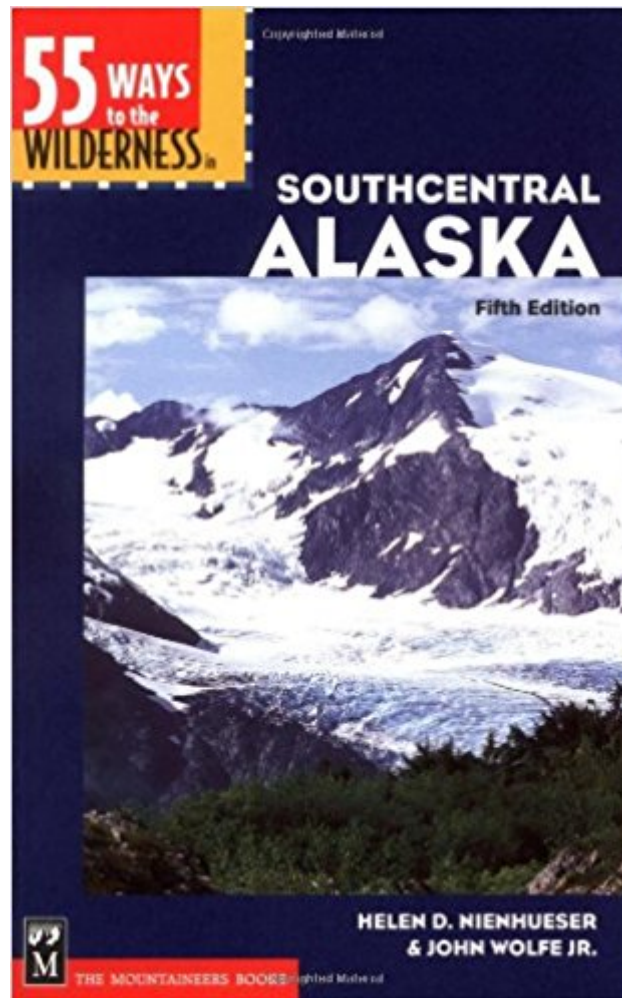




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* The 'what to do' guidebook for Southcentral Alaska* Summer trails and winter hikes are among the more than 135 outdoor activities included* Find day hikes, as well as multi-day trips in this varied guidebookFrom woodland and tundra hikes to float trips and winter excursions, there are actually over 135 ways to discover the Southcentral Alaska in this book. Included is information on the Valdez Historic Trail, and on Shoup Bay, a new trail in Prince William Sound that combines an easy beach walk with a glacier and iceberg studded final destination.Two convenient trip summary tables provide easy trip comparisons by location, length, level of difficulty, season to go, and suitability for children. The guidebook also provides maps and helpful information on such things as finding public transportation to some of these amazing Southcentral Alaska destinations.**MAP CORRECTION:** In the fifth printing (2008) of the sixth edition of this book, there is an incorrect map on page 182. [Click here](#) to download the correct map. The error was corrected in the sixth printing (2010).

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The single best guidebook to getting around the hills, valleys and mountains of southcentral Alaska. (Peter Porco Anchorage Daily News)For those of us who relish the walks in our wild and beautiful back country, this edition presents the most up to date information available ... Nienhueser/Wolfe have written a simple yet comprehensive pocket size book that is perfect for your library, to take on your day outings and keep in your backpack. It is also perfect for your guests on those wonderful 'away days' when they are out happily experiencing nature in Alaska! (Alaska Women Speak)In this current edition, devotees of the book will find something new ... At the same time, newcomers to the

guide will discover what has drawn hikers to the book for 30 years-an impressive variety of trips with dependable descriptions of the terrain, trail conditions, distance and activities along the way.

(Wasilla (AK) Frontiersman)A good resource for winter hiking trails. (Peninsula Clarion (Kenai, AK))

JOHN WOLFE, JR. has guided on Denali and is an environmental planner in Anchorage. He volunteers with the nonprofit Alaska Mountain and Wilderness Huts Association.

I purchased this prior to an Alaskan vacation, knowing that I wanted to see the scenery close-up and in-person. This guide lists lots of hikes in the Southcentral Alaska region and includes difficulty ratings, distances, and best season for hiking. It also included much additional information such as if the hike was suitable for children which I found very useful. The only thing I would have liked that wasn't included would be more about the hiking trails within Anchorage itself. But the city - understandably - probably doesn't meet the author's definition of "wilderness". I would recommend this guide to anyone visiting the area.

Super wonderful book. It gives you a lot of information about when is the best time to explore where and how to get there.

Excellent

This was a gift for my niece...a good update and a must for southcentral Alaskans that like to hike in our beautiful state.

South Central Alaska holds most of the population and receives many of the visitors to Alaska. It also includes those parts of the Alaskan wilderness most accessible to the average hiker. This guidebook is designed to provide both residents and visitors with a selection of hiking possibilities spread across the Anchorage Bowl, the Kenai Peninsula, the Matanuska Valley on the way to Denali, and the Copper River Basin on the way to the port of Valdez. The hikes range in challenge from those suitable for the merely fit to those intended for the extremely fit. The book is broken down first by general geographic area and then further into a description of each hike. Information provided includes distances, estimated travel time, elevation change and a difficulty rating. Descriptions include how to get to the appropriate trailhead and sketch maps for the actual route. The book has a good selection of photographs that provide a sense of scale for the terrain. An

introductory chapter discusses the hazards of hiking in Alaska, including the weather and the wildlife. This guidebook is highly recommended to the resident and to the visitor for an informed choice on where to hike in South Central Alaska.

This is a MUST HAVE book for any visitor or Alaska resident who wants to get out and about and enjoy the outdoors in this part of Alaska. Those of us who have lived in Alaska for many years still use this book every summer for our day trip or weekend adventure planning, as well as for longer trips. I give this book as a gift to both summer visitors and people who have just moved here. It is accurate, clearly written, has good maps, easy directions to the trail heads and has the necessary safety information for folks not used to things like mosquitos, bears, and stream crossings. I get the latest edition every time it comes out to check out the most up to date trail information.

I have an older version of this book. 1985. I have lost 2 copies and given away numerous ones. A must have if you REALLY want to do alaska right..

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Awesome guide book for hikes in South Central Alaska. I have been to the area five times over the last ten years and enjoy hiking and exploring new trails. I have two editions of this book. It has been a wonderful resource in selecting hikes that were appropriate for various traveling companions. Very detailed with all the necessary information to help you get the most out of your Alaskan outdoor adventures.

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