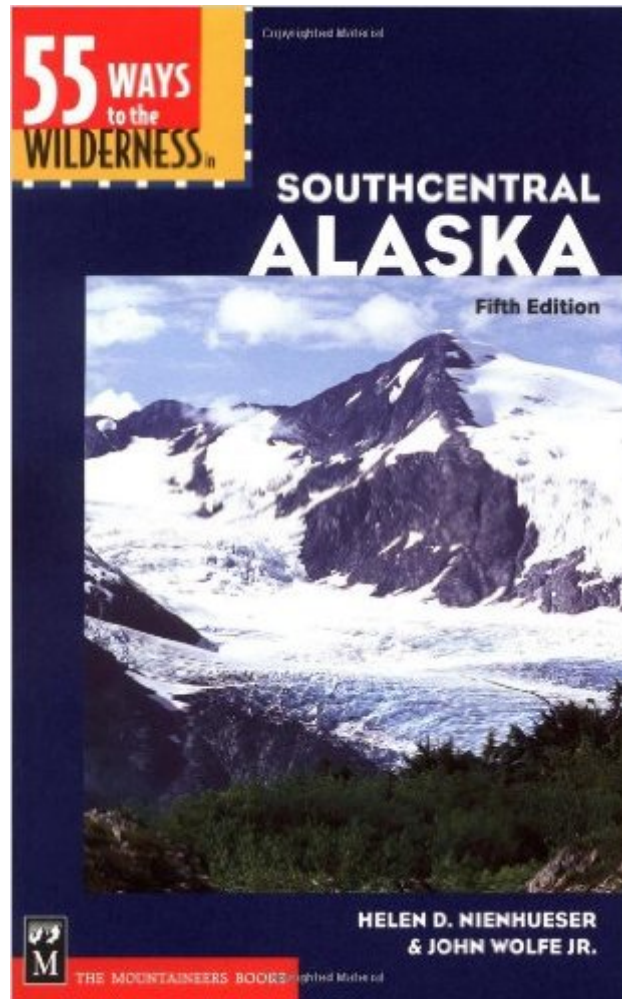


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# 55 Ways To The Wilderness In Southcentral Alaska



## Synopsis

An indispensable resource for hiking, skiing, paddling, and climbing the backcountry of Southcentral Alaska. All trips completely updated with seven new, comprehensive trips, and 18 new side trips. 70,000 copies of previous editions sold! The most current information on newly available maps and new trip summary tables for easy trip planning. From woodland and tundra hikes to float trips and winter excursions, there are actually over 135 ways to discover the Southcentral Alaska in this book. Completely revised, it includes seven new trips, such as the Kesugi Ridge, a four-day high country trek in Denali State Park. Also included is information on the recently refurbished Valdez Historic Trail, and on Shoup Bay, a new trail in Prince William Sound that combines an easy beach walk with a glacier and iceberg studded final destination. Two convenient trip summary tables provide easy trip comparisons by location, length, level of difficulty, season to go, and suitability for children. The book also provides maps and helpful information on such things as finding public transportation to some of these amazing destinations.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a MUST HAVE book for any visitor or Alaska resident who wants to get out and about and enjoy the outdoors in this part of Alaska. Those of us who have lived in Alaska for many years still use this book every summer for our day trip or weekend adventure planning, as well as for longer trips. I give this book as a gift to both summer visitors and people who have just moved here. It is accurate, clearly written, has good maps, easy directions to the trail heads and has the necessary safety information for folks not used to things like mosquitos, bears, and stream crossings. I get the

latest edition every time it comes out to check out the most up to date trail information.

South Central Alaska holds most of the population and receives many of the visitors to Alaska. It also includes those parts of the Alaskan wilderness most accessible to the average hiker. This guidebook is designed to provide both residents and visitors with a selection of hiking possibilities spread across the Anchorage Bowl, the Kenai Peninsula, the Matanuska Valley on the way to Denali, and the Copper River Basin on the way to the port of Valdez. The hikes range in challenge from those suitable for the merely fit to those intended for the extremely fit. The book is broken down first by general geographic area and then further into a description of each hike. Information provided includes distances, estimated travel time, elevation change and a difficulty rating. Descriptions include how to get to the appropriate trailhead and sketch maps for the actual route. The book has a good selection of photographs that provide a sense of scale for the terrain. An introductory chapter discusses the hazards of hiking in Alaska, including the weather and the wildlife. This guidebook is highly recommended to the resident and to the visitor for an informed choice on where to hike in South Central Alaska.

I purchased this prior to an Alaskan vacation, knowing that I wanted to see the scenery close-up and in-person. This guide lists lots of hikes in the Southcentral Alaska region and includes difficulty ratings, distances, and best season for hiking. It also included much additional information such as if the hike was suitable for children which I found very useful. The only thing I would have liked that wasn't included would be more about the hiking trails within Anchorage itself. But the city - understandably - probably doesn't meet the author's definition of "wilderness". I would recommend this guide to anyone visiting the area.

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Awesome guide book for hikes in South Central Alaska. I have been to the area five times over the last ten years and enjoy hiking and exploring new trails. I have two editions of this book. It has been a wonderful resource in selecting hikes that were appropriate for various traveling companions. Very detailed with all the necessary information to help you get the most out of your Alaskan outdoor adventures.

excellent, well researched with plenty of insight. Covers the idea of traveling with children or a highly technical trip. great book, but VERY specialized for the area. Once you are up here you will realize there is only so much you can adapt for an area 1/3rd the size of the continental US. out of all the

trips there are 20 I am considering doing in the near future. Excellent book and updated on a regular basis. Great insight as to what to bring on all trips.

I got this as a birthday gift prior to moving up to Alaska. After a year of hiking and consulting this book about available hikes, I would say this is a great resource for hiking the Chugach. It doesn't provide the best maps in the book itself, but the trail descriptions are really well done. Definitely a reference for the bookshelf!

I have an older version of this book. 1985. I have lost 2 copies and given away numerous ones. A must have if you REALLY want to do Alaska right..

This was a gift for my niece...a good update and a must for southcentral Alaskans that like to hike in our beautiful state.

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