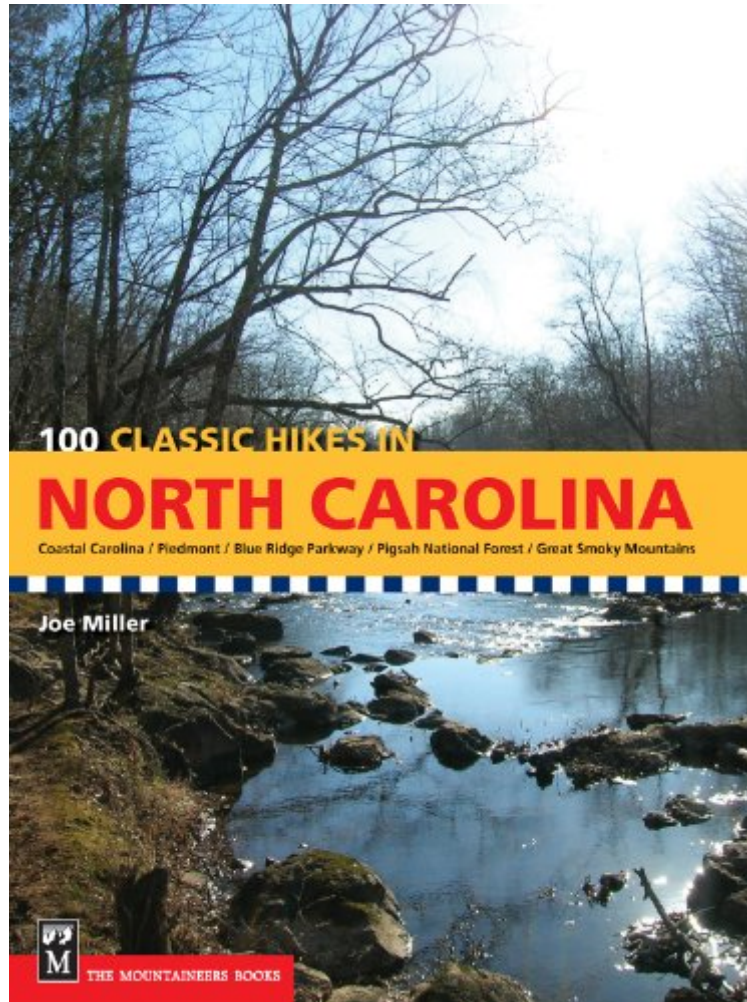


100 Classic Hikes in North Carolina

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Joe Miller : 100 Classic Hikes in North Carolina before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 100 Classic Hikes in North Carolina:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Flawed but Still UsefulBy David PragerA state as long (east-west wise) as North Carolina contains a wide variety of terrain and hiking destinations. Despite its flaws, this guide will help you find some nice hikes throughout the state.As its name suggests, this guide describes 100 hikes in North Carolina. An obvious effort has been made to maximize geographic coverage: the guide includes 11 hikes near Raleigh-Durham, 5 hikes near Charlotte, 14 hikes along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and 8 hikes in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. All four national forests are covered, but only 20 hikes are located in the national forests, the states largest and most diverse trail network (more on that below). Each hike contains a fairly good map that does

