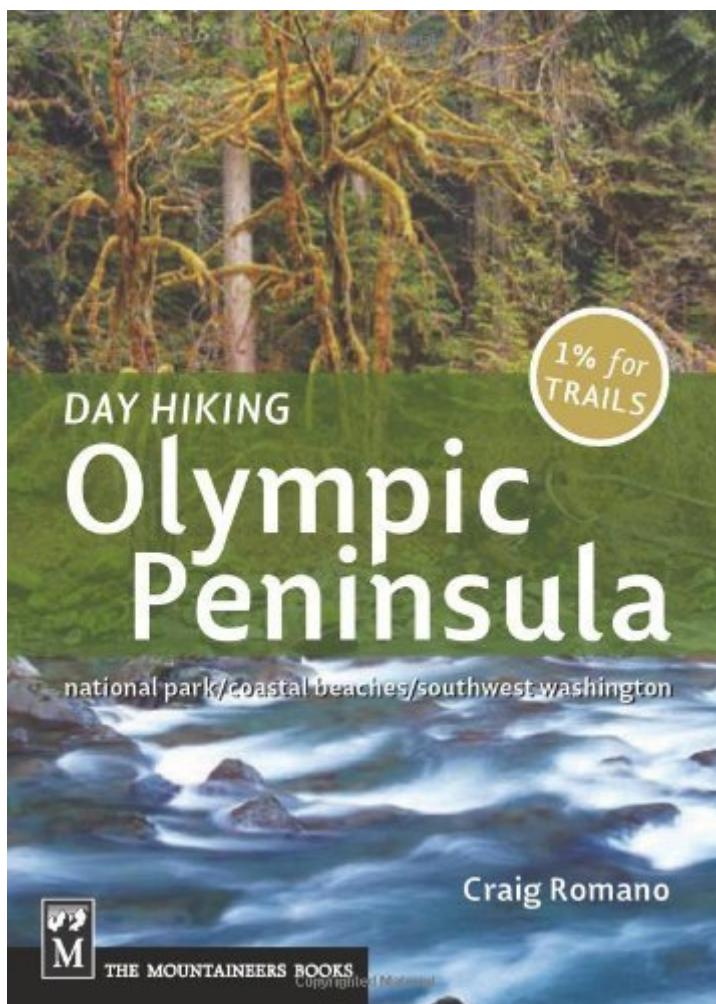


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# Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula: National Park/Coastal Beaches/Southwest Washington (Done In A Day)



## **Synopsis**

Introducing next-generation trail guides for the Northwest. We asked hikers what they want in a trail guide today and this is what they said: more day hikes, with options for extending the trip; hike selection conveniently arranged by highway and travel corridors; more hikes close to urban centers; more year-round hikes at low elevation; clear driving directions; a portable size; and more use of color. To meet the needs of the modern hiker, The Mountaineers Books introduces its new Day Hiking guidebook series, written by Northwest residents with impressive hiking resumes. These guides provide accurate information in attractive, high-quality packaging and are infused with the environmental ethic that distinguishes The Mountaineers Books from other outdoor publishers.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This has been a great book for newbies to the Olympic Peninsula. When we moved here we were a little overwhelmed by the hiking options, and this has helped us take the guess work out so we know what we're getting into (no more 10 mile hikes, uphill both ways, on a Sunday afternoon after eating six pizzas). It's also been great for getting us into new areas to see some amazing sites.

These hikes may not be super obscure, so maybe it wouldn't be best for the lifetime resident, but for visitors or new residents it's a great starter. As I said, at least it will get you into areas where you can start exploring on your own. It's been great to slowly check off hikes - we like to put a date and a couple notes next to each one for future reference. Each hike has a rough map, a summary of elevation gain/drop, a difficulty rating and a overall rating. I like that many of the trails give you options for extending your trip. Another bit I particularly like are the season recommendations. Not knowing the area, I'd hate to drive two hours to a hike just to find it's washed out Nov-Jan, or something! We'll be using this extensively in our exploration of the Peninsula.

The Mountain Press books are the quintessential guide for finding the best hikes in the area. These books are frequently referenced on the Washington Trails Association, Meetup and other hiking/backpacking groups. The Olympic Peninsula guide has hikes in and outside of the Olympic National Park including Buckhorn Wilderness and the Olympic National Forest. The book provides a visual map with hikes broken down by the Pacific coast, Kitsap peninsula and zones by general compass point areas in the Olympic peninsula (e.g. - South, northwest, northeast, etc). A table showing a summary of highlights, difficulty and distance of each hike is also listed in the front of the book. Each hike shows driving directions to the trailhead however for the more difficult to find trailheads on primitive roads (e.g. -National Forest roads) it would be wise to not solely rely on the directions and milemarkers which he lists but rather do your research ahead of time and double check the directions using the map coordinates which he also includes for each trailhead location.

I own several books from this series and consider them to be the best trail books on the market. Every description is clear and easy to understand, the driving directions are invariably correct, and the ways in which the author describes each hike is so evocative as to make you want to immediately run out and hit the trail. Each of these books also begins with a sizable introduction that lays out a lot of hiking guidelines that are as applicable for the expert as they are for the novice. If you live in or will be traveling to Washington and want to do some hiking west of Seattle this book on the Olympic Peninsula is absolutely the one you want.

This book is a hand size, black and white book. No glossy large pictures. What makes the book great is that it describes trails well and gives descriptions on how to get there. The Olympic Peninsula is huge. You're not going to hike this in a lifetime. So finding the best trails, in the shortest drive time is very helpful. In conjunction with google searches for pictures, you'll find the perfect hike

for you.

Excellent guide to the Olympic Peninsula. We like to get off the beaten path and this book helped us find and navigate many excellent trails. If going to Olympic and like to hike this guide is a must have.

I originally rated the Kindle edition two stars here, because I found the maps were too small to read. No matter what device I used, all the maps were much smaller than those in the print edition, and too small to read. But another reader pointed out that you can double-click the images, and that opens them up to adequate size.

Great book, you'll see! Has more than just day hikes too.

Very nice book. About half the size of a standard piece of paper, so it fits into a pack with ease. I have others from the same author, all are good! Nice to have options for long and short hikes. I like reading about hikes in books as they narrow the search compared to online searching. Maps and distances and time are all there. I can go online afterwards if more info is needed.

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