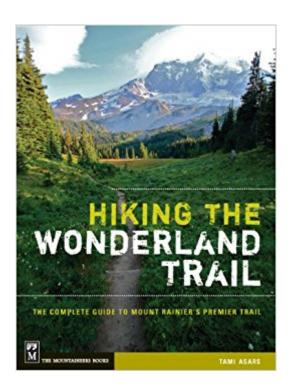


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Hiking The Wonderland Trail: The Complete Guide To Mount Rainier's Premier Trail





Synopsis

Washington State's famed Wonderland Trail is a spectacular 93-mile route that circumnavigates Mount Rainier, challenging hikers with its strenuous 22,000 feet of cumulative elevation gain and loss. Magnificent forests, wildflower-filled alpine meadows, breathtaking glacier views, up-close-and-personal wildlife encounters, pristine lakes and streams there are many rewards to be found, whether you tackle the trail in ten days or explore it by section over several seasons. But along with those 93 miles of incredible trail come tricky challenges such as wilderness permits, a complicated reservation system, food and fuel caches, river and snow crossings, and more. Hiking the Wonderland Trail: The Complete Guide to Mount Rainier's Premier Trail is an authoritative guide penned by Washington native Tami Asars, a professional instructor on how best to hike the trail and a third-generation hiker of the Cascade mountains who has been around the Wonderland seven times. Over the years, Asars has taken extensive notes that she shares at workshops and in the field. Hiking the Wonderland Trail distills her boot-tested knowledge so that everyone can enjoy the magic of Mount Rainier's premier trail.

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Customer Reviews

Author Tami Asars grew up in Western Washington playing in the foothills and mountains of the North Cascades. Since then she has hiked thousands of miles of trails in the state, including countless hours on Washington's thru-hike trails: the Pacific Crest Trail, the Boundary Trail, and the Wonderland Trail. For several years she has been leading professional classes on outdoor pursuits including Backpacking Basics, Lightweight Backpacking, and of course, The Wonderland Trail.

Asars lives in the Cascade Foothills of Washington, with her husband and their German shepherd.

If you're going to hike the WL this is the book to get. Lots of very, very useful details, and some humor. She really understands trail hiking. Hint: to save weight download it to a Kindle. (I'm not really an employee!). Then, read the information about the section you will be hiking next in the evening before or first thing while you're eating your oatmeal. ps: The WL trail is challenging but incredibly worth it. Get the book but more important, hike the trail.

Excellent in almost all respects. The only reason I didn't give 5 stars is that, as a section hiker, it didn't address the parking situation (where are the places I can park and do I need a pass to stick on my dashboard?), nor did it discuss camping options the night before one starts his trek. Most places (e.g., Yosemite NP, most Sierra trailheads) have campgrounds at the trailhead where one can count on camping the night before and after, but Rainier appears to have no such options at Lake Mowich or Sunrise or Longmire. So, what does one do?

Very detailed for the sections of the trail but lacking "putting it together feeling". I got lost in the details, you need a detail overall map of the park while reading the book otherwise you get lost!!

Excellent informative resources that saved a lot of time to work and prepare. This book also has many interesting stories to share but I must warn U that the miles aren't accurate. Let's not worry about this one;). Happy trail

A wonderful book with great pictures and rich details on the trail experience. Highly recommended. For me, it brought back rich memories of a family-group hike 38 years ago: my mother at 78, myself at 44, my brother at 40, a young adult friend in her thirties, three teen-age boys (two during one section, a different one during the rest). and three daughters (14, 10, and 8). It was a great experience for us all. Get the book as a valuable enticement and guide, and go for it!

Great book! Everything I needed to know was in this book. Can't wait for my trip to the Wonderland Trail this summer!

Very entertaining and descriptive book. I am pumped about planning for this trip.

Thorough and funny, this is an excellent guide to hiking the Wonderland Trail. I used it to plan my own hike of the entire trail.

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