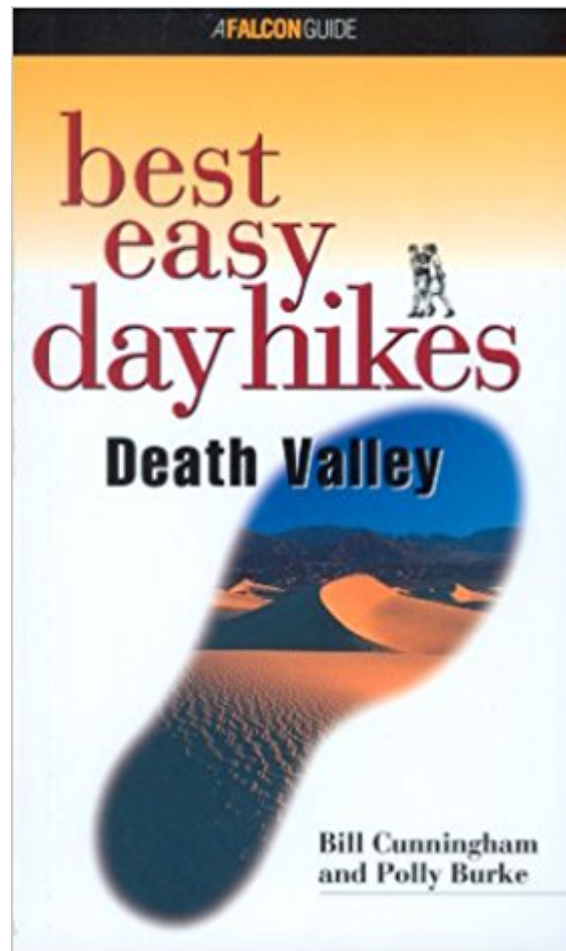




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Synopsis

Hikes varying from half-hour strolls to full-day adventures, this guidebook is for everyone, including families.

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Customer Reviews

From the wide-open salt flats of the Badwater Basin, where you'll find the lowest point in the continental United States, to narrow, twisting canyons with walls that have been beautifully sculpted by wind and water, Death Valley National Park is a surprising and wonderful place to explore. The hikes described in this handy little guidebook will lead you to salt flats, canyons, and other scenic spots within the park, including mining sites, springs, and towering sand dunes. Best Easy Day Hikes Death Valley includes concise descriptions and detailed maps of 23 short, easy-to-follow routes within the park. Some hike descriptions include options that will enable you to extend your trek if you choose. So pack lots of water and a wide-brimmed hat and enjoy an easy desert adventure.

This guide book was good, and I was glad to have it. At the same time, it was more selective than it needed to be, leaving out at least one easy day hike that I found on the roadside when a flash flood had blocked the way to my planned excursion. It goes well with the all-important [Death Valley National Park, CA - Trails Illustrated Map #221 \(Ti - National Parks\)](#). Alas, like all these Falcon day hike guides, it lacks a features key for a quick overview of options, though that is less of a drawback

in Death Valley NP where the distances are so long, you're going hiking where your car is going; and there's not so much question about a hidden waterfall on Trail A and a panoramic view on Trail B. You'll see desert and mountains, near or far, most anywhere in the park, I imagine (and I am not complaining!).

The book is written well and very attractive. But it is unreliable and potentially dangerous. For example, it encouraged taking a regular car (and driving carefully) on a road the National Park Service says is only good for SUVs or ATVs. This was risky advice. It was hard to find some of the trailheads the book mentioned, though that might simply be because this year 2000 book might already be out of date.

I loved this book! Somehow, we missed it on our prior trips to DV. It covers all the basic hikes, plus a few more. The authors' clarity about length of hike, elevation gain, and optional additional hikes are all very useful. We carried it with us everywhere. I need to get my hands on their Utah book, Wild Utah!

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