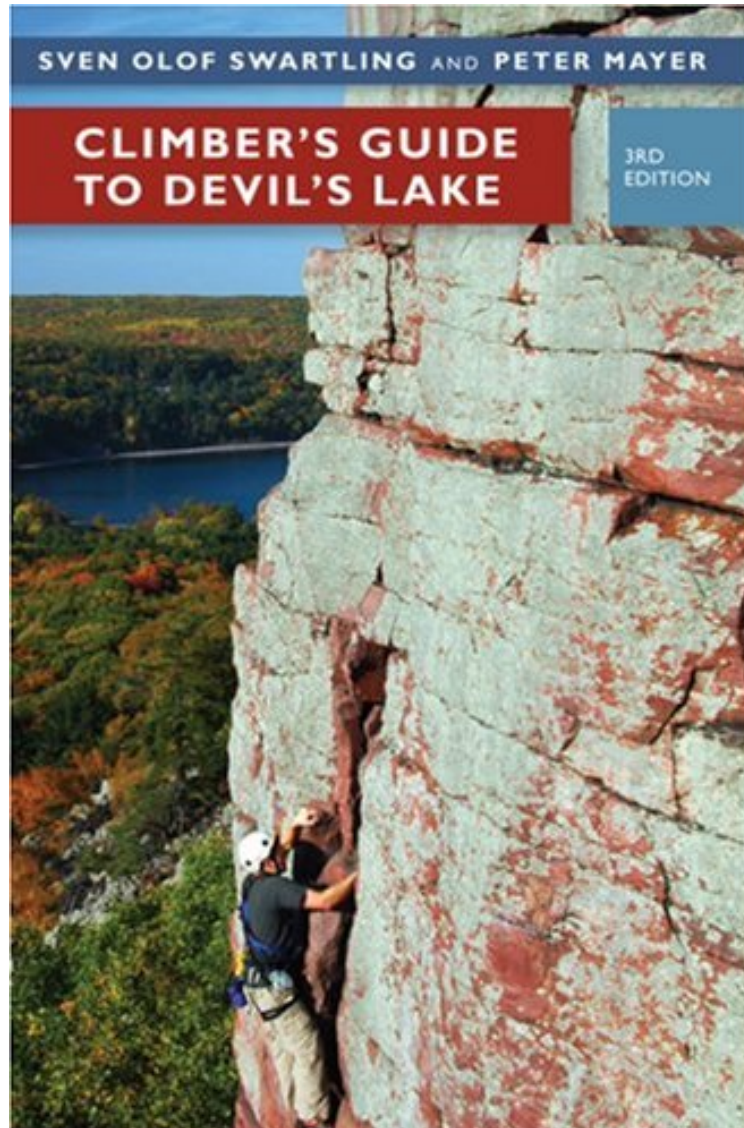


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Sven Olof Swartling : Climber's Guide to Devils Lake (A North Coast Book) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Climber's Guide to Devils Lake (A North Coast Book):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not as AdvertisedBy sratchf2The cover/photo of this book corresponds to the newest 2008, 3rd edition. When I received the 1995, 2nd edition, I was quite disappointed since I know the 3rd edition has an extra 100 pages, adding a vast array of the newest routes and better pictures.Be warned, this isn't the newest edition.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good guidebook, but could be better.By

Bill There is a lot of information packed into this paperback, especially compared to earlier versions by the same author. I like the addition of GPS waypoints for the climbing areas, which are of particular value when the approach directions are brief. It is a great value for only \$20, but honestly I wish there were a spiral-bound edition which I'd be willing to pay a lot more for. This fat paperback with a stiff binding won't stay open unless you hold it with both hands or put a big rock on it. It is fairly well illustrated but there is room for improvement there too, some of the drawings are too tiny to pick out much detail, probably again a function of the cheap publishing format. I also wish more information were given on each of the climbs, like how tall the climb is, and whether it is a walk-off or a rap down. There is also little info telling how long or difficult the various approaches are. Maybe I'm spoiled by some other well written guidebooks that I use. But this is a very valuable guide in any case, and certainly a must have for anyone going climbing at Devils Lake.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. +Lots of Routes; +Good, Compact Guide; - Poor Directions

By M. G. Clausen This is THE guidebook for the Lake. Conversational tone describes the routes, a beautiful foreword that puts the vast history and splendid geology of the Lake area in layman's terms, and a plentiful bounty of routes listed. Though it would be wonderful to have more maps giving visual directions to the walls for those new to the area, many walls have a black-and-white photo of the wall and map coordinates given in the book. For a good visual supplement before your trip, there's the Hoofers Mountaineering website to help get you to some of the walls. It's not a glossy Colorado guide book with full-color images that are half photo-essay, and it feels more "down-home" because of it. The book is a great friend, and I hope you spend many evenings thumbing through it, thinking about your next project!

The new edition of Climbers Guide to Devils Lake is your guide to the fractures, cracks, ledges, slabs, chimneys, and other rock formations of Devils Lake State Park, the most popular climbing spot in the Midwest. This bible for climbers locates and describes more than 1600 climbs. With more than 10,000 copies of the first edition in print, this handy volume remains the only comprehensive guide to climbing in the panoramic park located near Baraboo, Wisconsin. It describes many more climbs on recently acquired park land as well as in relatively unknown areas, encouraging exploration of new routes to decrease the overuse of, and damage to, the most popular areas. Major changes in the new edition include revisions of the hiking trail descriptions, the climbing safety and ethics sections, and the rating system, which has been changed from the National Climbing Classification System to the Yosemite Decimal System. A new chart compares these two systems to others. This edition is useful to climbers of all abilities and preferences, and the book's excellent organization, along with fifty-nine new and revised diagrams, eleven maps, and twenty-two photographs, enable both novices and experts to locate challenging routes easily. Author Olle Swartling draws on his own forty years of climbing experience at Devils Lake and elsewhere, comments from other climbers, and information from out-of-print guidebooks to improve this edition, retaining the informative geologic and natural history of the Baraboo hills contributed by Patricia K. Armstrong.

"A convenient pocket-size guide that should tell you anything and everything you might want to know about conquering the bluffs at Devils Lake." The Capital Times

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