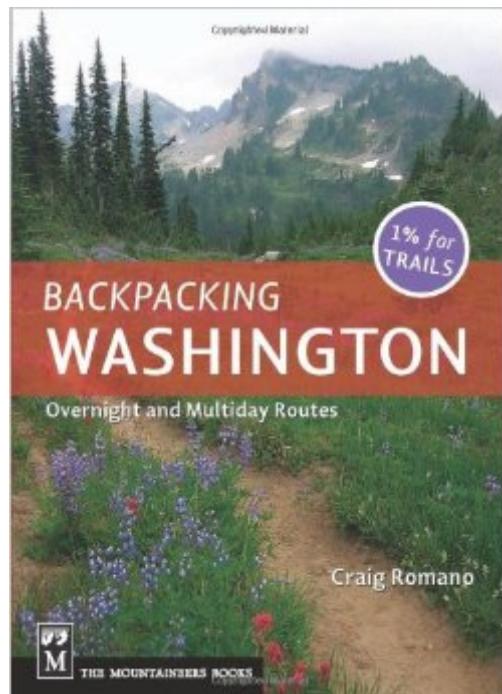


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# Backpacking Washington: Overnight And Multi-Day Routes



## Synopsis

The most comprehensive backpacking guide to Washington State! Veteran guidebook author Craig Romano hits the trail again - this time to uncover amazing backpacking opportunities all over Washington's wilderness. **BACKPACKING WASHINGTON** details 70 routes, from the wild Olympic Coast to the sun baked Blue Mountains. With an emphasis on weekend trips, routes range from overnight to weeklong treks and often include options for extending trips and choosing campsites.

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## Customer Reviews

We purchased this book on backpacking trips in Washington State at the beginning of the summer in hopes that we could do a few this summer. We indeed did find time for two of the trips detailed in this book. We used the "overview" section to determine which trips were in our desired mileage and elevation gain range. We found the descriptions accurate and helpful. The map provided an overview of the trail and campsite locations while the "trip planner" gave us an idea of distances between landmarks. We especially liked the "Extending Your Trip" section that gives ideas for side trips. We also purchased two of Craig Romano's day-hiking books which are written in a similar format. We went on many of the day-hikes detailed in these other two books and found them very useful. We look forward to enjoying many more backpacking and day-hiking trips described in these books. They are the perfect resource for year-around hiking in Washington State.

Craig's books are considered to be among the best of the Northwest--and for good reason. He has a true understanding of the areas he goes to and provides all of the pertinent information for each

hike with impeccable detail. This translates into transporting you as though you're along for the trek. Because the hikes are longer, there's much more to write about--and Craig's passion for Washington shines through these pages. He's not merely reporting facts, he's invested in these place. This makes a huge difference between a good book and a great book--this is a great book. The Preface is wonderfully written and beautifully captures the essence of this majestic state. His story about his first hike through High Divide says it all. In other words: he gets it. I was caught off guard (in a good way) by this. It made the rest of the book that much more special. I own several of his books (as well as other Washington hiking/backpacking books) and have to say this is the creme de la creme of them all. If you're even considering buying this, hesitate no further. Buy it now, then hit the trails!

Just picked this book up a few weeks ago and I'm already loving it. There is so much good information packed inside this little book. And it is little. It could easily come with you on your hike. The hikes are spelled out so clearly with tons of information about each one. I especially love the Trips-at-a-glance section because it allows me to compare several hikes at once to find just the right fit. There are sections with good advice at the beginning of the book for backpackers just starting out or for veterans to review the basics. Each hike includes contact information for the ranger districts, which maps you need, special concerns for the trails, permits needed, etc. Tons of information! I can't wait to hike each one of these hikes in this book.

After checking this book out at our local library several times, I figured it was time to own a copy. I have several other Craig Romano books and was, once again, NOT disappointed with "Backpacking Washington". There are many backpacking trips described, with several tips and hints to make each trip safer and more enjoyable, including alerts, water availability and permit information. I've started marking the dates I completed each trip in all of my Craig Romano books. This book is small enough to be carried with you, yet contains more info than many larger books. I look forward to enjoying this book for many years!

This book was a goldmine. Very well written and organized. I had a hay day compiling my future backpacking list. I loved that every one of these hikes is off the beaten path and when some are, in fact, swamped with tourists, they're honest about it and then tell you that if you hike past, you'll find a better spot.

Very detailed. Has maps, and pretty much everything you would want to know. What kind of animals their are, if its good for photography, animal friendly, camp sites, how hard it is to complete, how high it gets, during what seasons it is open, distance, round trip, if its super full, and a detailed description, as if you were walking through it. I wish I had gotten the hard copy, which is why I took a star, not that the book had anything wrong. It keeps freezing and its hard to manage which trails I like. The trails are divided by area in the table of contents, so you can choose an area then see all the trails in that area.

This is the most complete, up to date and helpful backpacking guide for the Evergreen State. Focusing on medium mileage trips (@15 to 45 miles), the book gives the avid backpacker GPS points, extended trip options and even fishing advice in addition to a narrative of each hike. Highly recommended!

My son lives in Seattle and was the beneficiary of this book last Christmas. He ventures into the outdoors almost weekly and this book has become his main source of planning those treks. Upon his advice I have given it five stars. He claims to have not found an inaccuracy yet and states also the book has saved him a lot of planning time. Recommended....

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