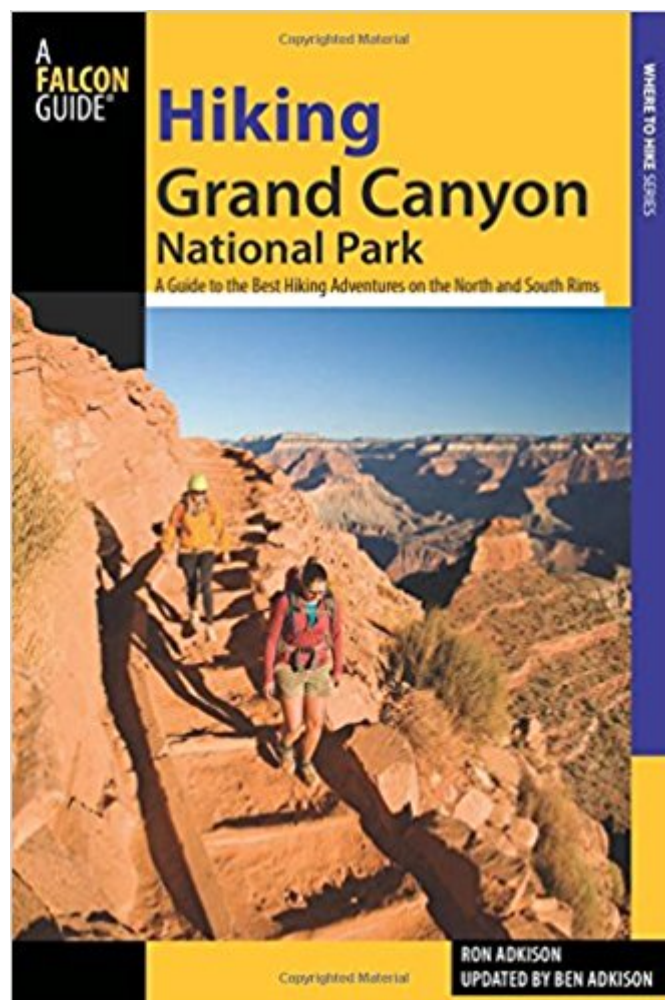


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# Hiking Grand Canyon National Park, 3rd: A Guide To The Best Hiking Adventures On The North And South Rims (Regional Hiking Series)



## Synopsis

This comprehensive guide features detailed descriptions all of the park's developed trails, which number fifteen hikes on the South Rim and thirteen hikes on the North Rim.

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Lace up your boots and sample twenty-eight of the finest trails at one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Hiking Grand Canyon National Park provides firsthand descriptions and detailed maps for all of the developed trails in the park—from easy day hikes suitable for novices and children to extended backpack trips geared for intrepid wilderness travelers. Also included are tips on safety, hiking with children, access, and services, as well as indispensable information about backcountry regulations, permits, and water sources. For more than thirty years, FalconGuides® have set the standard for outdoor guidebooks. Written by top experts, each guide invites you to experience the adventure and beauty of the outdoors. Features Hikes suited to every ability Directions to the trailheads Trail Finder for best day and overnight hikes for families, moderate day hikes, strenuous day hikes, and backpacking trips for all levels Comprehensive trail descriptions with mile-by-mile directional cues Difficulty ratings, average hiking times, and best hiking seasons for every featured hike Information on fees, contacts, lodging and campgrounds, and more

Ron Adkison (deceased), an avid hiker and backpacker, began his outdoor explorations at age six. Since then he has logged more than 12,000 trail miles in ten western states. He has walked every trail in this guide, most of them multiple times, to provide precise, firsthand information about the trails, as well as features of ecological and historical interest.

