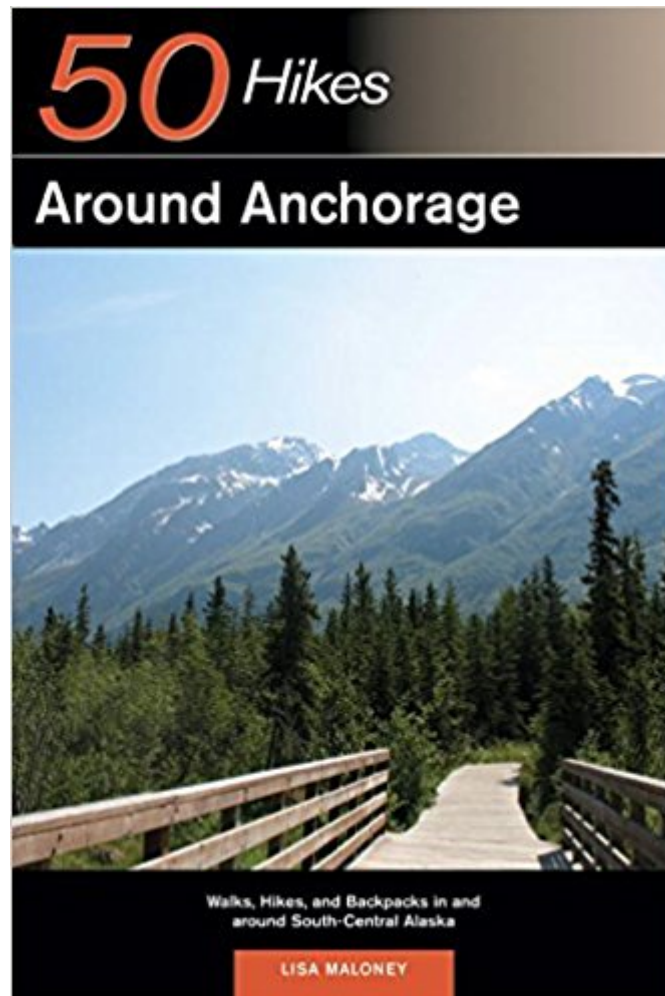




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The best hikes in and beyond the web of trails that covers the Anchorage area, from well-known treks to little-known gems. 50 Hikes Around Anchorage is your guide to exploring everything in this hub of cultural and outdoor life, from never-before-published wilderness routes to miles of mountain footpaths and National Recreation Trails. All hikes are within a 30-minute drive of the city and include such sites as the Iditarod Trail, Campbell Tract, Rendezvous Peak, Mount Baldy, and so much more. Routes pass over foothills and alongside streams, showcasing the region's natural beauty and pristine wilderness areas. You'll find cultural and natural history on each of the routes, detailed directions to the trailheads, GPS coordinates, topographic maps, information on local rules and regulations, and details on Leave No Trace ethics. 50 black-and-white photos and 51 black-and-white maps

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Customer Reviews

Lisa Maloney is an avid hiker and snowshoer who has lived in Anchorage, Alaska, since 1988. As the outdoors columnist for the Anchorage Press, Maloney has had the opportunity to document popular local hikes as well as little-known gems.

I moved to Anchorage a few years ago. I wasn't hiking much. I'm not embarrassed to say, I have a healthy respect for the bears. After all, I am a nurse and I've seen what a bear can do when surprised, or angry. Wanting to hike I bought this book and a couple of others. I noticed in one hike

the author listed some wrong driving directions. No big deal. But now I take the book out and go for a hike only to get lost because of her BAD directions. I happen onto a guy who just happened to have built the trail system in Kincaid. He looked at the map and said "Nope, this map and info are wrong". To boot, my map in my GPS looks different than hers. So..... Unless you are interested in dying in the woods outside of Anchorage, don't bother with this book....

This helpful book has a table in the front that tells at-a-glance where (in relation to Anchorage) the trail is located, the distance in miles, the expected completion time in hours, how strenuous it is, and what terrain one can expect to encounter. The write-up for each individual hike is entertainingly written and made me want to visit each location. There are good directions for finding the trailheads and for staying on the main path or venturing into less-traveled territory. I quite enjoyed this book and wish I'd had more time in Alaska to discover even more of the area's beauty.

This guide is fine for the contents, but the kindle copy should have handled tables better (the original table is spread over two pages on printed version). On the other hand, the kindle version has useful hyperlinks to websites and maps can be zoomed in on the Kindle version. Overall, however, I have found another guide (a Falcon book) more useful for hikes around Anchorage for me.

This is an excellent hiking guide for the greater Anchorage area. It has accurate and detailed narrative trail information, great contour maps, fine photographs of the exact trail area landscape and vital landmanager information for every hike. Don't leave home without it.

We use this often when heading out for a hike

Super helpful. The descriptions are spot on.

I liked this hiking book a lot! It had some hikes that weren't in some of the other books for Anchorage. It was easy to navigate and I mainly liked that it had a lot of hikes close by!

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