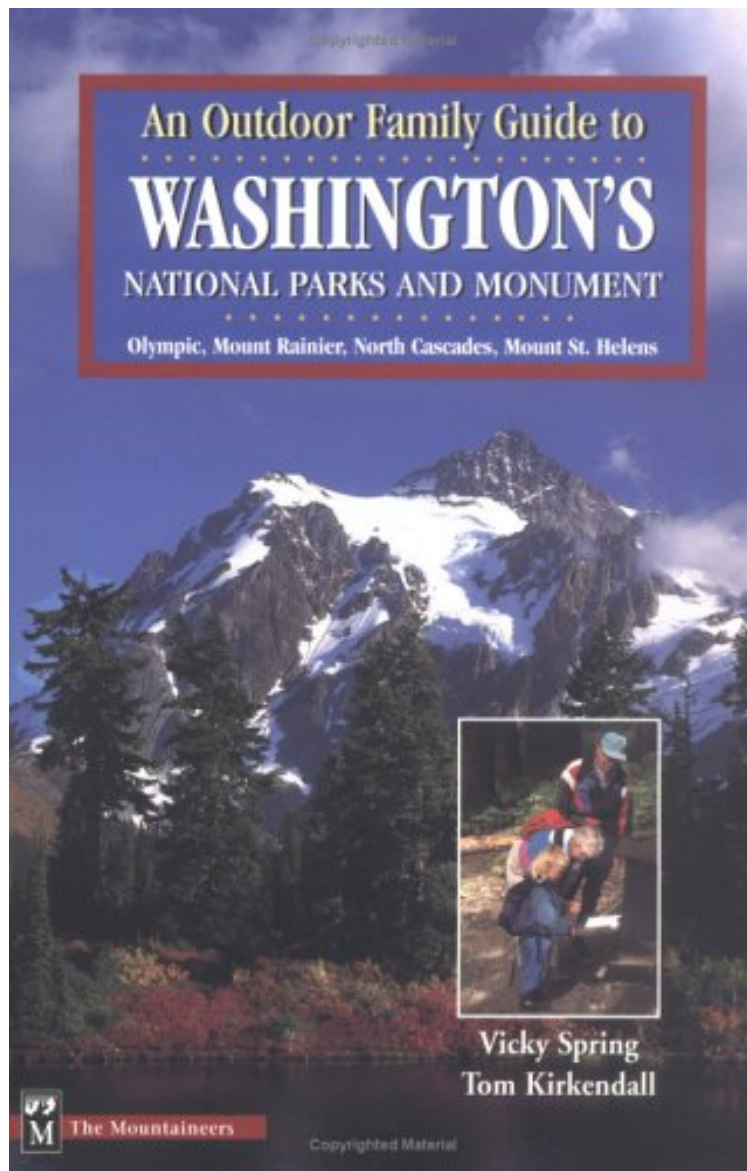


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Vicky Spring, Tom Kirkendall : An Outdoor Family Guide to Washington's National Parks Monuments (Outdoor Family Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Outdoor Family Guide to Washington's National Parks Monuments (Outdoor Family Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. absolutely the most useful book for planning our trip to WABY B. Koretz This book is superb for planning a trip, and for figuring out which areas to visit in the different parks and how much time to devote to each. It doesn't matter that it's from 1998, as basically nothing has changed (as of summer 2012). It helped us figure out what is "must see" and what is "time permitting" in each area. The hiking maps, while not as precise or as detailed in hiking books, are extremely useful because they show multiple and interconnecting trails on each little map rather than showing only individual trail segments. Don't be fooled by the 'family' designation - it's for very active families whose kids can hike endless miles every day, and follow it up with a long paddle. If you can, you might want to supplement it with more detailed hiking books and with the Nat Geo maps.

* Includes four major tourist destinations in scenic Washington* Multi-activity, family-oriented guide* Detailed access directions, plus hiking distance and difficulty The possibilities are endless for family fun in Washington's four national parks. Using this complete guide, residents and tourists alike can discover the exciting activities and attractions found in these beautiful and easily accessible parks. From dramatic Mount Baker to lush Paradise near Mount Rainier, from the eerie moonscape of Mount St. Helens to the craggy beaches of the Olympic Peninsula, every destination offers unique rewards to those willing to explore. In these vast Washington National parks families can enjoy hiking, biking, camping, rafting, interpretive programs, beach walking, tidepooling, photography, and wildlife viewing. Descriptions for trips include information on flora and fauna, history, safety, and tips on successful outdoor outings with children.

.com Whether your family comprises a 3-year-old who refuses to walk, a teen who prefers punk to s'mores, or a combination thereof, this family-friendly guide increases the odds that both you and your kids will have fun in the great outdoors of Washington. Conveniently divided into four chapters--North Cascades National Park, Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens, and the Olympics--the Outdoor Family Guide provides essential trail information as well as advice for parents. For instance, the introduction offers ideas for dealing with the challenges inherent in venturing into the wilds with the age-challenged (as antidotes to boredom, the authors suggest snack bribes and play time at the turnaround point for small children--and don't forget to pack those little cars and trucks!). Each chapter begins with a general overview and map of the entire park, followed by instructions for specific outings. Trail descriptions include at-a-glance details (length, difficulty, elevation gain, seasonality), followed by information on flora and fauna, geology, history, amount of use the area sustains, and any precautions to be aware of. Detailed maps and a healthy array of photographs (one shows a jubilant toddler sidling up to a cairn nearly his height) round out the overall high quality of the guide. If you're planning a trip to Washington's wild places with children in tow, this can save you a lot of heartache and forge the way for adventures unmatched. About the Author The daughter of Washington state conservation icon Ira Spring, VICKY SPRING grew up on the trails of the Pacific Northwest. She is the author of numerous hiking and cycling guidebooks for the Western U.S. and Europe. TOM KIRKENDALL has published a wide variety of books for Mountaineers Books on topics such as long distance bicycling, outdoor family activities and hiking in the Alps. He is also a talented photographer.