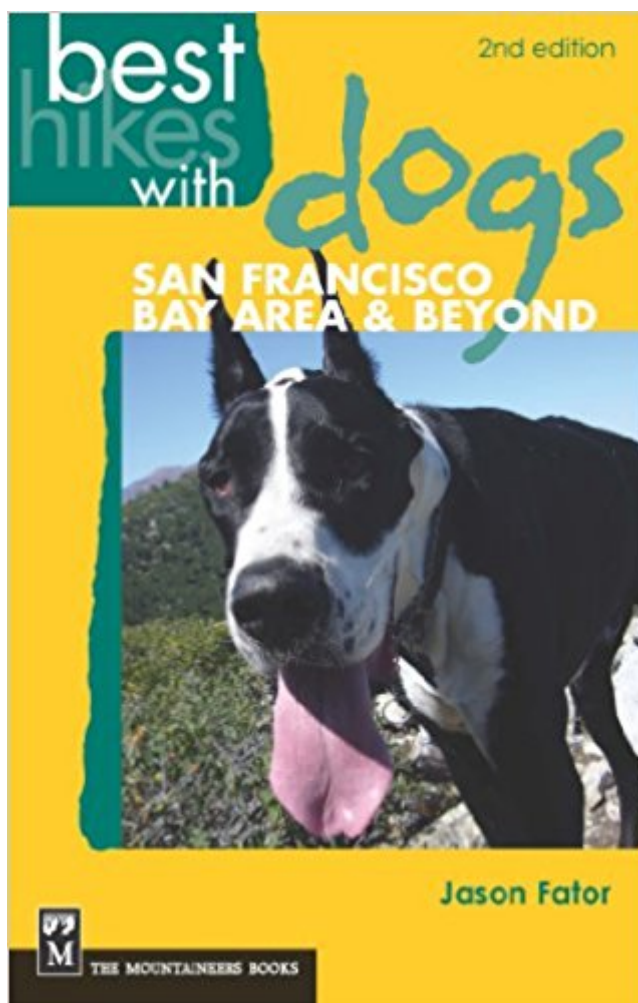




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Best Hikes With Dogs San Francisco Bay Area And Beyond



Synopsis

CLICK HERE to download the sample hike to "Lafayette Ridge" from Best Hikes With Dogs: San Francisco Bay Area & Beyond(Provide us with a little information and we'll send your download directly to your inbox)* Handy trail-finder chart allows quick selection for hikes by difficulty, availability of water along the way, views, and more* Trails range from easy strolls to more challenging routes, all on terrain that's hazard-free and easy on the paws Northern California and the San Francisco Bay area offer amazing trails to explore with your canine companion – and veteran hiker and dog lover Jason Fator has explored 83 of the ones most likely to satisfy both dogs and their people. From the sun-kissed hills of Marin to the grassy knolls of the East Bay or wide open spaces of the South Bay, Best Hikes with Dogs: San Francisco Bay Area and Beyond, 2nd Edition, is your guide to the very best trails, most of which do not require leashes (except in parks as noted). More than two-thirds of the hikes are on lesser known trails where travel is light and where you're unlikely to meet horses, bicycles, or motorized vehicles. Beyond the Bay Area, you'll find additional dog friendly routes in the Sacramento area, the hills of Gold Country, in and around Tahoe, and in the Mount Shasta region.

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Customer Reviews

AUTHOR HOMETOWN: Redding, CA AUTHOR BIO: Jason Fator has been a dog owner ever since he was a kid and currently is a proud "parent" to Juneau, a Chocolate Lab (who lives with his in-laws due to some incompatibility issues with his other dog), and a Great Dane named

Paul. Though they need a separate living arrangement to keep peace in the dog pack, Juneau and Paul can agree on how much they enjoy hiking! Fator pays the vet bills by being a freelance writer for the Record Searchlight, a newspaper in Redding, California, and XXXX. In addition to hiking with his dogs, he's an avid mountain biker. He lives in Redding with his wife, two sons, and one of the two aforementioned incompatible dogs. [[MORE BIO INFO TK]] Born and raised in Redding, California, I've made my home here at the northern end of the Sacramento River Valley with my wife Robin; two sons, Morgan and Charlie; and our Great Dane, Paul. The streams, lakes, foothills and mountains surrounding Redding have been my playground from a young age and I hike, backpack, bike, motorcycle, paddle, and ski every chance I get. I became a news intern at Redding's local paper, the Record Searchlight, in 1996 and worked there for five years, cultivating a love of the writing and the exciting atmosphere of the newsroom. In 2001 I left the Searchlight to help my parents run their motorcycle shop, Fator's Motorcycles. There I continue to write, from ad copy for the business to occasional side projects and, after reconnecting with and developing a love of all things bicycling, as a cycling columnist for the Searchlight.

I checked this book out from my local library & fell so in love with it that I ordered it from so that I could have a permanent copy. Most of the information about the hikes in this book are not in an easily accessible format online & the book gives such great color into each hike which makes me so excited about trying each one of them. If you're on the fence about this book, you will not regret buying it. It will inspire you to go out & see the best views the Bay Area has to offer & get some great exercise with your dog.

I've often felt that California is the most anti-dog state that I have ever hiked in. Dogs are restricted just about everywhere, but most especially in our state parks. On the other hand, a friend who lives in the Bay Area assures me that dogs, in many respects, have more rights than people in San Francisco proper. I'm not sure that is necessarily a contradictory perspective given the position of San Francisco as the cultural center of California's People's Republic. But the simple reality is that dogs are a part of our lives, and those of us who enjoy hiking want to share our experiences with our four legged friends. Author Jason Fator is much more patient with the anti dog coalition (a small but very vocal minority among hikers). He carefully considers all the arguments made against allowing dogs on the trails and suggests a variety of training techniques for keeping your dog under control so as to mitigate the concerns of other hikers and park users. Yes, dogs can be trained not to chase wildlife, and they certainly can be trained to behave better around people who do not like

dogs. Having spent a considerable sum to train my dog after he embarrassed me with bad behavior this December, I can personally testify that Fator's suggestion is a sound one. The bottom line is that dogs need to be kept on a leash at all times. Although many Bay Area trails are off limits to dogs, Fator does provide a good selection of trails you can visit in this book. He does not attempt a "comprehensive" guide but instead tries to give a representative sampling. In this, he does a masterful job. Hikes range from short and easy 1 mile jaunts to multi-mile butt kickers. He includes a variety of scenery, from redwoods to northern Sierra Lakes (the book includes chapters on Tahoe and the Shasta region as well) and hikes range from very popular to virtual isolation. I've personally hiked about 30% of the routes in this book (and was surprised to find that I had done so almost exactly as described). Since I've only had my dog for the last year and a half, Bambi has joined me on only a fraction of these trails. But all are very nice and I plan to use this book as my main resource on my next vacation to the Bay Area. In all, I am impressed by the accuracy and detail of this book. I like the trail maps, the descriptions of how and when to access the trails, and the many photographs. But most of all, I appreciate the effort Fator has made to make the outdoors accessible to those with dogs. If you have a furry friend and want to get out more in the golden state, this book is an excellent resource. It is highly recommended.

I am a new dog owner and an avid hiker. Many of my regular hiking locations restricted dogs but I never noticed before I got a dog. Thanks to this terrific book I now have a reference and guide as to where to go and explore. The book also inspires me to venture out and explore new trails. Thank you Jason for writing this book from both me and my four legged companion!

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