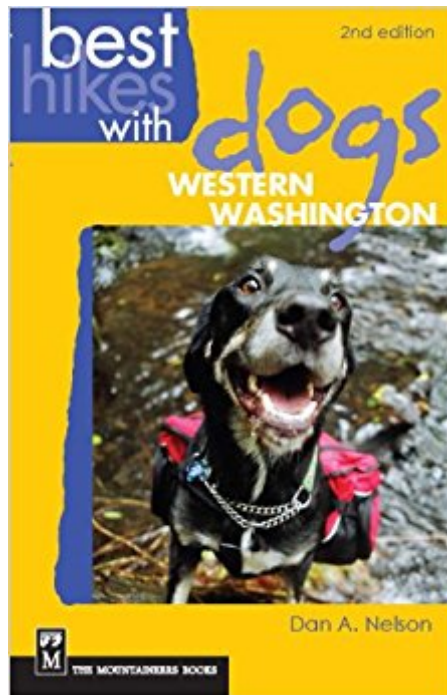




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# Best Hikes With Dogs Western Washington



## Synopsis

CLICK HERE to download the backpacking trip to "Cathedral Rock" and the hike to "Scatter Lake" from Best Hikes with Dogs Western Washington, 2nd Edition\* Guidebook of more than 80 hikes chosen specifically for dog owners and their four-legged trail companions\* In a national-park heavy region, Best Hikes with Dogs Western Washington, 2nd Ed. shows you where the dog-legal trails areA great reference for everyone who enjoys hiking with their dog, Best Hikes with Dogs: Western Washington, Second Ed., adds twenty-five new hikes to the sixty in the first edition. Each trail is carefully selected for its scenic value, its lack of crowds, and its safety for dogs. Hikes range from easy 3-mile strolls to routes that require dogged determination, such as the 33-mile trek to Rimmel Lake. These dynamic trails will leave your dog begging for more. Just don't forget to bring water!Best Hikes with Dogs: Western Washington, Second Ed. includes the Ten Canine Essentials and gives pointers for sharing the trail with others. Popular guidebook author Dan Nelson covers everything from first aid for dogs and guidelines for the leave-no-trace ethic to detailed directions and an at-a-glance comparison chart of the difficulty level, best season to go, and scenic highlights of every hike.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

DAN NELSON is the author of numerous guidebooks, and creator of three best-selling national series: Snowshoe Routes series, Best Hikes with Dogs series and new Day Hiking series. He served as the executive editor of Signpost for Northwest Trails, published by Washington Trails

Association, between 1992 and 2003. He currently serves as the Public Information Officer for the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, and heads The Gear Institute, a network of outdoor gear testers in America dedicated to providing professional, objective, and helpful advice. He writes "Getting in Gear" as a columnist for The Seattle Times, and is a frequent contributor to Backpacker.

The book was concise, and very helpful, my wife and I have taken our two dogs on 4 of these hikes and each hike the author outlined the pro's and con's of the hike to our liking. We only had one hike where the ball was dropped somewhat, it was stated that the road would lead us into the mountains but failed to mention that once off the asphalt, the road became one lane, with very deep potholes and then the road became about 3/4 of one lane with very steep dropoffs and limited turnoffs. We plan on using the book for many other hikes the remainder of the summer and into fall.

This book is pretty great for hiking with dogs. So far our dog Bella has loved everyone we've taken her on. The organization of the hikes can be a little challenging at times but overall the hikes are searchable by a map in the front. The ratings for each hike are spot on which makes it easy to ease into hiking for the season and I love the hiking with dogs tips. It is a little outdated so some hikes have changed their leash requirements and I believe one hiking trail has been closed down for sometime (silent spring). Overall, a great book.

So this book is good for giving you easy go to hikes in Washington where you don't have to find out if dogs are okay. It would be nice if in the info it told you what passes are required; however, my biggest complaint are the directions. Each hike has a map included, which is nice, the problem is getting to the part of the map where the trail starts. The driving directions are often just plain wrong. They haven't been updated as the forest roads have been improved or rerouted, so the direction to turn left in so many miles onto FR-#### are often unhelpful because the road may no longer go to that point or they may no longer be a sign. I thought it might just be me, but friends borrowing the book had the same complaint and when we compared the directions beforehand to a newer forest map, they were sometimes so completely off that they would have brought us into completely different trailheads. Occasionally on the trail if we had the book with us, the trail directions were off too, it's like they just updated the book without finding out that the trails had changed. So use this book as an idea source, not a trailguide.

I recently adopted a beagle-german shepherd puppy, and although he is too young and not trained

well enough to take hiking yet, I plan on taking him hiking every weekend in the future. This book caught my eye because it's written specifically for hikers with dogs. It provides great background information on the steps necessary to getting yourself and your dog ready for hiking, including how to make your own survival kit. The author's humor is great and very easy to relate to. He provides almost step by step descriptions of what each hike provides, and rates it on a scale of 1-4 for day hikes or backpacking trips. The hikes he includes are located within the Cascade Mountain Range and are divided among location (north, central or south) within the mountains. He also includes dog hiking etiquette, safety and first aid tips. This book is an excellent read for those interested in hiking with their dogs, or hiking in Washington in general. It will definitely be in my hiking bag come next spring!

Bought it to plan a road trip with my dog. Haven't used it yet, but based on other reviews will check other sources for trailheads. Seemed lacking in hikes in Southwest Washington. Will be of some use, so worth the \$10.

This book is wonderful, I've used it for this summer and my dogs and myself are enjoying the hikes very much.

We have already taken our dog on a couple of the trails. We are building up for a 4 day backpacking trip with our Corgi, so we've been trying to get him conditioned for long hikes. It is working well! This book also has a lot of great information about preparedness and first aid for dogs.

Still learning my way around how to use the book

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