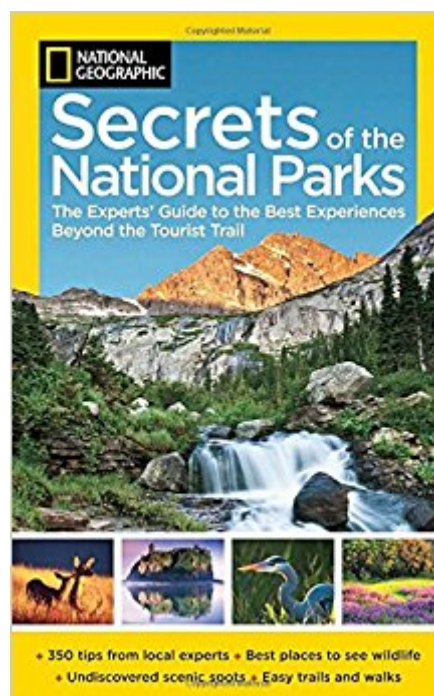




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# National Geographic Secrets Of The National Parks: The Experts' Guide To The Best Experiences Beyond The Tourist Trail (National Geographic Secrets Of The National Parks)



## Synopsis

Find the best National Geographic picks in 32 amazing national parks including Yellowstone's Lamar Valley, the Everglades' Nine Mile Pond Canoe Trail, and Yosemite's exquisite Snow Creek Trail. Discover that Lamar Valley is home to many of the park's wolf packs; why the Everglades is the domain of the pink flamingo; and that astounding views of Yosemite's Half Dome and Tenaya Canyon are accessible on an easy day hike. The majority of national park visitors often stick to the most celebrated trails and scenic overlooks, missing a whole world of stunning scenery in the process. Informed by park rangers, superintendents, and frequent park visitors, National Geographic Secrets of the National Parks provides all the inspiration and information you need to plan your visit beyond the well-trodden, touristy spots in these 32 great national parks. Stunning photographs, informative sidebars, and easy-to-use maps will help make your next national park adventure memorable.

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**EAST:** Acadia - Shenandoah - Great Smoky Mountains - Biscayne - Everglades  
**SOUTHWEST & ROCKIES:** Big Bend - Petrified Forest - Grand Canyon - Bryce Canyon - Zion - Capitol Reef - Mesa Verde - Canyonlands - Arches - Rocky Mountain - Wind Cave - Badlands - Theodore Roosevelt - Yellowstone - Grand Teton - Glacier  
**PACIFIC:** Mount Ranier - Olympic - Crater Lake - Redwood - Yosemite - Channel Islands - Sequoia & Kings Canyon - Death Valley - Joshua Tree - Hawaii Volcanoes - Haleakala

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I was looking forward to this book as I love visiting National Parks. But once I received it, I was horribly disappointed. First off, there are no secrets. They talk about the main trails in the parks that everyone hikes and are available on every map and in every trail guide. Second, the information I read was very inaccurate. They were off on the distance of some hikes by over a mile. Their trail descriptions were also way off the mark. I was reading about one trail in Capitol Reef National Park that they likened to the Narrows in Zion. They are in no way similar except they are both in Utah. They also mentioned picking up free guides that are in no way free. The guide they talked about is only available for purchase through a non-profit organization that runs bookstores in National

Parks. I should have known better since their Trails Illustrated maps are also very inaccurate, but I was hoping they would have caught on and researched a little better.

Very good. Informative NG quality in the usual high quality binding. Paper is superb and heavy duty. Content is good and easy to find items. I love the small almost pocket size as it fits easily in travel bags.

This book has a lot of great "secret" tips for all the major National Parks. Stuff you wouldn't otherwise think of / know of. Things like, lesser-known hikes, less crowded campsites, alternate routes to getting around crowds and traffic ect. Its very helpful to have in your collection. I only wish each park's section was a bit longer - most parks only get about a page and a half of info. But the visitor center location, address and phone numbers are there along with a map so that's good

This was a birthday gift for a friend who has visited nearly every national park. She LOVED it and intends to take it with her when visiting them again. 's service was excellent which was especially helpful because the first mail order book company I contacted was sold out of my first choice book. This was an even better second choice option and I'm looking forward to using again.

Very complete

good book

I must say I was expecting something more, although it's very interesting! A lot of "secret" hiking places, but many are quite challenging.

Great book!

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