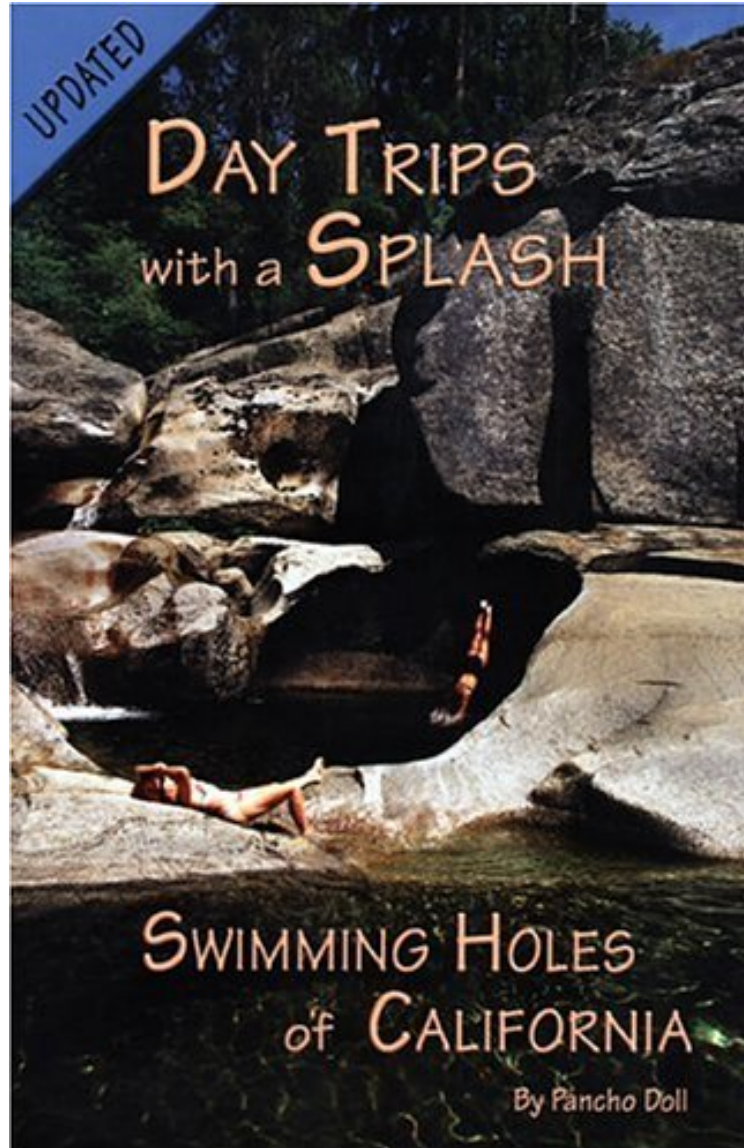


Swimming Holes of California: Day Trips With a Splash

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Pancho Doll : Swimming Holes of California: Day Trips With a Splash before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Swimming Holes of California: Day Trips With a Splash:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Frustratingly FantasticBy DeraldJust to echo some of the other reviews on here - the book has great finds but the directions themselves are often lacking. For instance on page 168 the directions for "Camp 4" are wrong. The book gives the wrong mileage marker from a reference point to Camp 4 (5.4

miles), when I measured it in two different cars at 3.8. And the map text markers don't always match reality. On page 168 the map seems to confuse the "Parking" from "Camp 4." Buy the book and plan ahead - use the net to bolster your directions where you want to go. Be prepared to ask random people for directions to the sites in the book. Follow up (over 1 year since initial posting of my review) - I checked the author's website and he still has wrong maps/directions. The directions are often horrible! And the typos - for instance on page 151 which is for "Stony Slides" he references "Alder Slabs." I've been to both spots and they are nowhere near each other. I am reducing one star because after one year the author's website maintains wrong directions. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pancho Doll is a state of mind... By Melly Lou C. Pancho Doll is a state of mind. This book is more or less my soaker bible, filled with the most sensuous natural swimming holes, Mother Nature has to offer, in the great state of California. The rating system and descriptions are second to none! Yep, I do recommend double-checking your directions, as it hasn't been updated in quite some time, but other than that, thanks Pancho! You're a doll. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great book; difficult directions. By Kaylene Schuh Following this book's directions, we went to the Marble Slides hole. We planned on going to the Marble Forks one, too, but I don't think we found it. Luckily we still had a lot of fun. The directions are more like vague guidelines, it seems. Also, it is confusingly organized; the maps aren't always next to the holes they belong to, due to several holes being on one map, so to find the map you have to flip around. Also, the full-page pictures aren't always of the hole on the adjacent page. My main gripe with this book is the ads for his other books inside this one. I bought a book. Not a bunch of advertisements. If I wanted advertisements, I'd watch television. Still, a worthy buy.

