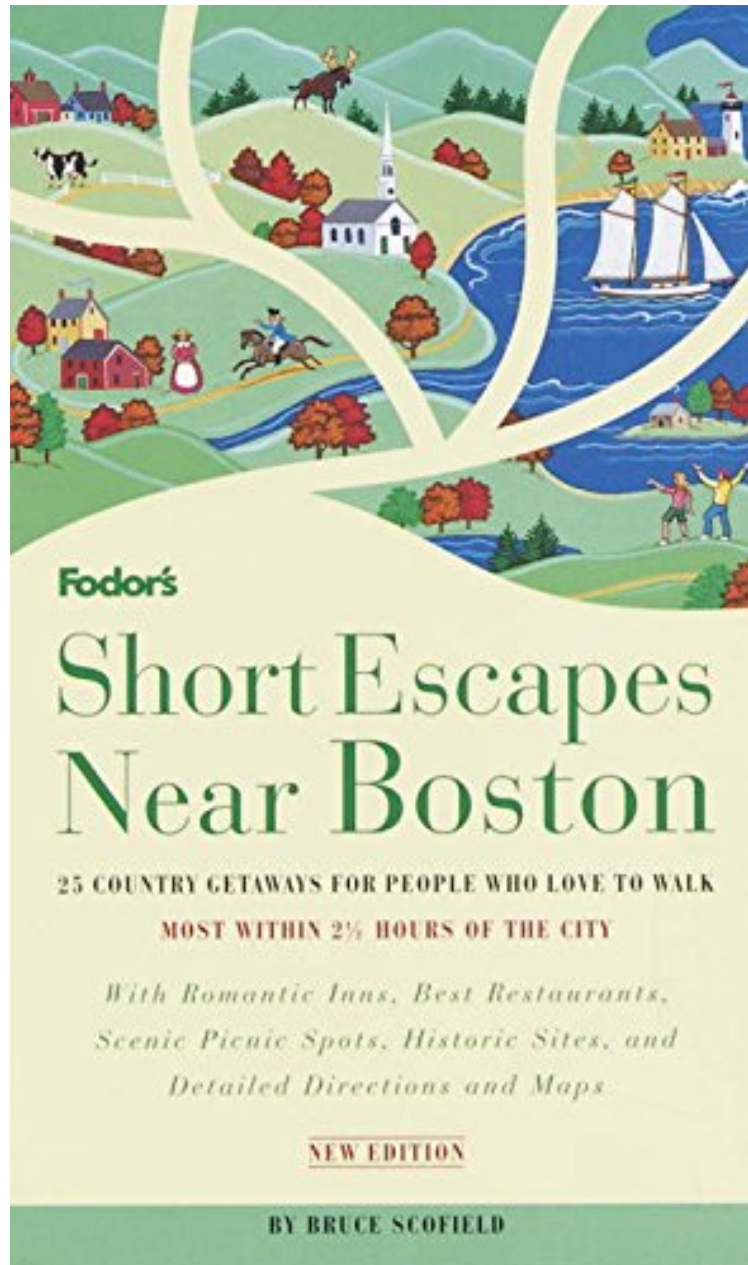


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So far, my husband and I have been on three of the hikes. Of them, two were not as described -- I would have rated the Holyoke one as a Moderate-Difficult, given the steepness of the terrain, rather than Easy-Moderate. It also didn't talk about the alternate route to the top, which was much easier, and less stressful. However, I do like the history and the cultural background of the areas we're hiking through. Highly recommend the Mad River walk in the Waterville Valley -- but bring your bug spray!  
It would have been very nice to have the book tell you when you had to pay for parking -- especially in the US Park Service territories. We will continue to use the book, but I'll take the descriptions with a large grain of salt, and bring cash, just in case.  
2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great local adventures!  
By A Customer  
This book not only gave great detailed information on the local hikes and outings, but also contained lots of helpful cultural and local interest details. Each destination was painstakingly researched and contains an extremely helpful and easy to decipher map of the area. For those planning longer trips, a helpful selection of local hotels and bed and breakfasts will be a welcome addition. I also appreciated the restaurant selections carefully sorted by price. The author writes with enthusiasm about each travel destination and is very convincing about the merits of each spot. I found the details for each country walk to be extremely helpful in increasing both my knowledge of the area and my overall enjoyment of the trips.

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INTRODUCTION  
This guide is for everyone who would like to escape to the peace of the New England countryside and soak up a more complete sense of the way life once was, and is today.  
It will take you away from the tourist crowds to unique places with spectacular vistas and remarkable histories.  
You can stroll alone through an ancient forest, walk along the towpath of an old canal, take in sweeping seascapes, or picnic without neighbors on the grassy banks of a peaceful pond.  
You can continue the mood at a recommended restaurant in a picturesque setting and then complete the experience at a charming country inn or a bed-and-breakfast.  
Short Escapes brings you to special places little known even to New Englanders.  
According to your tastes, you can tramp around historic landmarks, plunge deep into farmland and forest, or just sit undisturbed for hours looking down at gentle waves lapping against a shore.  
Through the quiet, you will be able to feel what it might have been like when Native Americans ruled the land, when the first European settlers founded their colonies and when the great Hudson River School painters set up their easels in the 19th-century countryside.  
Many of the book's suggested walking tours cover country roads and footpaths in use for hundreds or even thousands of years.  
The 25 experiences in this guide are all within a short journey of New England's major tourist spots, and a few are accessible by train.  
Each tour has its own distinctive character, flavor, and points of historical, cultural, or natural interest. Each experience is centered around a walking tour, which can be anything from a short stroll to a five-hour walk.  
Short Escapes is more than a travel guide: It's designed to awaken the traveler's senses to the moods and flavors of a place and its people, and to help evoke a real sense of the past and present. We hope that the 25 experiences will have the same uplifting effect on you as they had on us.