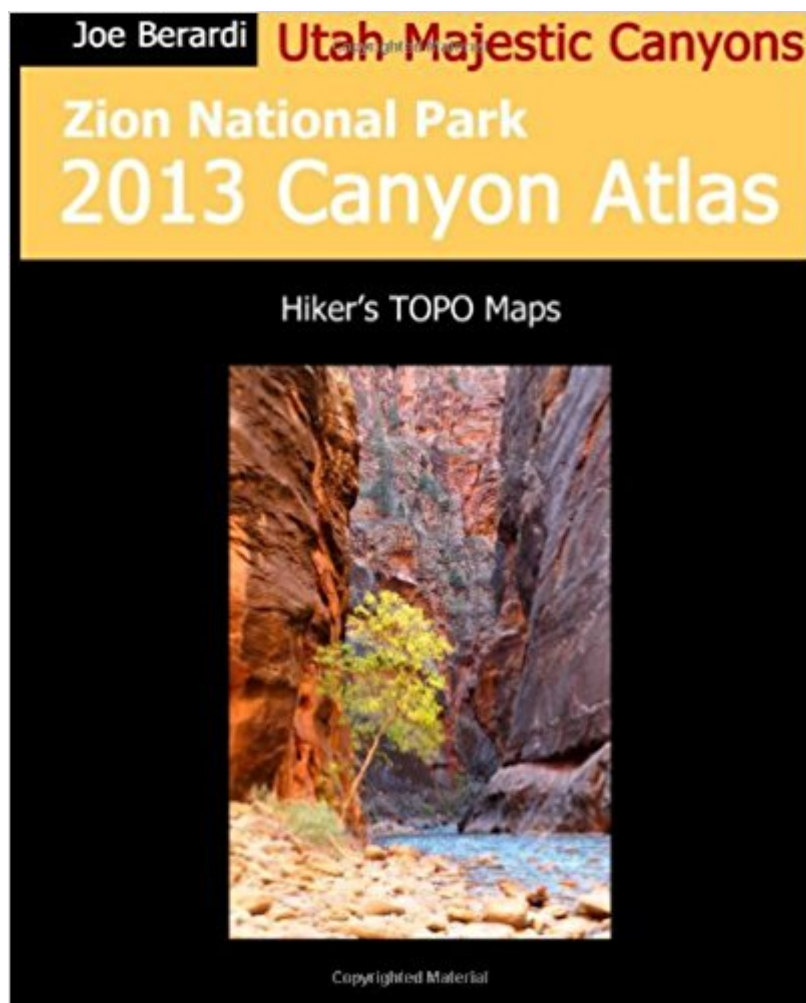




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Synopsis

Zion National Park has a reputation of being one of America's best scenic and hiking adventures. This park is located in the southwestern corner of Utah. It is known for towering cliffs, steep canyon walls, colorful rock spirals, arches and great panoramic views. The upper Narrows and the Subway are both destinations for just about every southwest landscape photographer capable of remote canyon hikes. This atlas is essential for planning successful hikes in the Zion National Park wilderness. The Zion National Park 2013 Canyon Atlas: Utah Majestic Canyons is a compilation of topographical maps that are required by any hiker attempting to hike the remote and rugged canyons of Zion National Park. The custom detailed maps make finding and hiking these majestic canyons much easier and the maps have key GPS coordinates for finding the trailheads, canyon entrances or milestones along the hike. This book of maps eliminates the anxiety of trial and error hiking for exploring some of the best canyon adventures in the United States. This atlas eliminates the need to buy multiple 7.5x7.5 quad maps for a single hike and pays for itself by not having to buy multiple high resolution maps. The author has wrestled with large maps on a windy day and has produced an atlas that is a pleasure to use out on the trail. The featured canyon hikes in this book include: Angels Landing, Emerald Pools, Hidden Canyon, Observation Trail, Riverside Walk, Kolob Arch, Taylor Creek, The Subway and The Narrows. This book makes an excellent supplement to the author's "Slot Canyon Hikes & Adventures" book and or any other hiking books for this area.

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2 maps in the 40+ page book cover the route we are taking but the book lacks the middle day and half of the hike. The book should contain maps for the space between Kolob and West Rim including Lava Point, but does not. Looks like good detail on the East Rim or Narrows, but a lot of the maps seem unnecessary - the key hot spots in Zion are not what I need a book of maps for. The maps seem to be in a very odd order as well. Why not map the whole park to the same scale and make the trails easy to see? GPS coordinates were on some pages but not for any trail you would have trouble finding. This could be great - color printed with elevation markers, but the author needs to think about who is purchasing and why - you won't find details on most hikes beyond a day trip and a GPS coordinate at the trail head is generally unnecessary - how about a few points along the way where paths diverge? The other reviewers comment on font is also true- the font sometimes covers vital details of other trails. I've not canyoneered so I don't know if the Narrows or Subway maps would help. Seems like a pretty straightforward route where these maps would be unnecessary, but if you want elevation and GPS details of the canyon, you do get that. No current, caution, or river info.

I'm a big time map lover and was eager to use this Atlas in preparation for and during an upcoming trip to Zion. Unfortunately, these are low grade maps, sub-par to professional-level maps from companies such as Kroll, Rand McNally, Mapquest, Google, Apple, etc.. Specifically, the maps are missing basic details, such as labels on some roads and trailhead identification. Also, the labels and legends on the maps are nonprofessional (unnecessarily large and covering key map detail). This appears to be a self-published book, or published by a very small and amateur-level publishing company. Not ready for prime time, at any price. I returned this book the same day that I received it.

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