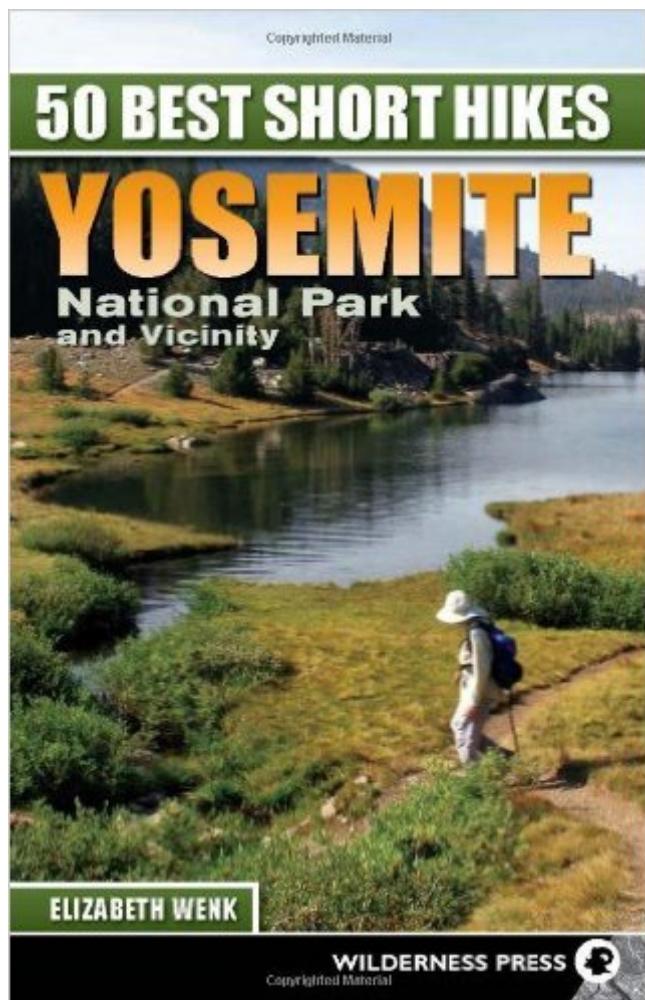


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Customer Reviews

Yosemite National Park is one of the premier destinations in California. Indeed, it is one of the premier destinations in the world. While anyone can be awed by the scenery just from their car, this new book by Elizabeth Wenk encourages you and your family to explore a little on foot. The 50 hikes in this book all range from 1/2 mile to 8 miles and explore almost every part of the park, from the crowded Yosemite Valley to Hetch Hetchy, Tioga Pass, and the area around Wawona. It also features a chapter on Mono Lake, an area often neglected in guidebooks like this. This book has a lot to recommend it. I like the organization of the chapters; each focuses on a single region of the park and lists several trails in the immediate vicinity. Moreover, the hikes reflect the diversity of each region, and in each chapter you will find a decent selection of routes ranging from the very easy to somewhat more challenging. Every hike includes a good sketch map, GPS coordinates for the trail head, and detailed driving directions. Nice black and white photos accentuate the written

descriptions of the trails. With all this going for it, one might ask why I docked the rating one star. The answer is that will not allow me to dock half a star, but this is really a 4.5 star book. That said, I have some concerns about a few of the hikes listed. In general, hiking books that promote shorter walks (in the 2-5 mile range) are becoming more popular with publishers. On the one hand, the aging population of the US has decreased demand for many longer trail routes, even in a place as popular as Yosemite. And complementing this trend, families with young children want to hike together and just cannot do longer routes.

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