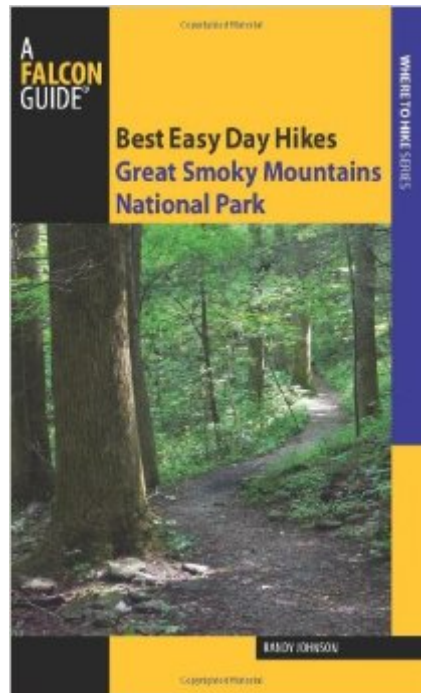


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# Best Easy Day Hikes Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Best Easy Day Hikes Series)



## Synopsis

Best Easy Day HikesÂ Great Smoky Mountains National Park includes concise descriptions of the best short hikes in the area, with detailed maps of the routes. The 22 hikes in this guide are generally short, easy to follow, and guaranteed to please.

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Not a bad book and decent to use for general planning for day hikes. However i highly recommend buying a large general park map when planning your itinerary. (Ranger station sells them for \$1 but i dont know how to get it ahead of time). The book classifies items into four park quadrants, but that doesnt mean each quadrant has the same park entrance. For that information necessary to plan a trip w multiple hikes on the same day, a map w the trails was necessary. My favorites:- Laurel falls: go past the waterfall about 0.5-1 mile to see the old grove- Grotto falls: go past the waterfall quite a ways to Bushy mountain to see an awesome view- auto trails not in this book: roaring fork, Newfoundland gap. Get the guides from the ranger station

The book was very helpful in finding and navigating trails. Specifically, we did 4 hikes/excursions from this book (all near Gatlinburg) and the info was very accurate and helpful. Until you go there and get a feel of the park & access to it, it is hard to imagine. The Grapeyard Trail is surrounded by rhododendrum so the trail often feels like you are walking through a cave of them. I can only imagine how beautiful it must be in the springtime. I'd love to go back.

I bought several guide books for my recent trip to GSMNP but this one was the one we used the most and it is small enough to take with you on the hikes. It has maps of the trails which helped a lot as this park is sorely lacking in the map department unless you can find the topo map at the visitor center store, the map the park gives out is useless and could be dangerous in my opinion. Get the topo map and use this guide for best results.

This guide is handy and a perfect size to carry with you into the park and onto the trail. This book is well organized and it is easy to find just the right hike for whatever plans you have. The book starts with general information and a safety brief. Each trail has complete information, maps, and advice all bundled into a few easy to read and understand pages. I have Falcon Guides for hiking and scenic drives and this book is a great addition to my library.

I visit the Smoky Mountains annually in autumn. I am making my way through his trail book. The Greenbriar and Big Creek (NC Waterville exit) areas of the park are my favorite. This book has good descriptions and have been spot on for day hikers like me. Buy the book and some hiking boots and hit the trails.

This guide is a great little tool. They have all sorts of different categories for experienced hikers to beginners and even families with children. The hikes are broken down into areas and include length, distance and even tips for each hike. I can't wait to use it this summer!

This is a handy, easy to read and follow trail guide. The trails are listed in sections of the park, so where ever you are, you can plan a hike to your ability.

Worth the money. Wish it had more hikes listed but for just starting out hiking this is perfect. I recommend also getting the map of the Great Smoky Mountains. (Found here: [http://www..com/gp/aw/d/1566953014/ref=mp\\_s\\_a\\_1\\_1?qid=1436012608&sr=8-1&pi=AC\\_SY200\\_QL40&keywords=smoky+mountain+map&dpPI=1&dpID=51a1eQZBmOL&ref=plSrch](http://www..com/gp/aw/d/1566953014/ref=mp_s_a_1_1?qid=1436012608&sr=8-1&pi=AC_SY200_QL40&keywords=smoky+mountain+map&dpPI=1&dpID=51a1eQZBmOL&ref=plSrch) ) The two together were very helpful. Love the smokies!!

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