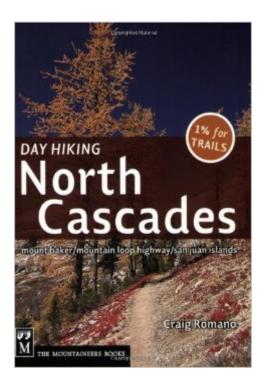
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Day Hiking North Cascades: Mount Baker, Mountain Loop Highway, San Juan Islands





Synopsis

Discover the stunning scenery that abounds in the North Cascades region, where hikers indulge in the drama of steep peeks, deep valleys, and everything in between. This new guide covers the Bellingham area, Mount Baker, the Highway 20 corridor, North Cascades National Park, Winthrop and the Pasayten Wilderness area, parts of Glacier Peak Wilderness, and the Mountain Loop Highway. Compact and fresh with a broad range of hiking options, this is the most up-to-date guide for the area, organized along highway and other travel corridors with an emphasis on trails that are 12 miles or less, round-trip. Includes detailed route descriptions with difficulty ratings, a handy Hikes-at-a-Glance chart, easy-to-use topographic maps, elevation profiles, crystal-clear directions with drive-times from major cities and junctions, nearby camping options and info on how to extend your hike, details on flora and fauna, historical trails, trail advocacy, and much more!

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Customer Reviews

I have another guide, Exploring Washington's Wild Areas: A Guide for Hikers, Backpackers, Climbers, Cross-Country Skiers, Paddlers, which is another excellent reference for hikers. That book is more comprehensive and a bit larger than this Day Hiking North Cascades: Mount Baker, Mountain Loop Highway, San Juan Islands book. The former, albeit a bit dated (first published in the 90's) covers longer backpacking treks as well as the shorter day hikes that are in the latter (first published in 2008). I just wanted to contrast the two, as they are both excellent guides for different applications. I needed a more portable book to lug around in my backpack featuring shorter day hikes, as I'm lucky if I get one day off per week. I live in Skagit County, right smack in the middle of the hikes featured in this book, and based on others' reviews, I decided to buy this one. I'm glad I did! It is extremely thorough and well-written. The author, Craig Romano, clearly has an appreciation for the area and does a wonderful job of classifying each one of the hikes based on rating, difficulty, distance, elevation, and what season the specific hike is open. There are also other features outlined, such as dog-friendly, bike-friendly, camp locale, etc. There are many photo's showcasing the highlights to each one of these hikes.

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