include contour lines, a must for the states mountainous western areas. Like most guides in the Classic Hikes series, this book is printed on 7 by 9 glossy color pages, so the pictures in this guide are several notches above those in the average trail guide. Despite its potential, I ran into a few issues with this guide. First, fitting 100 hikes into 237 pages ensures that the trail descriptions are quite short. Indeed, many interpretive details are missing, and some trail descriptions omit information I would have found useful on the trail. Second, several of the hikes described in this guide make heavy use of paved suburban bike paths. In light of those inclusions, I found it odd that many classic national forest hikes are missing from this guide: Max Patch, Lovers Leap at Hot Springs, Harper Creek Falls, and Looking Glass Rock, to name a few. In a book on classic North Carolina hikes, it makes no sense to include a walk on a paved suburban bike path and leave out hikes of this quality. In summary, I fear the extreme effort at geographical diversity causes this guide to somewhat miss its mark. If you really want the best hikes in North Carolina you will need to purchase Molloy's Hiking North Carolina's National Forests in addition to this guide.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really BAD Directions, Hike Descriptions, Probably a Good Selection of Hikes By Noatak Girl
This book gets 4 or 5 stars for hike selection, I have no issues there. My problem is that the directions to the hikes or descriptions of the actual hike are poor. The directions to the Harper Creek Falls hike contain multiple errors, and once on the trail we could not find the falls. I compared this later with another book that was spot on. We basically walked past the falls, but because it was high summer did not see them due to the foliage and this book never really explains where to stop in comparison with others. The next hike we tried again had an error in the directions to get to the hike. You could still get to the trail easily enough but I've never seen such errors in any trail guide I own, so I'm pretty disgusted. Another pet peeve, the author claims to have hiked all these NC trails and talks about having his selections made, and then changing about 50% of them because of the suggestions of others. Really?? That seems a little odd to me, either you don't know what you like or you haven't hiked all these trails. The bottom line, I know little about NC but this is probably a good selection of hikes, you just can't rely on the directions or trail descriptions. Maybe I found the only 2 hikes in the book with errors, but I doubt it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Find Places You Never Knew Existed By Stan Taylor
There are so many good places to get into the woods and hike in North Carolina. I have several favorites, but this little book gives me the chance to try places that I would otherwise know nothing about. The descriptions of the several trails that I have tried are accurate enough that I am gaining confidence that I will know what to expect when I get on the trails. My wife and I just spent 10 days hiking in the mountains, and we enjoyed seeing a lot of things we would not have seen if we had just gone to our favorite hiking places. This was well worth the money.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download two free hikes "Cedar Rock Trail" and "Crowders Mountain" from 100 Classic Hikes in North Carolina* Each of these North Carolina hikes is the cream-of-the-crop* Full-color topographical maps, elevation profiles, and over 100 stunning trail photographs* Trails-at-a-Glance chart to help find the hikes you want quickly and easily* Includes info on North Carolina public lands acquisition and regulations
North Carolina is the ideal hiking state: dramatic mountain trails in the Southern Appalachians, lots of rolling trails near high population centers in the Piedmont, diverse hikes that few people know about on the Coastal Plain. The varied climates of the state make for a wide array of hiking opportunities, sure to provide some favorites for everyone. Whether you thrive off of an intense heart-pounding climb with a sweeping vista as a reward or prefer a smoother terrain filled with interesting historical tidbits, there is a classic hike for you.

"Joe Miller has written the perfect hiker's guidebook... a must-have for hikers of all kinds." (Atlanta Sports Fitness)
"The publisher touts this as a coffee table book that you can take hiking with you. I agree. The color photos in 100 Classic Hikes in North Carolina make you want to get off the couch and go exploring [Miller] writes in a simple, yet descriptive, style that makes this much better than the typical guidebook." (Decatur Daily, of Decatur, AL)
"100 Classic Hikes in North Carolina is the most professional and serious [hiking book for NC] while also being the most general, covering the entire state and all kinds of hiking. The thoroughness and the color photographs of beautiful scenery on the trails add to the book's appeal this book is a valuable resource for any hiker in North Carolina." (The Wilson Daily Times)
"Joe Miller's book is written in a very personable, breezy style, like his columns and blog [and] I trust him to have actually done the hikes he writes about." (Carolina Mountain Club Newsletter)
"The colorful photographs and well-written descriptions will entice even the most-reluctant couch potato to put on hiking shoes and hit the trail."
About the Author JOE MILLER is an outdoor adventure columnist who regularly hikes, bikes, camps, and paddles. He has written about the outdoors for The News Observer in Raleigh, North Carolina, since 1992 and has written a weekly outdoors column, "Take it Outside" for ten years. 100 Classic Hikes North Carolina is his first book.