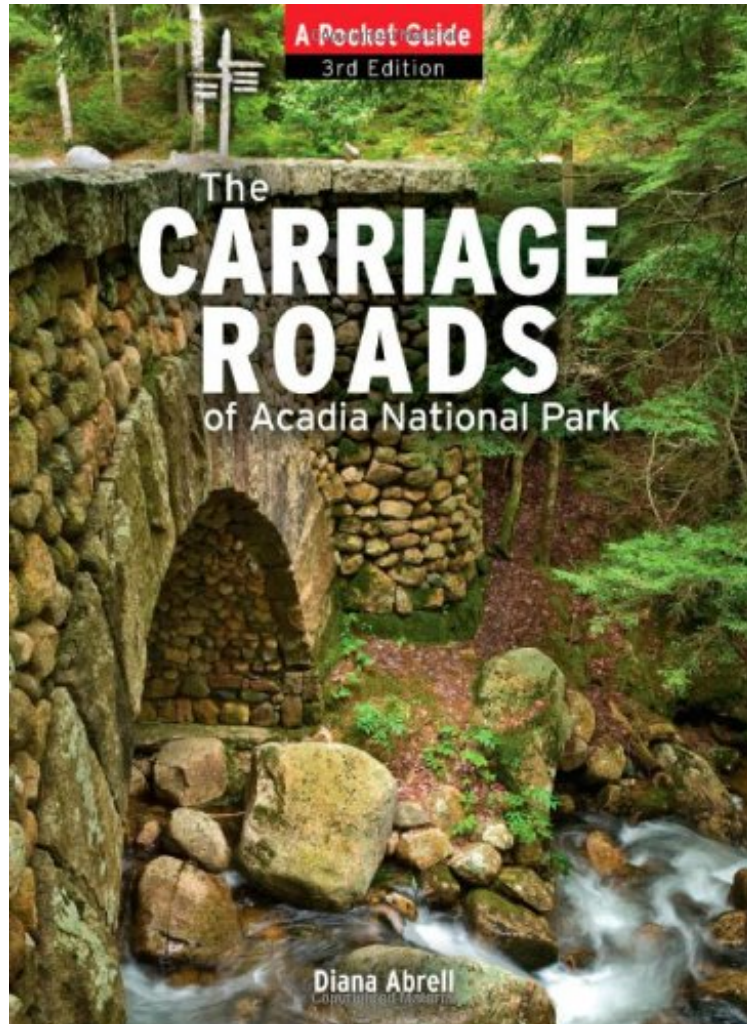


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**Diane Abrell : Carriage Roads of Acadia: A Pocket Guide** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Carriage Roads of Acadia: A Pocket Guide:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Accurate and Helpful By Marc S There are free NPS Carriage Road User's Maps available (highly recommended), at any of the park concessions, visitors information and here and there about the town of Bar Harbor in general, however, the book, "The Carriage Roads of Acadia: A Pocket Guide" by Diana Abrell offers turn by turn accuracy and is small enough to slip into your pocket for quick access and easy reference while on the trail. It also has a nice summary of the distances of various popular carriage road 'loops', with noted changes in elevation which can be handy when planning for a day hike, jogs, bike ride or cross country skiing. The 3rd edition of the book is copyrighted 1985, 1995 with an updated history in 2011. Although the physical carriage road system in Acadia is not going to change apparently the NPS went about renumbering some of the

intersection sign posts which are not updated in the book. Not to worry, at least for now where changes were made it is noted on the signpost itself with the old and new intersection number. You can also stop in at the visitors center and ask one of the rangers at the information counter which intersection numbers had been changed and make your own notes accordingly. Aside from this minor inconvenience the book will be valid for as long as Acadia so make notes and pass the book on to your loved ones! Lastly, I would also highly recommend you check the visitor's center for any free ranger guided tours of the carriage road bridges (lasts about 2 hours, 2 miles round trip and usually covers 2-3 of the 17 bridges) which is highly informative and interesting wherein the ranger reviews the history of the park and how the carriage roads came to be in the first place.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Helpful, but could be better.

By LarE This little booklet will be useful for the first-time visitor to Acadia National Park who wants to explore some of the 51 miles of carriage roads on foot, bicycle, horseback or cross-country skis. Most of the roads, first developed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in the early 20th century, are now in the Park, but some are still in private hands. The guide points out that bikes are not permitted on the private roads, and no motorized vehicles are allowed on any of the roads. Twelve possible loops, ranging from 1.2 miles to 11.1 miles in length, are described. Each description is accompanied by a small black and white map indicating the recommended direction of travel and mileage between junctions. The maps can be somewhat confusing, especially for those loops having many intersecting roads. We found it best to use the guide in conjunction with the excellent Acadia National Park Waterproof Trail Map. The guide also includes a few mediocre black and white photographs, mostly of the beautiful stone bridges found along the roads, and a brief history of the carriage roads. A better introduction to the history of the roads, together with very nice color photographs, is *Acadias Carriage Roads*, by Robert A. Thayer.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Perfect for biking or hiking!

By RJR This is the perfect book if you're going to be biking or hiking in Acadia. All the trails are listed, the difficulty, an idea of the terrain, the length....really everything you need to know before you set out. There is something for everyone. And these historic stone bridges offer lots of photo opportunities. It's a small book too, so easy to stick in the backpack.

With more than 45,000 copies sold this is one of the most popular books ever published about Acadia National Park. Its small size and useful format make it the perfect book to pick up if you are interested in exploring the park. Densely packed with maps and easy to use directions as well as wonderful descriptive information about each walk/hike/bike-ride, this 3rd edition also contains a new foreword by Andrew Vietze providing history of the carriage roads.