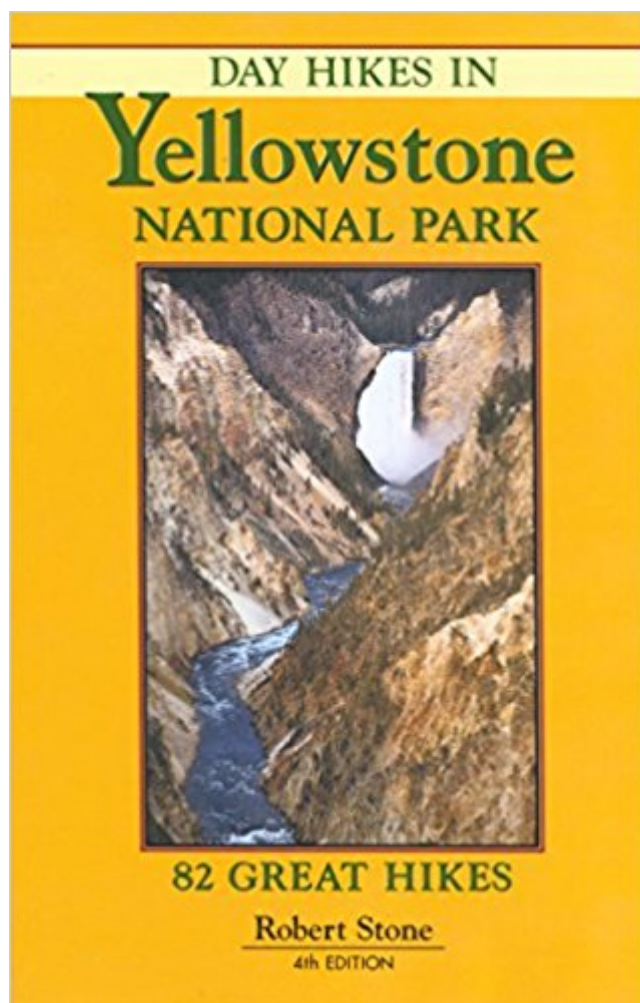


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# Day Hikes In Yellowstone National Park: 82 Great Hikes, 4th Edition



## Synopsis

Yellowstone National Park is a magnificent area with beautiful, dramatic scenery and incredible hydrothermal features. Within its 2.2 million acres lies some of the earth's greatest natural treasures. Day Hikes in Yellowstone National Park includes a thorough cross-section of eighty-two hikes throughout this national park. Now in its fourth edition, the guide includes all of the park's most popular hikes as well as a wide assortment of secluded backcountry trails. Many hikes lead to hot springs, bubbling mud pots, steaming fumaroles, and geysers (including Old Faithful) that are predominant throughout the park. Several hikes explore the rim and interior of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, a 1,200 foot deep chasm cut by the Yellowstone River. Highlights include thundering waterfalls, unusual thermal features, expansive meadows, alpine lakes, secluded canyons, and 360-degree vistas of the park. All levels of hiking experience are accommodated, from level boardwalk trails to mountainous treks up to panoramic overlooks. Each hike includes a detailed map, accurate driving and hiking directions, distance/time/elevation statistics, a list of relevant maps, and summaries to help hikers find a trail appropriate to their ability and desire. Companion hiking guides include Day Hikes in Grand Teton National Park, Day Hikes Around Bozeman, and Day Hikes in the Beartooth Mountains.

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## Customer Reviews

Day Hikes in Yellowstone National Park is a cross-section of 82 great day hikes throughout this incredible park, from level boardwalk trails to mountainous treks up to panoramic overlooks. Highlights include vibrating views of thundering waterfalls, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone,

unusual thermal features, expansive meadows, crystalline alpine lakes, and 360-degree vistas of the park.

