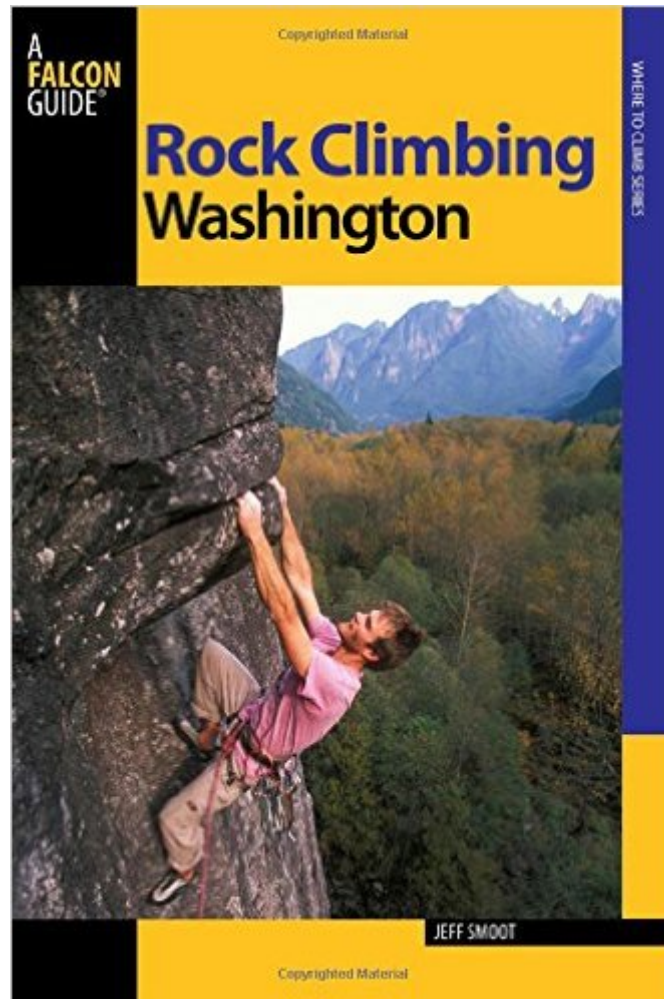


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Customer Reviews

This was the first climbing guidebook I purchased when I moved to Seattle for school. I would not purchase this book again and I do not recommend it to anyone. This book is very shallow as it tries to cover too many climbing areas. Many chapters refer the reader to other guidebooks. I also do not appreciate the author's rather patriarchal attitude to the reader. There are numerous rants about staying on existing trails and how to act appropriately at the crags. While we should all know this information, I don't need it repeated with every chapter. Many route descriptions have a passive-aggressive style to them which is evident throughout the book. These route descriptions give the impression that the author does not enjoy climbing in Washington and makes me wonder why he published a guide book for Washington in the first place.

If you are new to Washington state and want an introduction to what climbing areas exist and what types of routes might be found there, then this is a helpful book. However, this book is NOT helpful once you get to a climbing area and want to know what route to jump on and what kind of gear to bring with you. Once you pick out a climbing area you want to explore, buy the guidebook for that area and leave this book at home.

Sorry, Mr. Smoot, but this tome contains mountains of inaccurate beta from route length, to pitches to ratings. That aside, it is a great source for finding crags. If you buy this, you'll definitely want to supplement it with other resources.

With 500 pages, there isn't any doubt you can find not just some routes, but some great areas to fit your adrenalin junky needs in Washington. Another book to consider is "Weekend Rock Washington" by David Whitelaw. It covers many of the same routes, but concentrates on routes below 5.10a. Given the pictures and maps (both route maps and area maps) and narratives it seems to me well enough documented. The "Icicle Creek Canyon Mileage Chart" for example gives you the 23 mile posts to locate important climbing areas in the area there. Handy index, good introduction everyone should read and probably don't bother to. (Ratings, Safety, Courtesy, Access, and Preservation) Go for it. You'll be glad you did. 6" x 9", 1.5 pounds.

I liked the variety of climbs that it listed all over Washington. I've only gone to one place so far. The down side of this book is that the climbing route wasn't well drawn and it was hard to find the climbing route. I did the 'Outer Space' in Leavenworth. The description is lengthy and not always the most concise but it was helpful in the end.

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