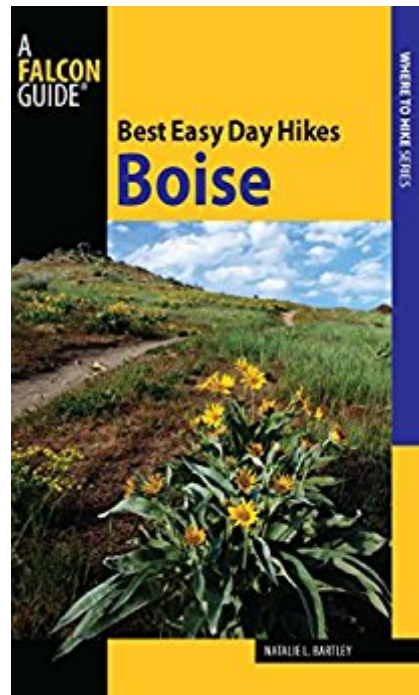




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Best Easy Day HikesÂ Boise includes concise descriptions of the best short hikes in the area, with detailed maps of the routes. TheÂ 17 hikes in this guide are generally short, easy to follow, and guaranteed to please.

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Customer Reviews

For people planning how to spend time during a vacation/camping trip in Boise, or for newcomers to the area, this book of Easy Day Hikes is a winner. Most of these hikes are comfortable, doable, and give you a nice sense of place.N.B.: Although the book and the posted signs say that dogs must be leashed or within voice control on particular trails, this is a growing problem in Boise. Expect to encounter unleashed dogs, and their waste, with no sign of an owner anywhere. Some dogs are aggressive. Take a walking stick with you if this is a concern. Also, many bike riders either never learned or have forgotten trail manners. Be patient with them, but be prepared for you and your family or group to leap off the trail if some inconsiderate bike rider comes whipping at you with, apparently, no brakes.

In the 1970s, while growing up in Boise, the city fathers came up with a neat new slogan for the town: Boise is Brighter. Being a rather sullen teenager, I often wondered, "brighter than what." Having since travelled all over the country, I can honestly say, brighter than just about anywhere. Boise has more to offer than just the best college football team in the country; it has outdoor recreation that few urban areas can match, beginning with a green belt system along the entire Boise River. The latter was the inspiration for many similar "greenbelts" around the country, but few can match what Boise has. And for the most part, outsiders have no idea just how "wild" Boise is. That may change with this new book by Natalie Bartley. *Best Easy Day Hikes: Boise* is the latest in Falcon Press's very popular series on day hiking. Like other books in this series, this title features detailed directions to trailheads, careful route descriptions with regular point by point trail features to keep you on route. Like all recent Falcon guidebooks, this features GPS coordinates as well and the classic sketch maps continue to be accurate. On the other hand, this book does feature more rigorous hikes than are found in the typical "Best Easy" title. Hiking on the Boise Front can be challenging, especially after rain or snow, or during summer heat. I was very impressed with the selection Bartley offered. Reading through her book was, for me, a trip down memory lane as I recalled some of the trails I had first explored as a child with (and later without) the company of my parents. Stack rock, the Bruneau Sand Dunes, Table Rock, and Hulls Gulch are all featured prominently in this book, as are newer trails on the Boise Front. All are worth exploring. I don't get back to Boise as often anymore but the next time I go, I will be taking this book along. Highly recommended.

This book was really cheap, but it also barely has any good hikes in it.

This is a very comprehensive book, great for a beginner hiker or someone new to the Boise area. There are maps included and online resources which are further helpful.

I thought the book would be in color. Kind of disappointed in the size of the book (pocket size) and no color. Other than that, hikes look good!

Nice compact guide for the Boise trail areas.

On time and a good book for planning hikes.

I have started hiking these starting a few months ago when it got warm enough (there are a few included in this wonderful little book that are year-round, noted as such) and I have to say I'm very pleased with the effort. All the hikes are outlined easily and trailheads denoted with both lat/long coordinates in DD MM.MMM. I wish there was one more decimal place, but that's the nitpicker in me talking and described with directions, usually from downtown. Handy. The selection is great and varied, from really the really easy to the somewhat more arduous, again all clearly outlined in the hike notes. Clear, uncluttered diagrams show the main points on the hike. Included are various pieces of information about the Boise area in general and of course the hike in particular that makes for enjoyable cultural reading. Every weekend sees me going out, either by myself or with my son but we're never alone due to this superlative book. 5 well-deserved stars!

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