I used this guide to plan a hiking trip to Grand Canyon with my father. I love the first chapter of the book, which describes the canyon's history, climate, and geology. The book focuses on the trails - most of which are outside the main corridor of visitors. It was pretty challenging to hike trails described there. I could easily find a trail that was not crowded or too easy. I am an experienced hiker, so I was extremely happy about the info the book provides. The guide is very well organized. The book is compact and easily fit in our backpack. I was carrying it around, taking some notes that I was comparing to the details from the internet. I would say that it has a good balance between being detailed but reasonable in size and length. It was a great resource while on our trip. The guide seems to be very accurate and up to date, but I would suggest double checking the trails and weather with google. The book is informative and accurate. I would suggest read it and plan your hikes ahead! Also, keep in mind that this book is geared more towards the advanced multi-day backpacker.

This book could probably be considered a "standard" GRCA hiking guide. The first chapters do a good job describing the canyon's climate, history, and geology as expected from any decent guide. The trail descriptions are quite adequate to allow routefinding when the trail gets obscure, and advises on camp locations (which can be hard to find on some trails). Sufficient emphasis is given to water sources and their reliability. The main corridor trails (North Kaibab, South Kaibab, and Bright Angel) are of course covered well, but the book also covers many other less popular trails including several that aren't even on the USGS quads- Nankoweap Canyon comes to mind. Yet, oddly, the Escalante Route is not covered. The Beamer trail is covered as is all of the Tonto trail, and also the various access trails to those from the south rim such as Tanner, Grandview, New Hance, Hermit, South Bass, Boucher, and the South Canyon Route. A fair amount of coverage is given to the trail system around Horseshoe Mesa. On the north rim several shorter rim hikes are covered, as is the Clear Creek trail, North Bass, and the Bill Hall/Deer Creek system around Cogswell Butte. This is a good, solid GRCA guide.

Veteran hiking author and guide Ron Adkison passed way in 2009. His son, Ben Adkison is now in

the process of updating his guidebooks beginning with this Falcon guide to the Grand Canyon. This is an ambitious project as, unlike most canyon hiking guides, 'Hiking Grand Canyon' focuses on some of the most difficult routes in this spectacular park. Indeed, the single most common description for hikes in this guide, nearly all of which are backpack trips, is "a rigorous backpack .... for experienced canyon hikers only." Happily, the book does include day hike options for most of the routes described. Probably the biggest change in this guidebook over earlier editions is that it is now printed on glossy pages with beautiful photographs. The book also includes detailed descriptions of the hazards one faces hiking in the Grand Canyon, including not only dehydration but its all too common opposite, water intoxication. Descriptions of services, explanations of how to get a backpacking permit, and a detailed natural history round out the extended introduction to the third edition of this book. The bulk of the book continues to be devoted to the trails (a fairly loose term: many of the hikes in this book are little more than routes) most of which are outside the main corridor of visitors. On the positive side, users of this book have an excellent chance to experience, if not solitude, substantially fewer crowds than more developed sites. On the downside, this book is mostly directed to experienced backpackers who are in top physical condition and who have the time (and vehicles; 4wd recommended) to access some of these locations. Most visitors to the Grand Canyon do not fall into that category. For these visitors, *Best Easy Day Hikes, Grand Canyon*, also by Ron Adkison, is probably a better choice. There is surprisingly little overlap between these books. But if you want truly experience the Grand Canyon on an extended and remote trip, the third edition of 'Hiking Grand Canyon' is an excellent choice.

This guide helped us plan a three day, two night backpacking trip. The descriptions of the hikes were excellent. I have two quibbles: The time allotted for the hikes is much too conservative for people who are in good condition. The description of Ribbon Falls on the North Rim does not do it justice. Overall, the guide is fantastic.

Great help for planning an upcoming backpacking trip to the Grand Canyon. Easy to read and very helpful guide. Got the digital version to scan, but will probably want a hard copy for the trip.

This book was a good resource and companion to "One Best Hike: Grand Canyon" as we planned our hike to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. It was not so much a step-by-step guide of what to do, what to take, but was more a good overall reference. It provides information on many different hikes. We're going back, so we'll have this one handy.

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.

Highly recommended! The book took us on some great day hikes where the trails are a bit lesser known. Also took us to the best spot overlooking the canyon where there wasn't a hundred other tourists around. Keep in mind, this book is geared more towards the advanced multi-day backpacker, but still highly recommended if you're a novice day hiker going to the Grand Canyon.

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