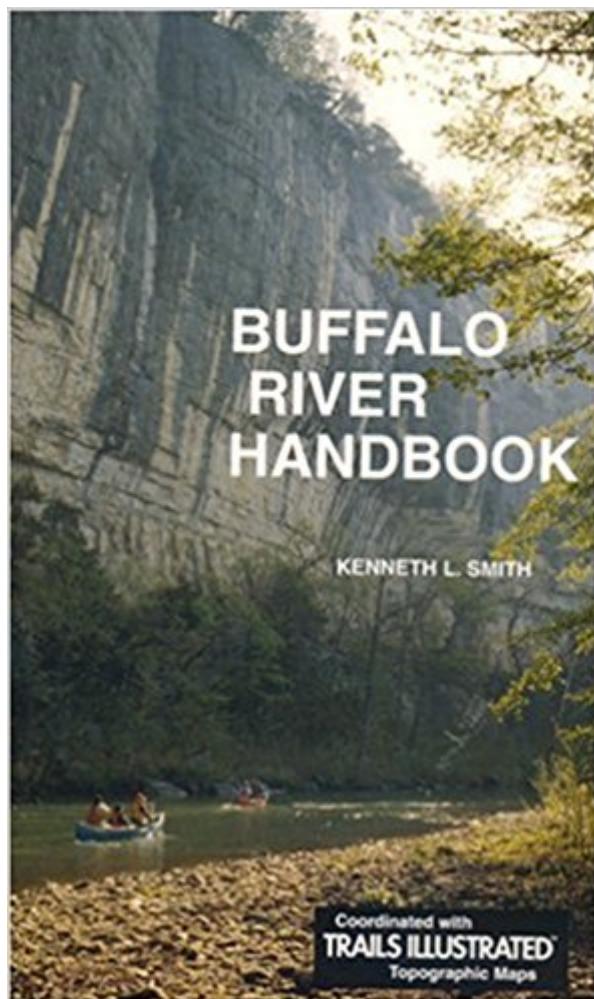


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Most guidebooks are the short version with a description of equipment, easy or hard points of the trail or waterway, and so forth. This book is the long version and goes beyond the how-to of hiking or boating. As I've gotten older, this has become more and more important to me. If you are interested in going beyond the excitement of the moment of conquering a rapid, or looking out on a scenic overlook, this book should cover your niche. It's good to know what you are looking at. It will add some weight to the pack but, worth the effort to carry it.

I purchased this book for a recent trip down the Buffalo. I primarily wanted the mile-by-mile descriptions to help to know what to not miss on the river. The author provides a lot of information in one place and a level of detail that is probably not available anywhere else. I believe this is considered the definitive guide to the river. My biggest complaint is the seemingly endless geological formation descriptions. These are great if you are a geologist or geology enthusiast but become wearisome when you're just trying to find out what's ahead. (I understand Mr Smith's passion for geology and find some of it quite interesting but this is too much.) Too late now, but he probably should have included a separate mile-by-mile geologic description section instead of embedding this in the rest of the river description. Also, the author mentions that the Trail Illustrated maps are essential to use with the book, prompting me to order them. I found them useful but not much more so than the USGS maps I already had.

Excellent reference manual to read before going to the Buffalo River valley for floats or hikes. You can tell the author is a geologist, as he is constantly referring to the rocky bluffs and such by their proper geologic names, heh

This book gives a history of the geology, settlement and mile by mile descriptions of the beautiful Buffalo National River. In conjunction with the 2 maps sold here it tells of every camping site and bluff along the way and provides interesting tidbits that enhance the trip. My brother in law and I keep it open, in our canoe on our annual, 3 day Fall trip which will be next month. The River is made better by this book. You should buy this book and make that trip yourself. It also makes interesting reading at home in your easy chair.

This book was what I expected from the reviews that I had read prior to purchasing it. I had planned to go on a trip down the Buffalo River but the trip was postponed so I wasn't able to see how helpful the book would have been on the journey yet. There is a lot of information related to the geology of the area that I don't really have a huge interest in though.

Good river guide with plenty of natural history. If you bring only one book on the Buffalo River, this should be it. Plenty to read too, if you're laying about camp with nothing to do. Reviewed by Peter Stekel, author of, Final Flight: The Mystery of a WWII Plane Crash and the Frozen Airmen in the High Sierra.

I guess I was looking for a book that would tell me where the best photo ops were, this book does that but you have to do an awful lot of reading to dig out the info you want. Despite my small complaint it's a very informative book that gives the history, trails, maps and reading that is packed with interesting and useful information.

The amount of detail in this book is great but almost to the point of being to much. I would love to have a map on the same page as the explanation of the trails and or pools within the river. As it is once I got my map of the river it all was much easier to follow. Will update on accuracy once I get back from the trip!

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