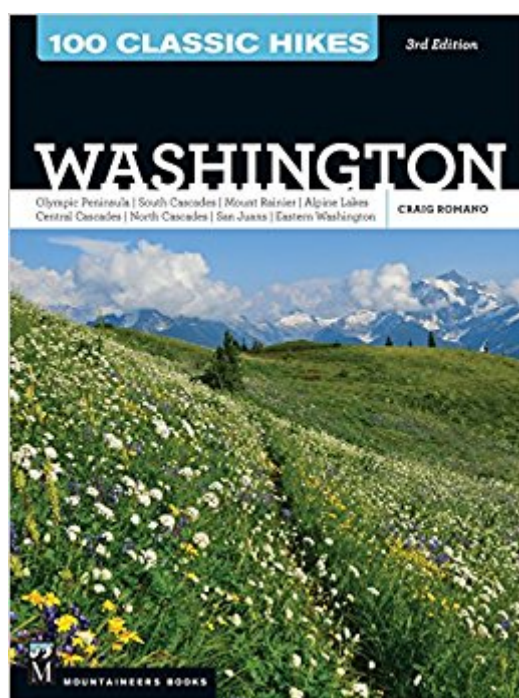


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Synopsis

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Washington's The all-time best-selling hiking guidebook for Washington State is now better than ever. All new hikes, all new maps, and full color throughout. Updated by Washington's most prolific and popular hiking author 100 Classic Hikes: Washington has been an iconic state trails guidebook for decades. Initially written by the godfathers of Washington guidebooks, Ira Spring and Harvey Manning, 100 Classics has been fully revised and updated by their spiritual godson, Craig Romano. Author of more than a dozen books on Washington hiking, Craig brings his own energy, passion, and expertise to this new edition that's every bit as gorgeous as its popular predecessor. Featuring full-color photographs and maps, the guide covers the best, most challenging, and most beloved hikes across the entire state, with a full range of trail options from easy to strenuous, day hikes to backpacking trips. Each hike showcases outstanding scenery, dynamic geologic features, or not-to-be-missed adventures. This new edition features the following updates and changes:

- All hikes written in Craig's own voice and based on his own current research
- Expanded geography to cover hikes throughout Washington including eastern Washington and the San Juans
- New details such as trailhead GPS coordinates and permit and fee info for park and wilderness areas

Features fifty "Legacy Hikes" — ones that Spring and Manning deemed "classic" — all those years ago and that still make the grade!

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Customer Reviews

Award winning author Craig Romano grew up in rural New Hampshire where he fell in love with the natural world. A former backcountry ranger in the White Mountain National Forest, ski bum in Vermont, and hiking guide in the Pyrenees of France and Spain; the outdoors are his calling! He has traveled extensively, from Alaska to Argentina, Sicily to South Korea, seeking wild and spectacular landscapes. He ranks Washington State, his home since 1989, among the most beautiful places on the planet and he has thoroughly hiked it, over 18,000 miles worth from Cape Flattery in the NW to Puffer Butte in the SE; Cape Disappointment in the SW to the Salmo-Priest Wilderness in the NE. An avid hiker, runner, paddler, and cyclist, Craig has written about these passions for over a dozen publications, including; Backpacker, Paddler. Content writer for Hikeoftheweek.com, he is the author of 10 books and co-author of five others. He is currently working on Urban Hikes: Bellingham and Urban Hikes: Olympia, both to be released in late 2016. He lives with his wife, son and two cats in Skagit County near the North Cascades and San Juan Islands. Follow along with Craig as he travels giving presentations and exploring the outdoors at craigromano.com or hikeoftheweek.com.

With the new edition of this classic guide, it's fair to ask - what's changed? Quite a lot. Legendary, influential (and, later, perhaps a little curmudgeonly) original authors Ira Spring & Harvey Manning have sadly passed away since the last edition. Capably filling their shoes: Craig Romano, writer of other excellent Washington hiking guides like Backpacking Washington & Day Hiking North Cascades, among others. The trail descriptions may not wax as poetically (or preachily) as Spring's & Manning's prose of the past, but the detailed, descriptive trail notes of Romano more than suffice. In fact, he pays homage throughout by denoting some of the hikes in their original guide as "Legacy" hikes, and cites selected passages of theirs as well. Pretty nice. Perhaps more significantly, there are improved maps - gone are the odd isometric projections & tangled trail markings of the past, now replaced by straight-forward topographical map with a clear route in red (with of course side trails, camp sites, roads, etc, all easy to take in at a glance). In addition, there is now a separate "Getting There" section with details on finding the trailhead, as well as GPS coordinates. Another major change - more on a mixed note - is the trail selection: previous editions focused almost exclusively on the Cascades and Olympic National Park. Now, the whole state gets a spotlight, with sections on the San Juan Islands + Whidbey, the Columbia River Gorge, and Eastern Oregon. The total is still 100 hikes, which means some choice selections from the older books are unfortunately gone (like, say, Noble Knob and Whatcom Pass). A few were merged into

one entry, or are no longer easily accessible (such as Clear West Peak and Lake Byrne). For those who don't care about previous editions - in short, this is a good option if you want a one-stop resource for the whole state. The pictures are consistently great - much better than most hiking guides I've seen. On the other hand, the book is also bulkier and heavier than most (I'll probably end up using a copier for pages as I need them). Like most guides in this series, there are trails of all types - from easy day hikes to multi-day backpacks - but overall they lean towards "moderate" difficulty and up, with even a few moderate ones requiring 2500'+ elevation gain (though on a decently-graded trail). So maybe not the first choice for novices or those with limited mobility, but fantastic for inspiration.

This is a great book! I've been hooked on Craig Romano's hiking guides since I borrowed "A Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula: National Park/Coastal Beaches/Southwest Washington (Done in a Day)" from a friend. All of Romano's books are a good balance of wit and inspiration. This one is no different. As a guidebook writer he's thorough and clear. Directions to the trailhead and the trail itself are clearly described. You have enough information to pick a great hike that's a good fit for you. What makes this book special is the gorgeous photos and the inclusion of hikes from all over the state. I'm excited to try some new spots and explore some amazing new places!

Craig Romano's Classic book PERFECTED in this new edition. I might disagree with some choices, but I plan to hike all to find out. The photos, maps, summaries, book size even -- make this easy to read with beautiful color pictures to enjoy and motivate. I have borrowed dozens of Northwest hiking books from the Seattle Public Library. This is the only one I've bought. Just do it already. NICE JOB! Keep Calm & Hike On!

Bought as a gift for my hiking loving hubby. He loves it and found lots of useful info in it.

It's a good book, a lot of info. Not a lot of easy hikes if that's what you're looking for.

great resource...there are quite a few "new" hikes and updates from my old 100 classics so this is a must have for anyone interested in WA hikes.

great resource for hikers !!! great details !!!

Very useful

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