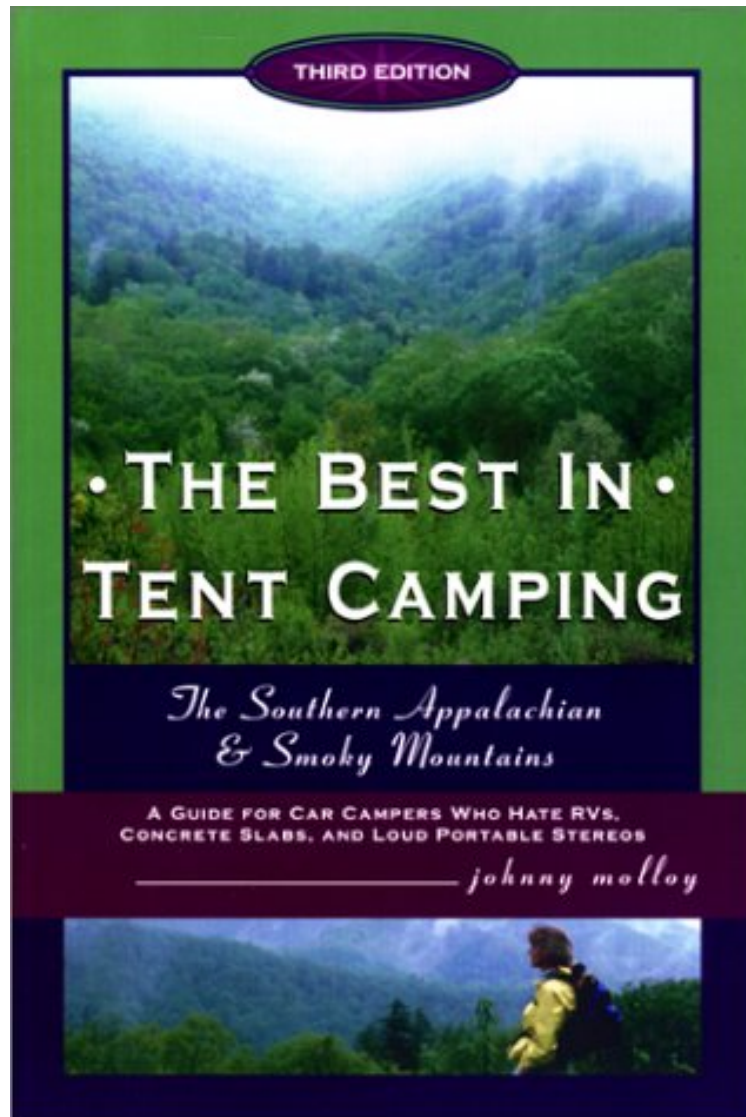


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great book, with a couple of reservations  
By Fanshawe  
I've read several of Johnny Malloy's books, and his Best in Tent Camping books are a great resource for those who want to avoid the RV parking lots that many campgrounds have become. Other reviewers echo my feelings here. However, a couple of things about this particular book could be improved upon. Firstly, the others in this series that I've read by Malloy have maps of the individual campgrounds after each review, which I find to be very helpful in orienting myself, particularly when he recommends certain sites. For some odd reason, this book does not. Secondly, I was unhappy with the amount of material lifted verbatim from his "Best of Tent Camping: The Carolinas." I already own that book, and found that all of the reviews for campgrounds in North and South Carolina were identical in both. I understand that perhaps a lot of new material might not be available to add to/improve upon the descriptions. But had I known this, I might have just purchased his guide to Tennessee and Kentucky instead, since they probably would have overlapped and covered everything in this volume, plus more (with the exception of a few in Georgia). That said, I would still highly recommend this book if you aren't planning on purchasing others in the series covering the same areas.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A book worth having...  
By Lady Laurelin  
We've used The Best in Tent Camping: Southern Appalachia and The Smokies for a few years now... we're not tent campers any more, having moved up to a pop-up (basically a nice tent on wheels, though), but we do appreciate a nice, quiet, campground in the woods. I despise having to hear a running generator while I'm trying to take my afternoon nap, or God forbid, when I'm trying to go to sleep at night to the sound of crickets...The book has good descriptions of the campgrounds, with additional information on what is in the surrounding areas. We're also hikers, so the book is good for that, too, as it mentions hikes that are often near or out of the campgrounds listed.  
My only dislike of the books is the maps - they're not very detailed, and pretty much worthless until you get very close to the campground, when often they're located in the middle of a national forest, so the roads aren't visibly marked on regular maps either. They could improve this feature.. but other than that, the book is worth the money - and it makes me wish I had the time to check out so many campgrounds and write a book about them.

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By avid reader  
excellent place to find an exciting tent area without rv's very descriptive: liked the key for quick reference on scenery, quietness, amenities, etc.

If you subscribe to the opinion that televisions, Japanese lanterns, and electric guitars are not essential camping equipment, The Best in Tent Camping should be your constant companion. The Best in Tent Camping: The Southern Appalachian Smoky Mountains is a guidebook for tent campers who like quiet, scenic, and serene campsites. It's the perfect resource if you blanch at the thought of pitching a tent on a concrete slab, trying to sleep through the blare of another camper's boombox, or waking to find your tent surrounded by a convoy of RVs. Painstakingly selected from hundreds of campgrounds in eastern Tennessee, northern Georgia, and western North and South Carolina, each campsite is rated for beauty, noise, privacy, security, spaciousness, and cleanliness. Each campground profile provides essential details on facilities, reservations, fees, and restrictions, as well as an accurate, easy-to-read map making the campground a snap to locate.

"Molloy's pleasant, relaxed style lends a great deal of readability to an otherwise utilitarian text, so that the reader is encouraged to explore all of what there is to offer before embarking. His recommendations for great trails and good fishing holes are based on first hand experience, rather than just local hubbub." Foreword Magazine, May 1999  
"Clearly familiar with the ATC maps and guides, but carefully avoiding obvious duplication, Molloy offers an excellent tent camping guide more for the car visitor, though the overnighters will satisfy those backpackers who do so infrequently." Pontiac Appalachian, October 1999