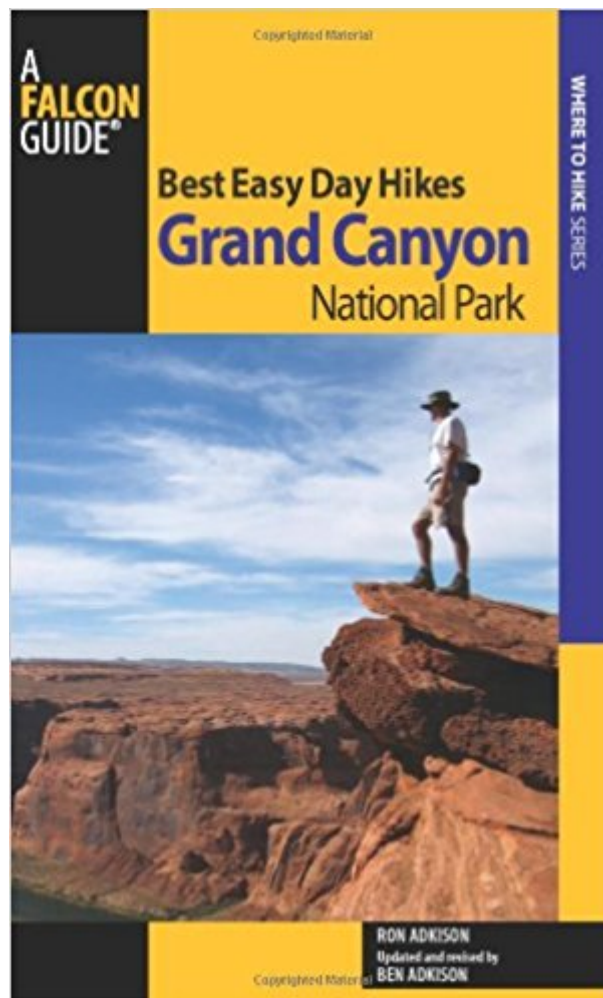




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Synopsis

Fully updated and revised, this guide includes short descriptions and maps of seventeen easy day hikes in the Grand Canyon National Park.

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Customer Reviews

Best Easy Day Hikes Grand Canyon National Park includes concise descriptions and detailed maps for seventeen easy-to-follow hikes in one of America's most spectacular national parks.

Discover breathtaking vistas that are accessible to day hikers from Shoshone Point and the Rim Trail along the South Rim to the Ken Patrick Trail and the Widforss Trail around the North

Rim. Look inside for: From thirty-minute strolls to full-day

adventures Hikes for everyone, including families Mile-by-mile directions and clear trail maps

Ron Adkison, who walked every trail in this guide many times, was the author of numerous FalconGuides, including Hiking Grand Canyon National Park. After his death in 2009, his son, Ben Adkison, took over the tasks of revising and updating his books.

In 2009, the hiking world lost one of its best advocates, author Ron Adkison. A veteran hiker and author of books on hiking the desert terrain of the Southwest, he did much to popularize the sport. Following his passing, his son, Ben Adkison has taken on the responsibility of updating his work,

including the popular 'Best Easy Day Hikes, Grand Canyon' book, now in its third edition. The Grand Canyon remains one of America's most popular national parks, but many visitors still think it best to drive by car (or tour bus) to various overlooks and take in the sights. A minimal amount of walking, however, offers so much more. Although rugged, with many trails better suited for backpacking, the canyon does offer a lot of good and relatively easy (and amazingly uncrowded) trails to fully experience all the canyon has to offer. This book explores most of them. From the long, paved, South Rim Trail to short hikes below the rim, this book gives day hikers an opportunity to explore trails from 1 to 10 miles long with (for the Grand Canyon region) relatively little exertion. The book is divided into South and North Rim trails, but as one who has used this guide on both sides of the Grand Canyon, I strongly recommend that readers go to the less populated North Rim. It has a higher elevation than the southern counterpart, and one can find a fair amount of solitude, even on short hikes. But where ever you go, this book offers opportunities to get out of your car and explore the Grand Canyon up close. Make use of it, and offer a word of thanks to Ron Adkison for writing such a good guide, and to his son for keeping it current.

These hikes are wonderful. We found everything to be accurate - if the book said a trail was quiet and not crowded, it was. If they rated the view as spectacular (or mediocre, or whatever), it was. The relative ratings for difficulty were spot-on. Same goes for "best easy day hikes - zion and bryce." Will definitely buy the books in this series for all future hiking trips to the national parks.

I'm planning a hike with my son and grandson down to the river, camp at Phantom Ranch and then climb out the next day. This book is full of great ideas.

Has some good ideas for hikes, but not all "easy." I'm a fairly experienced hiker and the "Hermits rest to Dripping Springs" hike is NOT easy. First of all, there is a decent amount of elevation loss/gain and second of all, part of the hike is very narrow and right on the edge of a cliff drop off. Some warning about this in the book would have been nice.

Was a useful guide. Would have been nice to get more information on how good each hike was to help deciding between options.

I guess I didn't read the description close enough!? However, I don't think you can fit all of the best easy day hikes into a tiny pocket guide. There wasn't anything in this "book" that wasn't available on

the park websites. It took me about two minutes to decide I would return this.

As mentioned by a reviewer in April, this edition is updated and current. Though I would argue that several of the hikes in this book aren't "easy" (few in the Grand Canyon are) the author does an excellent job of highlighting very worthwhile hikes....a few of which really ARE easy (i.e. the plateau top trails). Not to say that the others are strenuous...but "easy" is stretching it a bit. However, the range of hikes covered makes this book just right for many Grand Canyon visitors. I got this book (and many others) in preparation for authoring a DVD Hiking Guide - Jon's DVD Hiking Guides - Grand Canyon National Park) If you're looking for a book with the least strenuous trails, but that give you a lot of bang for the buck, this is for you!

This book has given me a lot of insight as to what we can expect when we go on our first major hiking trip in the canyon.

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