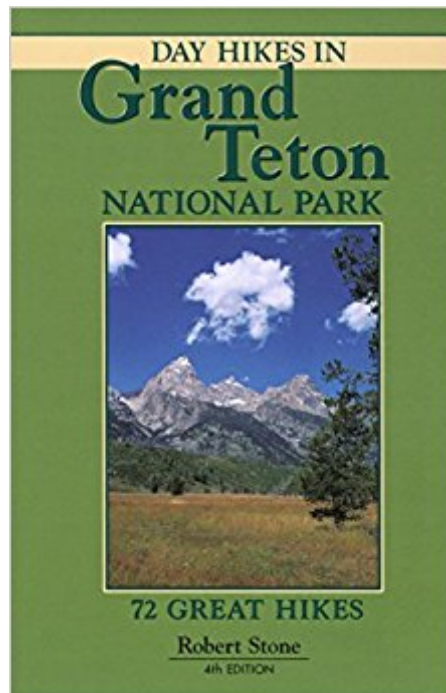




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Day Hikes in Grand Teton National Park includes a cross-section of 72 great day hikes in this majestic park. From scenic lakeshore paths to high-elevation treks, these hikes accommodate all levels of hiking experience. Highlights include glacier-carved canyons, waterfalls, alpine lakes, meadows, hot springs, craggy peaks, hikes atop the Jackson Hole Ski Resort, and some of the best views in the park.

For more than a decade, veteran hiker Robert Stone has been writer, photographer, and publisher of Day Hike Books. Robert resides summers in the Rocky Mountains of Montana and winters on the California Central Coast. This year-round temperate climate enables him to hike over 200 trails throughout the year. When not hiking, Robert 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 has hiked every trail in the Day Hike Book series. With twenty 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.

This is a no nonsense hiking guide book. It lists tons of hikes and gives you ideas of options and other connections available. The maps are very basic, but easy to navigate - especially when looking at a topo and then back to the guide book. While I was reading this it almost makes the hikes sound simplistic - this is either good or bad depending on how you are going to use this book - for the experienced hiker this is a great book as it gives enough information needed and no more.

Robert Stone bar none writes some of the best hiking books. They aren't fancy -- but highly informative. We own three of his books -- all of them with great hikes (some off the beaten path -- so you don't run into a bunch of tourists). We can't wait for our trip to Jackson Hole so we can use this book. Stay tuned...

My husband and I purchased this book for our recent trip to the Tetons, it was a disaster. We used this to pick out our hikes and I made a list before departing. When we arrived we tried one hike...the road is closed with no information on when it will open. The trail and rest rooms are also closed. Second hike and third (planned 2 for one day), for Trail Two, the trail is closed at one point and when we looked at the trail head map, we decided not to take it (trail two was closed from rebuilding after a fire a few years ago), so we went to trail three. Trail three, the bridge has been gone that leads to the trail head for years, before the book was published in fact! There was no way to safely ford the water this time. Trail four, no trail head map, we figured that if it didn't work out we could always circle back. We walked over 4 miles and followed existing trail markers to a bridge that washed out. Since it was a loop, we could walk back 4 miles or ford the stream and bushwhack. We knew we were within a half a mile or so. We did just that (forded and bushwhacked), and thank goodness found the trail. We are experienced hikers, and I can't imagine what might have happened to less experienced hikers, especially since we were in bear country and it is "bear fattening up" time of the year. By that point I was fed up with the book. It is seriously outdated, and I don't know if the trails were checked even before it's publication. Make sure that you have an updated book as it can literally mean life or death out there. Getting lost is bad enough, getting lost in bear country in the fall is even worse. I suggest the Falcon Guide of hikes for the Tetons, that was the book we bought at the park, and used exclusively after our failures. It was perfect, up to date and a great reference. If this book is ever updated and checked, it might again become a good book, but this particular one, is totally unreliable. Safe hiking all~~

This book lists 72 day hikes in Grand Teton National Park. This is probably a bit excessive -- are

you really going to take 72 day hikes unless you live there? In addition, some of them are really just variants of one another that you could figure out yourself with a map. (The Bradley and Taggart Lakes loops, for example, as do the Willow Flats hikes between Jackson Lake Lodge and Colter Bay Village.) The hikes are well organized by region. The book includes a separate map for each hike showing trails, cutoffs, local roads and other landmarks. Unlike the Falcon guides, there is no information about elevations on the maps. The information is good but not abundant. Most trails get only a single page of text, and the hiking directions are only a paragraph or so. Obviously this is necessary to cover the number of hikes in the book. Armchair planners will be frustrated, however, as there is not enough trailside information to help you decide which hikes you would find most interesting. I'd recommend Schneider's book instead (see all my reviews).

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