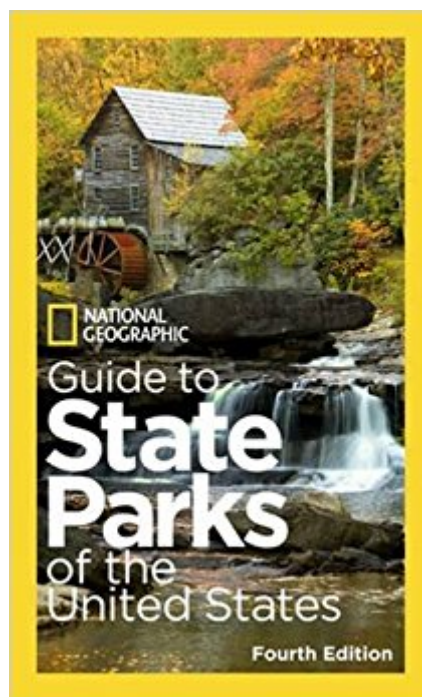




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National Geographic Guide To State Parks Of The United States, 4th Edition (National Geographic Guide To The State Parks Of The U.S.)



Synopsis

Nominated for inclusion in this book by the 50 state parks directors, this stunning group of 200-plus state parks presents the diversity and beauty of these accessible gems. From Florida to Alaska, from the white water at Ohiopyle State Park, Pennsylvania to the dunes of Pink Coral Sand Dunes, Utah, from the 6-acre Iao Valley to the 204,000-acre Baxter, these parks represent the best cultural and natural areas protected within our state parks' system. From free to affordable, the state parks appeal to the day-visitor or the weekend escapist alike. Of the state parks' 25,000 miles of trails and recreation, the authors have selected favorites for hiking and biking, horseback riding, and wildflower gazing as well as ample opportunities for the birdwatcher or rock climber, the wildlife observer or the amateur archaeologist. The guide features more than 200 gorgeous, color photographs that capture the splendor of the parks, insider tips from state parks staff that are invaluable planning tools, and 32 easy-to-use maps that highlight sites, trails and campgrounds, as well as information on recreational activities, camping, and lodging. All material, including photos and practical data such as opening fees and contact numbers, has been updated for the 2012 edition. "The low profile of many state parks can make planning a trip to one a bit harder than visiting a national park. The only nationwide state park guidebook is National Geographic's Guide to the State Parks." --Money Magazine

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Allegany (New York) 7 miles south of Salamanca, off I-86 65,556 acres Year-round Entrance fee 2,200-foot peaks Hiking, boating, biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, snowmobiling It's tempting to lose yourself among the steep valleys, thick forest, and stream-carved mountains of this park. Popular with campers and leaf peepers, Allegany is actually more dramatic in winter, when snow squalls sweep through the hollows, leaving fresh powder for skiers, snowmobilers, and alpine romantics. Since its origins in 1921, the park has shared a common border with the Seneca Reservation. Their struggle against the federal government's nearby Kinzua Dam Project is reported at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum (794-814 Broad St. 716-945- 1738. Feb.-Dec.; adm. fee), just outside the park in Salamanca. The park's best views come from the Stone Tower at the Summit Cabin Area, near the north entrance. After a stop here, head south for the 25-mile auto tour. Driving in a clockwise direction, continue south on Park Route 2 and stop at Thunder Rocks to see the house-size boulders. Then your route leads through oil and gas fields along the state border, past Science Lake, and on to the Old Quaker Store Museum, where exhibits highlight park history. On your way back north, visit Stony Brook Overlook for autumnal vistas, and Big Basin for 220-year-old hemlocks. If you have more time, consider a swim at Quaker Lake, renting a boat at Red House Lake, or hiking the popular 1.5-mile round-trip Bear Caves Trail. There are 45 miles of equestrian trails, used for snowmobiling when the snow falls. Also in winter, skiers will find excellent trails and rentals. Camping and Lodging The park has 423 tent and RV sites, with showers; 10 full-service cottages; 364 cabins (some open for year-round use). Reservations advised in season; call 800-456-2267. Camping fee. Allegany State Park, 2373 ASP Rte. 1, Suite 3, Salamanca, NY 14779; 716-354-9121; www.nysparks.com/parks

There are many more parks than were listed. I was doing an RV road trip and was very disappointed as to the incompleteness of the list. National Geographic is an excellent source of

information and presentation for the parks that are listed if you're just looking for a few good parks in an area.

It should be titled "Guide to a few State Parks". They probably review less than 5% of them. Since they only use 1 to 2 pages per park, you'd think they would've covered more of them.

State Parks?? I would had thought this book would be listing at least all the major state parks, however, only a few are shown for each state. I am VERY DISAPPOINTED that National Geographic would publish a book of sorts.

Very good. Informative NG quality in the usual high quality binding. Paper is superb and heavy duty. Content is good and easy to find items. I love the small almost pocket size as it fits easily in travel bags.

Was very disappointed in the number of parks listed for each state. I live in Texas, and only 4 parks are listed (out of 100 or more. :(

This is a gift for a Forestry Major at Texas A & M University in College Station, TX. It looks wonderful!

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I was under the impression it included ALL state parks since we travel and stop at many of them. But it only highlighted a few.

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