

Short Bike Rides in Greater Boston and Central Massachusetts

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Howard Stone : Short Bike Rides in Greater Boston and Central Massachusetts before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Short Bike Rides in Greater Boston and Central Massachusetts:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fine for its PurposeBy Lisa SheaWritten by Howard Stone, this book is rather hefty for taking with you on a bike. He recommends xeroxing the pages you want and only carrying those with you. I'd actually scan them myself, so I could photoshop in extra information, but it's the same theory.Each ride starts with a mileage, terrain and food availability description, and then the starting point. You get a general description of what you'll see on the ride and what it's like - then you go into turn by turn exact descriptions of where to go, with mileage counters along each leg of the route. The entries aren't just listed with "turn left at" - you're told if a given leg is a tough climb, or if you have a great view.The maps themselves are hand drawn, which could lead to some iffy interpretation, but like most of my cyclist friends I ride with a GPS and mileage counter. It's fairly obvious looking at his map and directions where to go on any given route.I didn't try every single route on this book - so I'm curious, for the reviewer who found the maps completely unusable, just where they are riding. There are certainly parts of Massachusetts that I will *not* ride in because of the roads there - but that's hardly this book's fault. I do know people who ride in those areas and enjoy it immensely. They don't mind the traffic. I do. It might be that the reviewer who disliked this book was trying to ride in Boston or its immediate suburbs and found the streets rough. I would suggest they get out further into the quieter areas and see what's out there.I also always recommend riding with a GPS. You never know when you'll need to know where the nearest restaurant is, or place with a bathroom, or place with a first

aid kit ;). The GPS fills in all the intermediate streets and alternatives in case you hit a closed road or other issue. In general I do like this book. My only real suggestion would be that in addition to saying "in 4.1 miles" it should also have a "mile marker" running total, so that people with the running total as the main display can use that instead. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Terrible. Plain and simple. By A Customer. This is without a doubt the worst guidebook I have ever used. The maps are inaccurate and often wildly misleading, and the way the directions are written, it is nearly impossible not to get lost. We couldn't even follow a ride near our house where we knew the streets. Worse, many of the suggested routes are completely unsuitable for bicycle passage. We actually threw this book away, we became so frustrated with it... 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I've found this book very good. By M. Ryan. I have used this book for rides in Central MA. It has been great. I don't understand the one really negative review. Maybe a more detailed fold out map would also be helpful but I haven't had a problem with the book's maps. DETAILED directions.

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