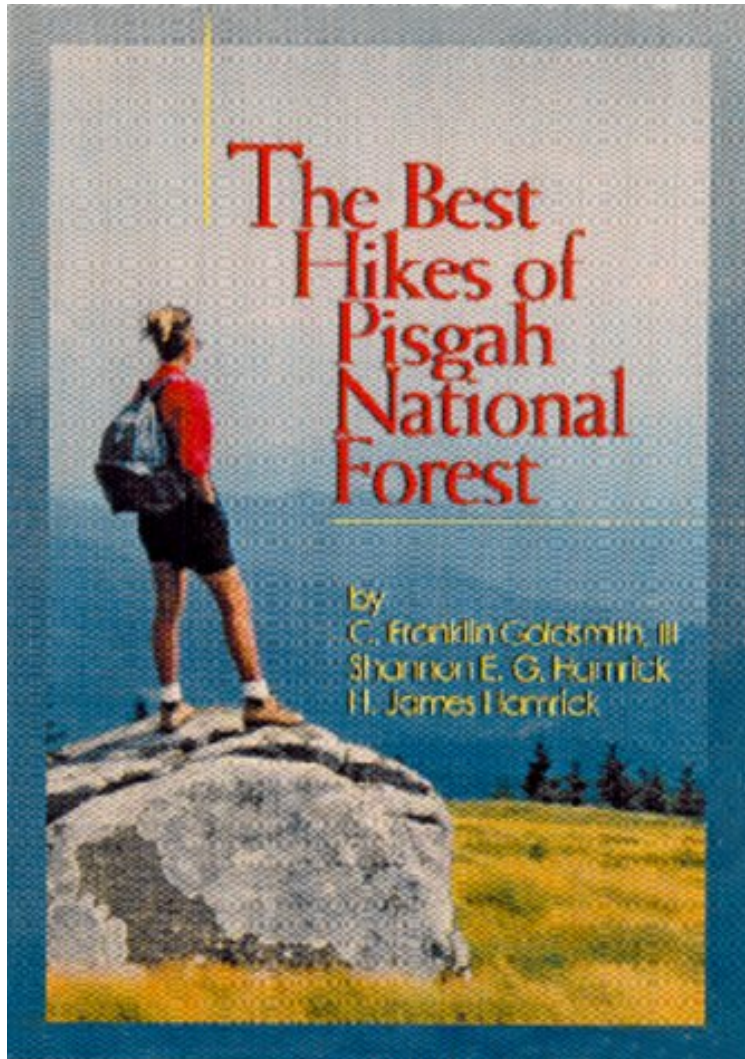


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C. Franklin, III Goldsmith, H. James Hamrick, Shannon Hamrick : The Best Hikes of Pisgah National Forest before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Best Hikes of Pisgah National Forest:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best book you can find on the Pisgah Forest By April Tolliver Only detailed guide of Pisgah Nat'l, that I know of. Really enjoyed using this book as a reference through the Pisgah Ranger District. Gave lots of detailed information, mostly accurate. I imagine the forest has seen many changes since this edition of this guide. It provides a lot of campsite tips on the trails, swimming holes, water sources etc. The landmark estimates given by distance mileage were approximate if not somewhat off, but I could still follow it based off of descriptions of geographical features. Then again, time and my lack of measuring distance during ascents could have

compromised the helpful nature of this information. I highly recommend this book for backpackers and those who enjoy mapping out hikes. My copy was delivered very quickly and was in better condition than described. Thank you to the seller.

36 of 37 people found the following review helpful. Pushing the Frontier of Hiking Guides By David Prager Cutting

Cutting a long, diagonal swath through the mountains of western North Carolina, Pisgah National Forest offers some of the finest mountain hiking in the eastern United States. Covering the entire national forest, this guide will help you find a great trail to hike regardless of what your definition of great is. This guide describes 112 national forest trails ranging from a flat, easy 0.5 mile loop to a rugged 12-mile hike one-way through Linville Gorge. The guide is organized around the major hiking areas in the national forest including Black Balsam Knob, Max Patch, Mt. Mitchell, Davidson River Valley, Linville Gorge, and Avery Creek. Each area features an excellent, detailed map copied from a USGS Topo map, driving directions (including landmarks) to the trailheads, and a detailed description of the trail. Additionally, the authors of this guide give GPS coordinates to designate trailheads, major intersections, and points of interest. With the increased popularity and availability of GPS navigation systems on the trail, the GPS coordinates add a nice touch that most guides still do not offer. This feature places this guide on the cutting edge of all hiking guides. Perhaps the strongest point of this guide is its versatility. In addition to the GPS feature mentioned above, this guide describes both individual trails and possible routes for loop hikes. These day loop hikes are given in addition to descriptions of the longer backpack trails in the forest, namely the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and the Art Loeb Trail. Hikes located near the Blue Ridge Parkway are listed separately along with a list of hikes suitable for children and a list of easier trails suitable for the elderly. All of these features and the pocket-small size of the book add up to a guide that can be used by everyone no matter what kind of hike you desire in the Pisgah National Forest. In summary, I have a bookshelf full of hiking guides, and this guide is perhaps the best guide I have ever encountered. If you are planning a hiking trip to western North Carolina, this is the guide you want in your pocket or in your backpack.

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Not the best organized hiking book. Almost too much information at times... I've flipped through it, but overall it wasn't really worth the expense. There are better hiking list books out there.

Fifty of the best hikes found in the four ranger districts of Pisgah National Forest