Hiking Virginia is an essential item for all hikers in the Old Dominion.

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