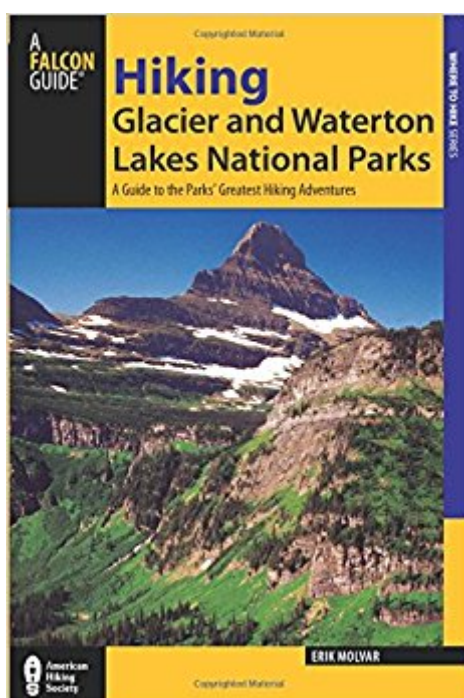


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# Hiking Glacier And Waterton Lakes National Parks: A Guide To The Parks' Greatest Hiking Adventures (Regional Hiking Series)



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Veteran author and backcountry explorer Erik Molvar discovered backpacking while working on a volunteer trails crew in the North Cascades of Washington. He is the author of more than a dozen Falcon Guides for such places as Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness, Olympic National Park, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park, as well as Colorado's Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

My wife retired this year and wanted to plan a cross-country automobile trip; which neither of us had done since college. Our vacations had been airplane rides. The main destination was Glacier National Park. We had not been there since backpacking our nine month old son; he's now 23. We still had the 1986 Ruhle Handbook but decided to update it with this Kindle book. The book has a number of nice features beginning with the "Short Strolls and Nature Walks" section that acknowledges that most visitors do not stray far from the car. The next section, "Trail Finder" lists best hikes by topic (waterfalls, lowland lakes, glacier views, alpine wildflowers, alpine lakes, panoramic views, and backpacks) and sorts by easy, moderate and strenuous. The body of the book contains details for 59 hikes in Glacier and Waterton parks. Each has a line graph showing elevation and distance and this information is also provided in the text for those who are X and Y axis challenged. Each also has a map of general topographic information. We hiked Crypt Lake and Rowe Lakes in Waterton and Highline, Garden Wall to Grinnell overlook, Granite Park to Swiftcurrent, Sperry to Huckleberry Mt. Lookout, and Avalanche Lake. We found it to be accurate and useful. For example since the Avalanche Lake/Trail of Cedars is the most popular in the Park, we took a ranger led interpretive hike.

My comments are mainly regarding the new fourth edition versus the third, but let me first say that I certainly recommend having this guide. I like to hike in the national parks and I've come to rely on the Falcon guides. They break down the trails by general area in the park (Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, etc.) and provide an indication of the difficulty of the hike (easy, moderate, moderately strenuous, and strenuous for the Glacier guide), give you directions to the trailhead, and describe highlights of the trail. Although the book also contains small maps of the trails, except for very short trails one should have a more detailed trail map to actually take on the trails. I didn't notice major differences in terms of the information between the third and fourth editions, though that may just have been because of the particular trails I was interested in hiking for a recent trip, but I'm sure

some info is new or updated. The biggest difference from the third edition is that the fourth edition uses a higher quality paper. That allows for color photographs and nicer maps. The material just looks much nicer, which might encourage you to hike more trails! Unfortunately, the higher quality paper is also heavier. I don't take the book on the trail with me, but if you do it will add a small amount of extra weight. I also liked to pencil in notes about a particular trail in the old edition. You can't do that with the better paper in the new edition, but ink might work. Overall, I certainly recommend this guide, but if you have the third edition it might be a closer call unless your copy is getting worn out.

Took this on our first trip to Glacier and Waterton this summer and I'm very glad we had it! Hikes are grouped by area and numbered for quickly finding the right one. We did several day hikes and just one overnight backpack and this guide helped us determine what to do in each part of the parks. Good color pictures, elevation profiles and gain/loss, GPS coordinates, and trail descriptions as well as instructions for parking and general tips. Extremely helpful. The only thing I don't love about the book is the difficulty ratings it gives. Mostly accurate but we found the "moderately strenuous" hike to Lincoln Lake to be very hard and the trail was very overgrown and this was not mentioned in the two page description in the book, so parts of it need to be updated. But the logistical information is all current and correct as far as I experienced so next time I'll look online (TripAdvisor, maybe?) for trail conditions

This book is beautiful in visual aesthetics and content. The colored pictures are inspiring and a teaser to want to see it in person. The maps are very informative and easy to read. The descriptions are thorough and well written. I had gotten some books out of the library to try to determine what I wanted to buy to help us prepare for our visit to hike and camp Glacier National Park. I was discouraged, but I found this book on . I read the reviews from the other editions, and then this edition. The author has clearly listened to the reviewers and has made a visually stimulating and informative tool to hike this National Park calling us to come and explore!

This is a great book for touring the national parks around the area. It's an excellent guide to find things to do on vacation. I like the layout and the easiness to interpret. Would recommend

My perception of hiking has completely changed after using this guide. Each and every trail in Glacier is explained with trail profile and description. This will help in deciding various hikes based

on your mood, stamina and willingness in the morning. We were able nicely mix and match various hikes to optimize the trip. If you are going to Glacier and a serious hiker, I highly recommend this.

This guide is nicely laid out and well illustrated. The maps are pleasantly legible, but they have no graticule and no contours, so they are not useful for actual navigation. The occasional waypoint coordinates could be helpful if they included the map datum. This guide is fine for planning at home, but not really useful for use in the field.

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