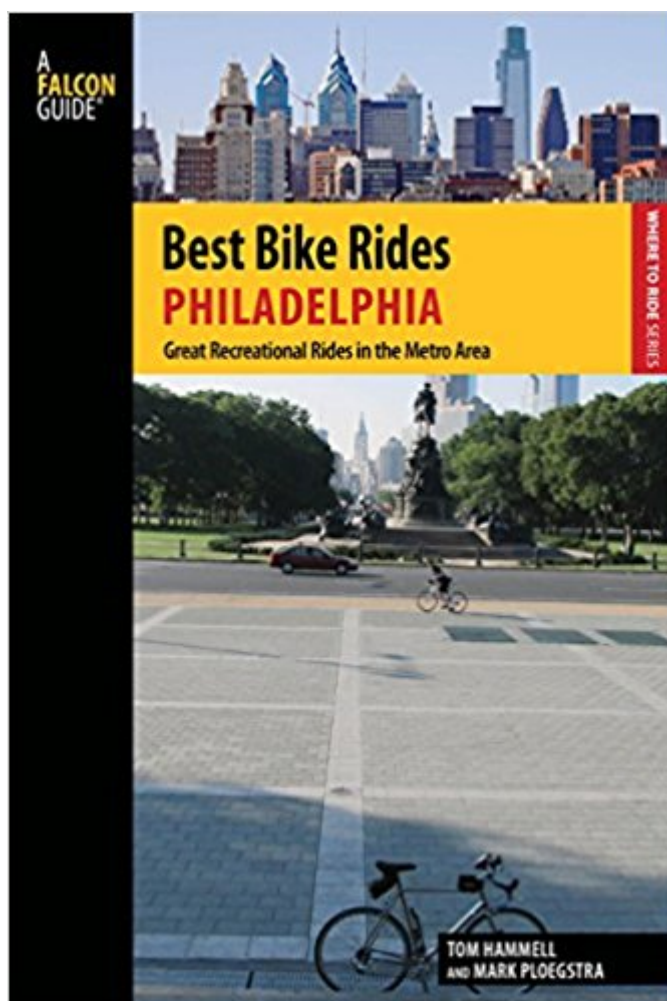


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Go for a Ride! Who says you have to travel far from home to go on a great ride? Hidden in and around Philadelphia are some great roads, trails, and bike paths that are fun to explore. Best Bike RidesÂ Philadelphia describes 40 greatÂ recreational rides in theÂ metro area. With rides between 5 and 60 milesâ including road rides, rail trails, bike paths, and mountain bike ridesâ itâ™s easy to find an interesting place to ride.Â Each route includes complete directions, a map, a text description of the area youâ™ll be riding, the GPS coordinates of the start/finish point, and color photos of one of the rideâ™s features.Â Also included isÂ information on local restaurants, lodging, maps, bicycle shops, other facilities for cyclists, and community resources.Â Look inside to find: Detailed maps and directions Rides that explore the city and the surrounding area A variety of rides, from 5-mile trail rides to 60-mile destination rides and everything in betweenÂ In-depth information about each ride, including length, terrain, traffic conditions, and road hazards Interesting facts about each area Options to create longer or shorter rides

Tom Hammell has been riding a bike as long as he can remember. As an avid bike rider and ride leader with the Princeton Freewheelers he rides over 2,500 miles a year leading other riders through the beautiful back roads of the Northeast. Mark Ploegstra is an avid cyclist who has crossed

many states by bicycle. He sometimes loads his bike with a week's camping gear, and sometimes with just enough to go across town. No matter how much he carries, though, he always enjoys life best from the seat of a bicycle.

Over the years, I've had the great fortune of riding in some of the most scenic areas of the U.S. as well as biking in a few choice spots in Canada and Europe. However, upon returning home, I'm always reminded how lucky I am to live among some of the best biking anywhere....right here in the Philadelphia metro area. Hammell and Ploegstra manage to capture the highlights of Philadelphia and its surrounding neighborhoods in this well-conceived book. This is a perfect guide for those who are new to this area; it is also a handy resource for those who may reside here but are looking to explore new riding options. Either way, I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in seeing Philadelphia the best way possible....from the seat of a bicycle.

What I was looking for. Good condition.

The key phrase in the subtitle of this book is "Metro Area." Through a combination of historical accident and careful planning, the city of Philadelphia has been placed in some of the prettiest country on the East Coast. Even better, the city has made a great effort to preserve some of the natural beauty within its boundaries with parks and trails, so instead of a guide to dodging potholes while following Rocky's footsteps, Hammell and Ploegstra have produced a book that could be used as a Baedeker to oases of peace and beauty in Philadelphia and the surrounding area as easily as it serves as a catalog of bike rides. Make no mistake, the rides are the star of the book, and they are superbly described. The shortest ride in the book clocks in at 3.7 miles, and the longest, a jaunt from Philly to Atlantic City, at just over 63. In between, there are 38 other rides covering a wide variety of terrain (flat, hilly, urban, suburban, country, trail, etc.), a number of styles, and three states. Did you know that there are covered bridges in Eastern PA? Take ride #23 and see them. Do you like canals? Take ride #21 along the Delaware and Raritan Canal, or ride #40 along the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal (bonus: you cross the entire state of Delaware, and the round trip is about 33 miles). In addition to turn-by-turn direction and maps, there is information about the appropriate type of bike (road, mountain, hybrid, cyclo-cross) to use, traffic and hazards, points of interest, local eateries (with a pronounced emphasis on ice cream shops), local bike shops (just in case supplies or repairs are required), and transportation to the ride. Where possible, ride descriptions contain suggestions for lengthening or truncating rides. For example, the

Philadelphia-to-Atlantic City ride has several points where a tired rider can opt to get on the train and take it to Atlantic City or return to Philadelphia. Hammell and Ploegstra also provide helpful information on bringing your two-wheeled steed onto public transportation and tips for riding in urban traffic. This book will serve as the basis for many pleasant days of riding for those wanting to explore the Philadelphia metro area, and it just might change your impression of Philadelphia, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. It will confirm your impression of Bucks and Montgomery counties as being extraordinarily pleasant.

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