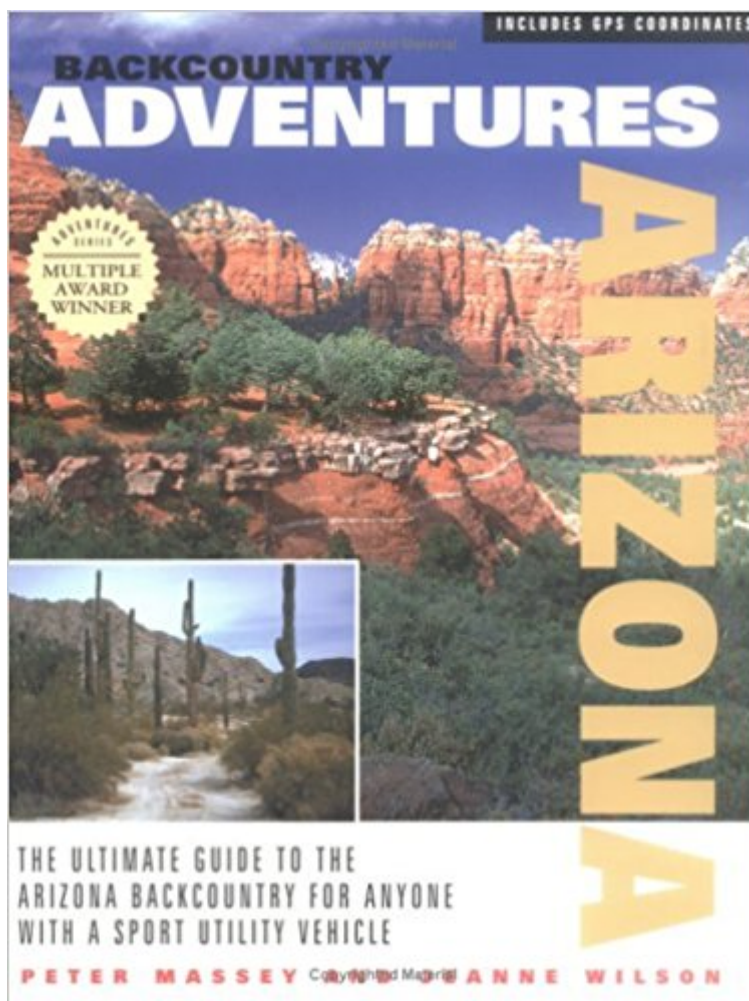


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# Backcountry Adventures: Arizona



## Synopsis

Navigates 2,671 miles of backcountry trails throughout the state. See ghost towns, old mines, old railroads and stage lines along the 157 off-road trails. Directions include GPS coordinates and all trails are rated for difficulty, mileage, driving time, remoteness and more. Descriptions highlight places to camp, hike, mountain bike, fish, and sightsee. Histories recount the days of the Wild West.

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## Customer Reviews

Peter Massey grew up in the outback of Australia, where he acquired a life-long love of the backcountry. After retiring from a career in investment banking in 1986 at the age of thirty-five, he served as a director of a number of companies in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. He moved to Colorado in 1993. Jeanne Wilson was born and grew up in Maryland. After moving to New York City in 1980, she worked in advertising and public relations before moving to Colorado in 1993. After traveling extensively in Australia, Europe, Asia, and Africa, the authors covered more than 80,000 miles touring the United States and the Australian outback between 1993 and 1997. Since then they have traveled more than 25,000 miles doing research for their two guidebook series: 4WD Adventures and 4WD Trails.

As soon as I started reading the book the binding feel apart! They tried to re-glue the binding but it didn't hold. Money down the drain...

Not sure how old some of the pictures are because don't find it looking like that - or even the same

remains. We realize there are people who go to these places and feel it is OK to take a "memento" but it does affect the rest of us. Have been on several new rides because of the book and hope to do more next season.

Ran into an issue on Margie's Trail, Central Region - Trail #17. The guide clearly states the following; "From Arizona 85, the unsigned trail turns off 0.5 miles North of mile marker 134. If you come to two abandoned houses on the East side of the highway, with a trail running alongside the, you are 0.3 miles to far North. The trail entrance is easier to spot when traveling from North to South, AS IT TURNS EAST FROM THE HIGHWAY AND IMMEDIATELY SWINGS SOUTH, ALONGSIDE THE ROAD TO DIP DOWN AND CROSS THROUGH A WASH. IT THEN TURNS EAST AGAIN AND PASSES THROUGH A GATE ALONGSIDE A COUPLE OF CORRALS AND HEDGES WELL." The fence this guide tells you to go through is a PERMANENT FENCE AND CANNOT BE CROSSED (THERE IS NO GATE). The trail is rated 2, the wash this guide tells us to drive through and cross is like quicksand and I got stuck! It is extremely soft because all of the sand settles and accumulates as it tries to travel through a small tunnel across HWY 89. I had a gut feeling that this wasn't the correct way into the trail as I had inspected the area on gmap before departing my household. I walked over to see the fence when I realized it was a permanent fence, no gate and no way through. In another words, i got stuck for nothing. I love the fact that this book covers a lot of trails that others don't. I love the fact that trails are rated 1 through 10. I like the fact that the guides provides us with directions from either side (entrance or exit). I dislike the fact that trails are spread out into several pages! I dislike that the book is big and heavy. This was the first trail I followed, the entrance is incorrect and it got me stuck. Getting stuck is not the books fault I know. But if they had the correct directions to the entrance, I wouldn't of have. Traveling through that soft sand was ridiculous, be warned. I'm weary of following this guide now. 1 trail shouldn't ruin my experience, but I can no longer "trust" its directions. The correct way of getting in is through S. Woods Rd. on mile marker 134. Look it up on gmap, don't follow the initial directions this guide gives us!

I purchased this book because I wanted to use the new Jeep Wrangler I bought to explore areas of Arizona that most other people don't see. This book is tremendous in that it provides great detail in terms of level of difficulty, scenic beauty, history, and wildlife for a wide variety of locations throughout the state. This past weekend, we explored the Parker Canyon Lake and Coronado National Monument areas and the book was invaluable. These locations were just incredible and I

suspect that this book will provide a number of other interesting destinations for years to come for me and my family. Thanks for the work done by all the contributors to this book. Very well done. Look forward to additions to this tome in the future.

Excellent!

Great book in great condition!

I thought this book was a little pricey but it was for a friend so I got it anyway. It was well worth the money, best backroads book I have ever seen.

Great Book. There is a newer version that basically contains the same details.

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