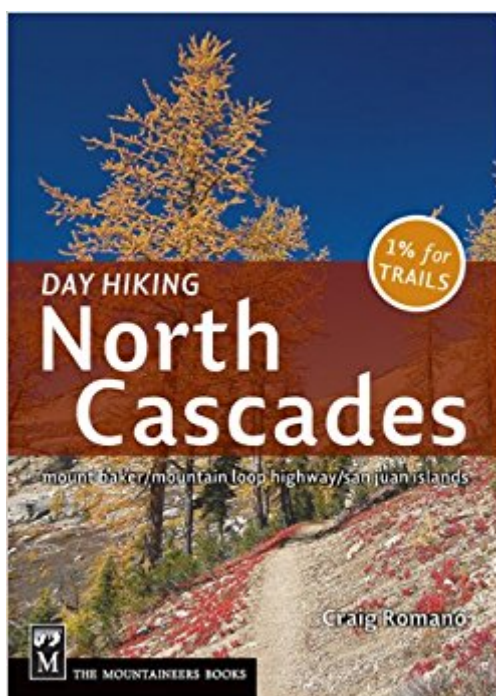


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# Day Hiking North Cascades: Mount Baker, Mountain Loop Highway, San Juan Islands



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\* 125 trails, each rated on an overall-quality scale of 1 to 5\* Quick-reference icons for kids, dogs, views, and more\* Full-color photo insert and overview map\* 1% of sales donated to the Washington Trails Association

Romano is one of the better guidebook writers around. He covers a lot of territory that other guidebooks have passed up."-- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Discover the stunning scenery that abounds in the North Cascades region, where hikers indulge in the drama of steep peaks, deep valleys, and everything in between. This new guide covers the Bellingham area, Mount Baker, the Highway 20 corridor, North Cascades National Park, Winthrop and the Pasayten Wilderness area, parts of Glacier Peak Wilderness, and the Mountain Loop Highway. Compact and fresh with a broad range of hiking options, this is the most up-to-date guide for the area, organized along highway and other travel corridors with an emphasis on trails that are 12 miles or less, round-trip. check out Craig Romano's blog:<http://worldhiker.blogspot.com/>

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Craig Romano is an avid hiker, runner, kayaker, and cyclist. He is the author of *Best Hikes with Dogs Inland Northwest*, *Columbia Highlands: Exploring Washington's Last Frontier*, as well as *Backpacking Washington*, *Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge*, *Day Hiking Olympia Peninsula*, *Day Hiking: North Cascades*, *Day Hiking Central Cascades*, and *Winter Hikes of Western Washington Deck*. Craig lives in Mount Vernon, Washington.

I own a LOT of hiking books for the Pacific Northwest, specifically Washington State (and even more specifically, Eastern WA - but that's another story that some people seem to have a problem with). This is one book I bought especially because the author, Craig Romano, recommended it to me for a hike I was looking to have concerning hiking to a glacier. It doesn't get better than having the author hook you up! Kudos to Craig for being interested in not only hiking Washington but his readers. Like the another book I own, *Backpacking Washington: Overnight and Multi-Day Routes*, each hike is loaded with information about difficulty, distance, elevation gain or loss, when the trail is open, directions to get there, etc. Romano's clearly written descriptions keep the reader both entertained and educated. His use of topographic maps allow you to see before getting there what you'll be up against. This surely is one of the best parts of the book. You keep writing 'em, Craig, and I'll keep buying 'em.

Digital/Kindle edition, 2008... I've got only positive things to say about the choice of hikes and the description to which author Craig Romano adds to the selections. His descriptions are accurate and informative. However, copy editor Julie Van Pelt did a very poor job. I know this is a hiking guide and not a novel, but there is at least one grammar error in practically every hike description. For example, whether it's referring to North Cascades National Park, as National "Pork" (loc. 3526),

granite slabs as "granite slob" (loc. 3449), calling Eldorado peak "Ekdorado" (loc. 3473), forgetting to put spaces between words like "sparklingjewel" (loc. 3391), or things like "...travels,4 very difficult..." (loc. 3544), or the formatting mess (loc. 3689) that is entirely different than the completely bold-faced introductory paragraphs found throughout the guide - instead, this one has random words in bold that just yell at you like a college boy shooting fireworks on the 4th of July. It's painful..."If you want solitude, it's here. There are some fair views..." (loc. 3987). So many mistakes are there, it makes you wonder if the copy was even proof read at all. I point this out in my review because the sheer number of mistakes takes away from the experience of the guide itself and the Mountaineers series in general. The mistakes are simply unnecessary. I give it four stars out of five for content, and the oversight in editing takes it down to three. I've returned this version, and I'll check the hard copy in a brick and mortar store to see if they have updated it.

If you want to find out more about your local hikes grab one of these. Everything in here can be looked up on the internet but there is just a little more to this than what you may find online. I've never seen one of these books in person and I was expecting like a normal size book, about 10" or so. But I was a little surprised upon arrival to see that it's eh maybe 5". Super small book. I had to get online and make sure I didn't buy some cheaper version of it but I guess this is the normal size. And I almost thought it stated "color pages", there's really only a few select pages in color, everything else black and white. I guess for the price if some of the profit actually goes back into the trails, it's not bad but I would really find it a better deal if sold for 10 bucks. 15-20 bucks seems a little much for what it is. Overall pleased though. Thank you!

Excellent for planning trips in North Cascades National Park and Mt Baker Area. Precisely clear descriptions, maps, and most useful, rating - just choose a trip and follow instructions. We already done two hikes from this book and they were absolutely stunning (Winchester Mtn and Maple Pass). I recommend this book for everyone who is visiting North Cascades.

I was shocked when I got this book. It is pretty small, which I guess could come in handy for travel, but it is a little hard to read & find places you are looking for. Nice book, very well made, just don't like the fact that it is a little hard to read because it is so compact.

A very informative hiking book. For each trail, it covers difficulty level, distance, elevation gain, proper season, how to get there, on the trail and maps. Also, it is well organized and easy to look

up.

Very nice book! About half the size of a standard piece of paper, so it fits into a pack with ease. I have others from the same author, all are good! Nice to have options for long and short hikes depending on how much time I have that day. I like reading about hikes in books as they narrow the search compared to online searching. Maps and distances and time are all there. I can go online afterwards if more info is needed.

This book is very thorough, accurate, easy to read, and very inspiring. The pictures are good (although they are green-black and white) and the text is descriptive of all the things you'll see on the trails. The physical size is a bit small, but it does make for a good travel guide that you can stuff in your pack. If this book were produced in a larger size with full color pictures it would be 5+ stars, but it's definitely good enough to warrant a solid 5 stars.

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