A backcountry tip sheet on where to jump into more than 100 secluded waterfalls, remote two-person tubs, hidden pools throughout the Golden State. All of them are at least six feet deep. All are in creeks and rivers less than three hours from the trailhead. Each entry lists expectation of privacy along with a photo and topographic map with GPS waypoints. Icons indicate the best season to visit, the difficulty of approach, and the overall rating, whether fair, good, excellent or classic. Dog owners can tell at a glance if four-legged hikers are appropriate. Families with small children can easily determine if the journey is a good one for the little dippers.

Pancho Doll (is) America's foremost professional swimming hole sleuth. He lives out of his truck, canvassing small towns for the best places to cool off on a hot day and pacing the area until he finds them. He takes notes and pictures, then heads back to San Diego -- his base, if it can be said that he has one -- to self-publish his own series of regional swimming hole guides. Anyone who has felt the roots of his or her own lice tug too deeply can admire his independence. --National Geographic Adventure July 2003 On steamy summer days, it's tough not to envy Pancho Doll. For the past eight years he's devoted himself to discovering, chronicling, and just plain enjoying the country's choicest swimming holes. Operating out of his battered 1995 Toyota pickup, the 42-year-old San Diego resident has logged more than 250,000 miles, poured over countless topographic maps, pried information from often tight-lipped locals, taken the plunge into upward to 700 holes--and managed to turn out four critically acclaimed guidebooks in his Day Trips with a Splash series. (In case you're wondering, Doll describes a swimming hole as moving water on a river or creek six feet deep or deeper. The water is fresh and clean) Pancho is a swimming hole master guru dude, says actor John C. McGinley (Scrubs) who along with pal John Cusack spent three days last summer cliff diving into some idyllic Southern California spots. He's just got this wonderful combination of expertise, enthusiasm and daffiness. Even today, stumbling upon a fresh beauty is like finding an emerald in a pile of rocks, says Doll. And in its own way, quite precious. It's the feeling or immersion where you wash away the dust and anxiety of the work week, He explains. It's more than a buzz. It's like a baptism. --People magazine August 22, 2005 Pancho Doll (is) America's foremost professional swimming hole sleuth. He lives out of his truck, canvassing small towns for the best places to cool off on a hot day and pacing the area until he finds them. He takes notes and pictures, then heads back to San Diego -- his base, if it can be said that he has one -- to self-publish his own series of regional swimming hole guides. Anyone who has felt the roots of his or her own lice tug too deeply can admire his independence. --National Geographic Adventure July 2003 From the Publisher Running Water guides set a new standard for outdoor books by reproducing topographic maps annotated with GPS waypoints. Thousands bought Global Positioning System receivers only to discover the Catch 22 of satellite navigation. There's no convenient way to save the location of a place as a waypoint until you've actually been there; and once you've been there, you don't necessarily need GPS to get back. Publishing annotated maps means navigation nerds can finally tell where they're going instead of simply where they've been. Our website at running-water.com offers maps for download. Print individual maps on a piece of paper and take on the hike -- way more elegant than carrying the entire book when you only need one page. The downloads are available when you buy the book, complete the reader response card and mail it in for registration. Or you can skip the book altogether by purchasing web access at a fraction of the cover price. Save money. Save trees. Why not? From the Author "You could tell by the dent of the heel and the sole, they was lots of fun on hand at the old swimmin' hole." (James Whitcomb Riley 1849-1916)