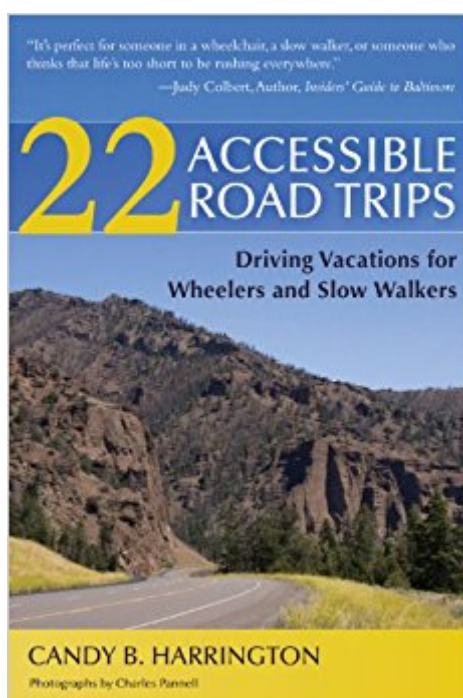


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22 Accessible Road Trips: Driving Vacations For Wheelers And Slow Walkers



Synopsis

Bronze Winner 2012 Foreword Reviews Book of The Year, Travel Guides Category 22 Accessible Road Trips contains useful and detailed information about accessible travel, that's readable, informative and pertinent. The book is aimed at those who use wheelchairs, walkers or just have mobility issues. Organized geographically, the book is divided into 22 chapters, with each chapter detailing a loop driving route that can be completed in approximately 2-3 weeks. The routes are spaced throughout the US, with each route having a theme or a commonality. Each route begins in a gateway city with a major airport, so the trips can also be completed as fly-drive packages. And of course they can always be broken up into shorter trips, or even day excursions. Flexibility is the key with this book, with plenty of opportunity to personalize each route to meet individual tastes, time frames and budgets. Candy includes details about accessible lodging, sites, trails, attractions and restaurants. She also gives readers a real flavor of the drives, with off-the-beaten-path finds, unique roadside attractions and rural driving routes also included. After all, accessibility is in the eye of the beholder and what may be accessible to one person can be filled with obstacles to someone else."

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Customer Reviews

Known as the guru of accessible travel, Candy Harrington has covered accessible travel exclusively for the past 15 years. She's the founding editor of Emerging Horizons and the author of several accessible travel titles, including the classic, *Barrier-Free Travel: A Nuts and Bolts Guide for Wheelers and Slow Walkers*. Harrington's second book, *There Is Room at the Inn: Inns and B&Bs*

for Wheelers and Slow Walkers, is the first guidebook devoted entirely to accessible inns and B&Bs; her third title, 101 Accessible Vacations: Travel Ideas for Wheelers and Slow Walkers, is billed as an accessible vacation idea book. Candy is also a contributing author to Kids On Wheels, a resource guide for wheelchair-using kids and their parents. Candy's work can be found in disability-related magazines, mainstream publications and on-line. She's a frequent keynote speaker at disability conferences and events, and she conducts accessible travel workshops whenever her schedule permits. Candy's focus is consumer-awareness, self-advocacy and sharing accessible travel information, in all of her work. Tape measure in hand, Candy hits the road often, in search of new accessible travel options. She also blogs regularly at BarrierFreeTravels.com, where she shares her insights, resources and opinions on accessible travel. Candy resides in a tiny California mountain village - so small it's not even on the map - with her travel photographer husband, Charles Pannell.

We ordered this for a friend who has had a stroke and thought it would encourage him to try something new.

Very helpful and informative book about places to travel to with or without needing assistance/ it is a marvelous guideline.

This book is a must read for anyone who may need wheelchair access on vacation. The book is well written and has so many great tips. Thanks so much for writing this book.

juvenile. out of date often.

This is a great find. It is hard to read, as a book, but easy to follow as a guide. That's what matters.

Limited and inaccurate information. Lake Placid NY is NOT in New England. Specific New England Iconic Attractions were left out. Maps were limited. It was evident that the author did not have local knowledge of the areas on the East coast.

This book is a reasonable starting point for those vacationing with a wheelchair or mobility scooter, but lacks enough details to be the only guide used to plan a trip. 22 driving routes are sketched out, with a rough diagram of the main roads/highways involved, but no time estimates are given. Yes,

the drives are meant to allow travelers to take their own sweet time, but it would be helpful to know if the route was intended to take 2 days or 10 to complete -- even mileage is left out. Also, no physical addresses are provided for any of the locations (only phone numbers and URLs), so you have to do some sleuthing before locating anything locally. Lastly, each destination generally has only 1 lodging place listed, and often describes one specific room. The specifics are helpful, but woe be two sets of travelers who seek the same lodging. Additional options and fleshed-out directions would have made this guide much more useful.

The author knows her topic firsthand and is also a first class journalist. I recommend this book for everyone who has mobility problems and for parents with little ones in strollers. It's an incredibly thoughtful gift for avid travelers who use wheels or other walking assists.

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