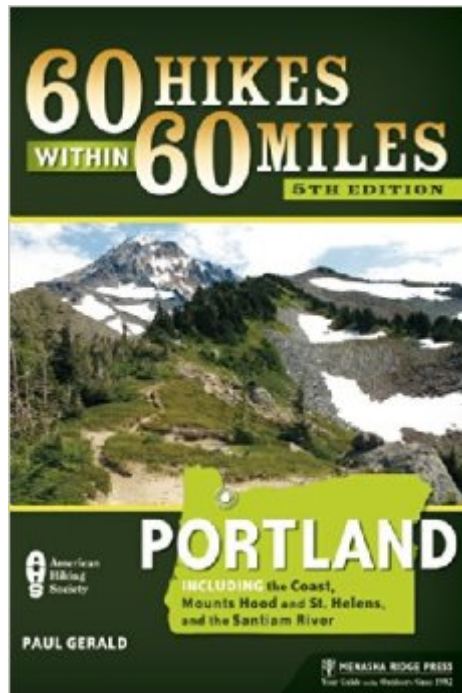


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# 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Portland: Including The Coast, Mount Hood, St. Helens, And The Santiam River



## Synopsis

60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Portland by Paul Gerald profiles 60 select trails that give outdoor adventurers a little of everything there is to enjoy around Portland: mountain views, forest solitude, picturesque streams, strenuous workouts, casual strolls, fascinating history, fields of flowers, awesome waterfalls, and ocean beaches. Whether readers want a convenient city bus ride to the flat and fascinating Washington Park, a bumpy drive to Lookout Mountain, or the thigh-burning experiences that are Kings and Elk Mountains, this book lets them know what to bring, how to get to the trailhead, where to go on the trail, and what to look for while hiking. Updated maps, new hikes, even more rankings and categories, fresh photography, and useful backpacking options make the newest edition of this authoritative guide to Portland's best day hikes the most exciting yet.

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## Customer Reviews

Over the past 25 years I've bought dozens of Pacific Northwest hiking guides and this is just about the most enjoyable one I've ever owned. It is about the only hiking guide I've ever sat down and systematically read from cover to cover, simply because it was such a joy to read and because it contained so many treasures. The author isn't merely interested in telling you how to get there and how not to miss a turn in the trail, but he shows a genuine love for each of these hikes, pointing out what is amazing about each of them, often giving a little history about the trail or other anecdotes associated with a hike, including personal experiences which are genuinely amusing or informative. I especially enjoy his appreciation of trails through old growth forests, something you don't often see

in hiking guides. Most hiking guides seem to get worked up only by big, expansive views, but this author sees beauty and magnificence on all scales. Although I was familiar with at least half of these hikes, I learned about a lot of new ones that I've already started exploring. For example, check out the old growth noble firs along the PCT from Barlow Pass to the overlooks at White River Canyon. These trees are absolutely mind-boggling, not because they're big around but because they grow so amazingly tall and straight. It stimulated me to read more about these trees and I learned that they can soar into such heights with so little girth because the wood is hard and light. No Douglas Fir could get this tall without putting six feet of girth on themselves. Here you see flawless, branchless trunks as straight as nature can make them, no more than three to four feet in diameter with no perceptible taper rising two hundred feet like the pillars in a cathedral before finally displaying a puff of foliage at the top no more than 15 feet wide and 30 feet tall. And then the emerald forest of moss-infested silver firs and mountain hemlocks that follow closer to timberline have the head shaking in wonder over such stunning beauty. Thanks to this author, I discovered this incredibly beautiful section of trail after hiking all over Mt. Hood for 25 years without having discovered it. There are lots of other new possibilities of this magnitude for me that I am eager to try out, thanks to the enthusiasm and attention to detail of this author.

Paul is a knowledgeable hiker, passionate outdoorsman and entertaining writer. His attention to detail, whether giving driving directions or adding tidbits of historical interest to a certain location, make this a useful book both on and off the trail. In this, the third edition, Paul has fine tuned the content of the previous two editions, adding new hikes hitherto un-popularized in other hiking books, making this the most complete and best edition yet. This is not a book based on hearsay and bookish research; Paul has actually hiked, many times, all the locations profiled. Paul's treatment of the material is so thorough that I was able to use some of his research in the writing of my own book about fishing Oregon. Paul's new book on the day hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail is a great companion book. Thanks for the great work, Paul.

I kind of can't believe there's only one review for this book here. I found this book at Powell's bookstore in Portland (which is the greatest bookstore ever---). It was a staff recommendation and one of their top-selling books. I used this book almost exclusively to plan 3 weeks of trips, 2 weekends and a bunch of day trips around Portland. It has incredible hikes. Well categorized, easy to follow, good maps, accurate, give good ideas, and I had an incredible time in Oregon as a result of this book. Cancelled my trip to Hawaii to stay in Oregon in DECEMBER because of this book.

Oregon is a beautiful place and this book was an incredible way into exploring it with Portland as a base. I love this book! So grateful for it. Great photos too. I have to say, also, using the internet to plan trips becomes really tedious. This book was a total relief. I did some cross referencing on line but having this book in hand was awesome. I just found out, here, at - that there are other books- 60 hikes in 60 miles.... I can't vouch for them- but it's a great idea for a series and this particular book is great. Oh! Also I went to a really cool outdoor store in Portland and they had this list of things you must have for a hike- and this book was #1 on the list- and they didn't even sell it there. I'm saying- insiders in Portland love it too. And as an outsider, it was fantastic.

An excellent guide for day trips around Portland. The author is an acquaintance of mine and on several occasions I witnessed the care with which he took in making book an accurate guide to Portland-area hiking. Gerald is a great writer and he not only gives you the details of the hike (like clear directions on how to get there, an art all too often lost in Portland hiking books), but puts the hike in a brief descriptive context of history, forestry and aesthetics that is rare in a hiking book. The book helps the hiker know more about Oregon and its natural treasures.

60 Hikes Within 60 Miles : Portland (60 Hikes Within 60 Miles) by Paul Gerald is incredibly well written and includes great maps and a rating system that is very useful. I just love my copy and strongly recommend this book to those looking to get out into the great outdoors.

This book has great info - it is a real asset to anyone who lives in or is visiting the Portland area. It allows you to quickly pick out a hike that will suit your needs, based on hike length, location, elevation, etc. It's great for anyone looking for options for daytrips outside of the city, and the variety of options available is stunning. The only reason that this guide doesn't get five stars is because the design is ugly and a bit clunky (look at that cover... the same design philosophy persists through the book).

I choose this book because I live in portland and love hiking. I have only gone on nine of the hikes but plan on doing the other 51 hikes. The book gives you a great over view of what the hike offers as well as how difficult it will be. In short if you live in or near portland and love the outdoors you should already own this book.

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