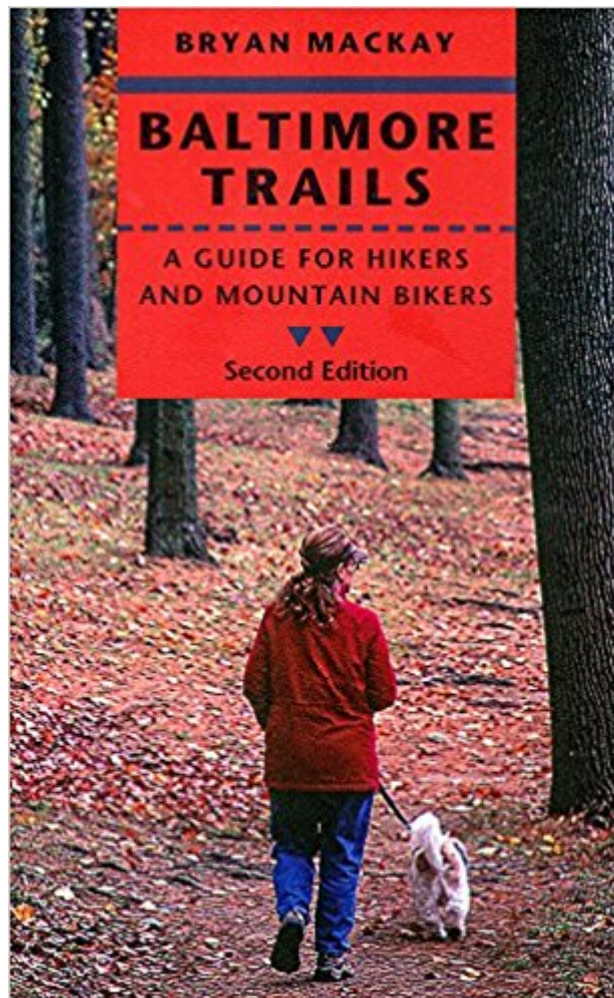




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Baltimore Trails: A Guide For Hikers And Mountain Bikers



Synopsis

Baltimore Trails is a comprehensive and detailed guide to trails on public lands in and around Baltimore. Discover Hemlock Gorge, a small slice of Appalachia transported into northern Baltimore County, with its timeless peace and ancient gnarled hemlocks; or Black Marsh, where birds skulk among the vegetation of pristine freshwater wetlands; or the unique landscape of Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area, which shelters more than 38 rare plant species. Baltimore Trails answers the needs of hikers and mountain bikers, offering accurate maps, up-to-date access information, and reliable trail descriptions. Bryan MacKay, a lifelong Baltimore resident and avid naturalist, walked, cycled, and explored nearly 80 trails in local state, county, and city parks, as well as area watersheds. He provides a detailed description, topographic map, and the length, location, and degree of difficulty for each trail. Some trails offer an easy afternoon stroll, while others provide a day of rugged hiking or biking. Thumbnail essays offer scenic highlights and discuss typical plants, animals, and local ecology. Every trail was field-checked in 2007 for the second edition. Miles of new trails are included, as is updated information on recent trail reroutes.

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Most of the major trails covered in this book. But many more loops and spurs not described here that would add greatly to hikers adventures.

I find this book so tricky to use I tend to revert to online searches for local hikes. No decent map and you have to sift through a lot of writing to get the information you need to access the trails.

This book is very informative. I like that it includes pages about various topics that are indirectly related to the hiking areas it covers... such as history of the area, information about animals in the area, etc.

This is a wonderful book with good detail to get you where you are going. So glad we got it. We now hike and would like to take up biking too. Love this book!

Has been a great resource for finding less known hiking and biking trails in and around the Baltimore area. Highly recommend the trails around Loch Raven Reservoir.

This book arrived in good shape and was just what I needed for my college hiking class.

I must disagree that this book is great, or even good. I spend my time correcting misinformation or clearing up ambiguities that confuse. Today, I attempted the Laurel Woodlands Trail, unsuccessfully. I met a local hiker there as I was finishing, a person who who regularly uses the first portion of the trail and some of its variations. The book is wrong, not to mention the ambiguity caused by not mentioning other trail spurs one reaches and one of the forks not even existing, sending me on a 5-mile hike that took me no more than 2 miles, if that, from my car as the crow flies. I've had similar problems with other trails, usually the longer ones or areas with multiple trails, such as Cromwell Valley. I had to go back several times to add the major trails the author never mentioned, and which, without mention, gets one turned around. And there is yet another trail I need

to go back and investigate at Cromwell valley. Thank God for a compass and GPS on my phone, more than once. I don't know if the other trails guides are better, but with this one, I've gone from being a hiker to being an editor.

In this refresh of the classic Baltimore Trail Book, avid outdoorsman Brian MacKay brings us nearly 80 trails in the Baltimore City, County and surrounding area. The book is organized by State Park, City Park, or Watershed Area. For each park, there is a distance, difficulty rating and the trail mapped on a topological map to be able to see gradations. In the text, MacKay writes a detailed description of the trail, describing what you will see, highlights of the path, and key information to guide you. This is a fantastic guide to get yourself outdoors and exploring the scenery around Baltimore.

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