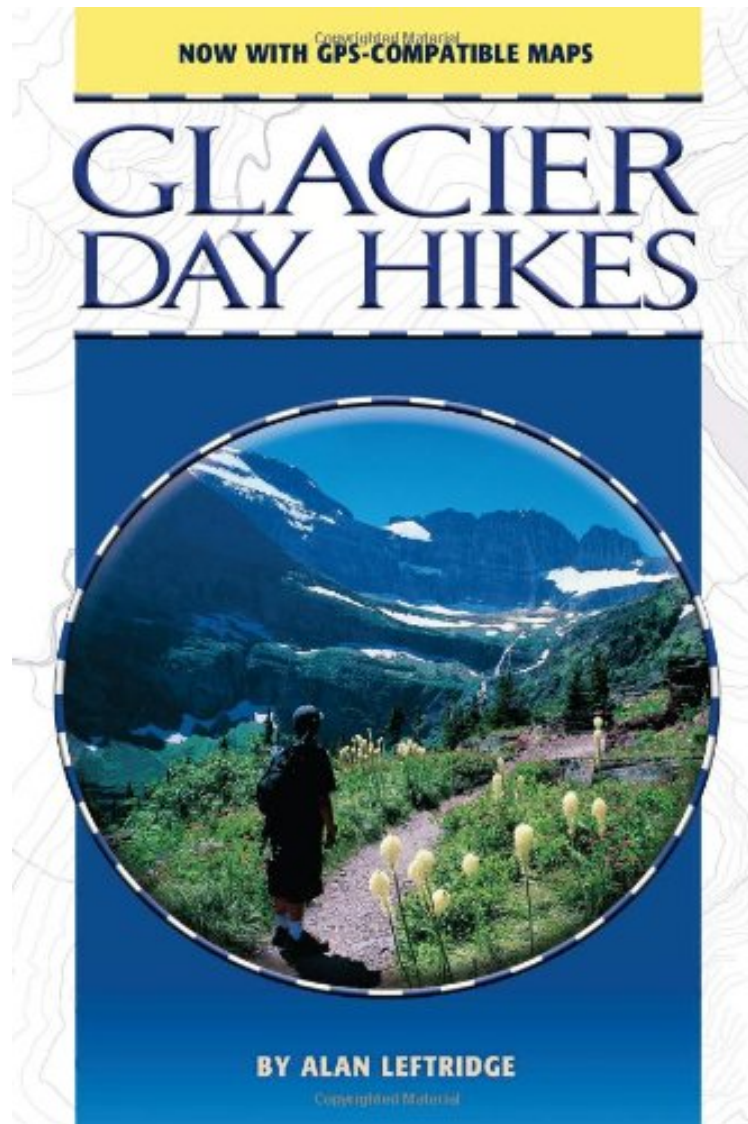


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**Alan Leftridge : Glacier Day Hikes: Now With GPS Compatible Maps** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Glacier Day Hikes: Now With GPS Compatible Maps:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Okay for planning, but pretty spareBy J Bruce PriorThe guide is straightforward with some useful information. Advertised "NOW WITH GPS-COMPATIBLE MAPS" is an overstatement. Instead of a proper graticule, the maps have only latitude and longitude marginal ticks with no indication of the datum used. The only way to figure out the datum is to locate a clearly-defined point, enter its

coordinates in your GPS using a typical datum like WGS84 or NAD27. If the point is about a football field length off, then you should try the other datum. The color photographs are stunning and the brief descriptions of wildlife are interesting. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great planning tool for a trip to Glacier. By Customer. This book is great for helping in planning what hikes you want to take. The only down side is that they don't show pictures of all the trails. I really wish they did so you can get a sample of what you would see. However, I don't know of any other books that offers both the pictures and the detailed descriptions. Like I said, it does offer good descriptions along with mileage and tips. This is a must have if you are going to Glacier National Park. 43 of 46 people found the following review helpful. Good, but there are better. By Joseph Boone. Glacier Day Hikes was one of two guides I purchased prior to a recent trip to Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes (the sister park in Canada). There are 34 hikes listed here broken down by geographic regions inside Glacier. At the beginning of each hike listing, there is some basic information such as length in miles, level of difficulty, and best time of year to complete the hike. The maps and detailed descriptions are clear and relatively easy to use. Overall, this is a good guide and if it was the only one I had purchased, I probably would have been pretty happy with it. Since I had the opportunity to compare it to another book, however, certain flaws became rather apparent. First, this book is too large to fit in a pocket so you can't easily bring it on the trail. Second, the elevation change (or amount of climbing) during the hike is not given either in the summary or the detailed description. This is a huge factor in determining the difficulty of a hike and should be included. Their difficulty rating is nice, but I prefer to gauge some aspects of the hike myself. Another quirk in the book is that the geographic categories don't make a lot of sense. Glacier National Park has several areas that lend themselves to this kind of distinction but in some cases the book made up its own boundaries instead and I found this very confusing to use. Finally, the book includes no hikes from Waterton, so if you go to the Canadian side, you will get no guidance here. Comparing Glacier Day Hikes to the Best Easy Day Hikes Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks, 2nd (Best Easy Day Hikes Series) it's pretty easy for me to say that the Falcon Guide was more helpful. It had none of the flaws that Glacier Day Hikes did and was the one that I carried with me during the whole trip including the hikes themselves. This book does list more hikes within Glacier, but they are all longer hikes that many people won't want to try anyway. This is certainly not a bad book; it has a lot of useful information. But it is not as helpful as "Best Easy Day Hikes" so I can't recommend it.

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