For more than a decade, veteran hiker Robert Stone has been writer, photographer, and publisher of Day Hike Books. Robert has hiked every trail in the Day Hike Book series. With twenty-one hiking guides in the series, many in their second, third, and fourth editions, he has hiked over a thousand trails throughout the western United States and Hawaii. When not hiking, he is researching, writing, and mapping the hikes before returning to the trails. He is an active member of OWAC (Outdoor Writers Association of California). Robert resides summers in the Rocky Mountains of Montana and winters on the California Central Coast.

Stone is the author of a large number of "day hikes in..." books. I've used his book about Bozeman MT and it is quite good. He claims to have done all the hikes. I think he must not have drunk his morning coffee if he hiked these trails in Yellowstone. What attracted me to the book is the large number of hikes it describes. But, having used it as my guide for a week of day hiking in Yellowstone, I was quite disappointed. The descriptions are very terse and often missing key data or landmarks. At best, the descriptions are vague, and have little reference to distances and what's on the ground. If I wasn't an experienced back country hiker, I could not have figured some of the hikes out, and could have gotten lost. For example, the petrified forest hike says the trail continues to the top of Specimen Ridge and meets the ridge trail at a junction. There is no such junction. The other trail is several hundred yards down the far side of the ridge, and there is no sign of trail connecting them. Not a fatal flaw, but you really want to have better maps! Without a bunch of curiosity we would not have found the best petrified trees. Come on guy, how about a few hints? The maps are horribly laid out. What happened to the idea that North points to the top of the map? Even in cases where it did not save space to lay things out properly, North is some random direction. There are no indications of elevation or terrain features. There is also very little said about the natural history of the place. Pretty barebones. There's another book by a couple of ex-rangers. I found portions of it when I searched Google as it is one of their scanned books. Much better in all respects - that's the book for the day hiking visitor to buy, not this one. I should add that I do a lot of hiking and have a whole bookcase full of hiking guides, so I've seen a few! This is one of the worst. Really.

This book is one of three that I ordered in an effort to gain knowledge and plan for an upcoming vacation trip to Yellowstone. Frankly, I found this book to be very basic on the information that is

provided. It lists several different trails but under examination I found that many of them were actually just the start of longer / overnight hiking trails. The author has you hiking out a mile or more just to turn around and go back to the trailhead without ever going to see anything specific. Out and back trails are great and I don't have a problem in doing them but I certainly want to have a reason and something specific in mind to see for making the hike. However, my biggest complaint is that the maps provided are not North oriented. You have to turn the book "every-which-way" in order to put the map into a North (top) orientation. I found this to be a poor attempt by the author / editor to save space and money on printing fees. Save your money and do not buy this book. I recommend that you purchase "Top Trails Yellowstone & Grand Teton Must Do Hikes For Everybody", and "A Rangers Guide To Day Hikes In Yellowstone". These two books are well worth the money and provide a wealth of information. These are a must have if wanting to do day hikes.

Leaving for Yellowstone soon... looking forward to recommended hikes!

Having virtually studied a few hiking guides, gone to Yellowstone, more studying and going back next May, I would say that this one is worth using. The descriptions, maps and overall layout are excellent. Being lazy, I enjoyed Bill Schneider "Hiking Yellowstone National Park" as well because of separate listings of key points and distances on particular hikes. This enables me to look at impossible hikes for many seniors and find that the first mile or two can provide some exceptional photo ops or points. I use Stone and Schneider together and find it enjoyable for planning. I will pack them as well.

Finally a hiking book for those of us who can only do up to 5-6 miles at a time with many options even less yet enough over 8 mile walks to keep my die-hard friends happy too. With so much to see in Yellowstone just from the car, now I can get an amazing adventure with even greater views and more to see at distances I can handle. Clearly defined in every regard--how to get there, where to park and how to proceed on the walk, as well as what you will see along the way. I love this book so much I purchased another in the series for where I live and could not be happier.

This is the best book for listing day hikes in/around Yellowstone NP. I am excited to do several this upcoming season.

Very helpful

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