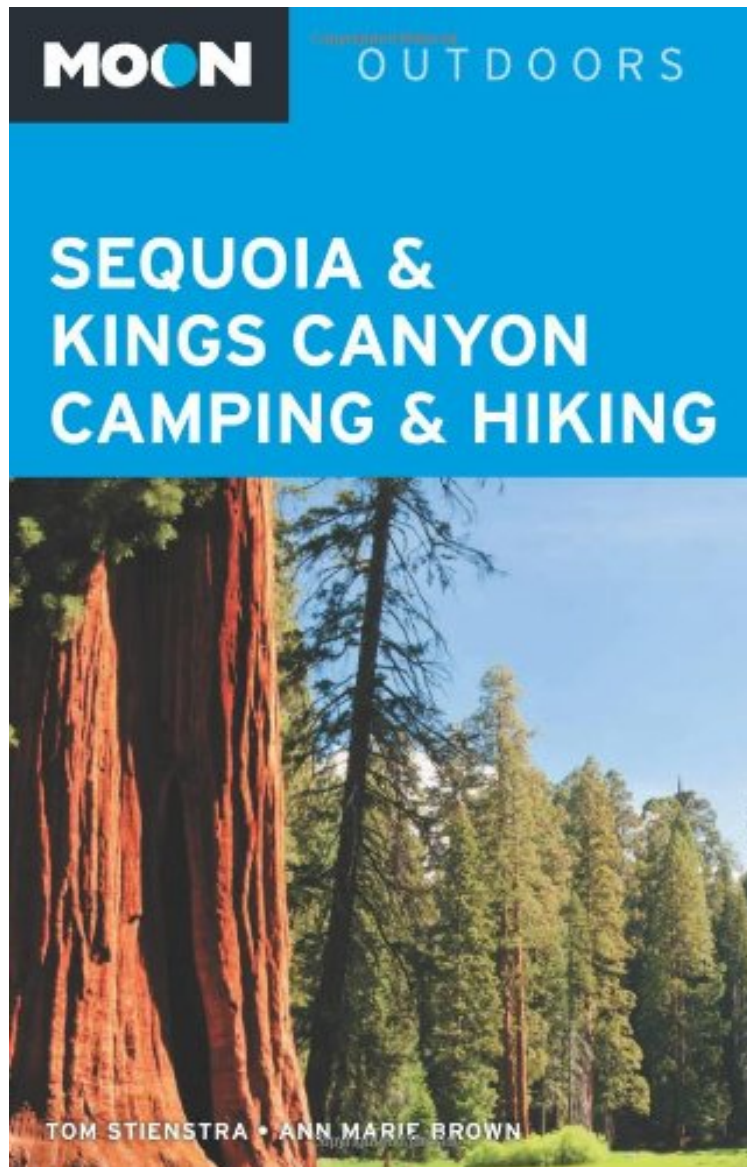


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Tom Stienstra, Ann Marie Brown : Moon Sequoia Kings Canyon Camping Hiking (Moon Outdoors) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Sequoia Kings Canyon Camping Hiking (Moon Outdoors):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. My First and Favorite California Outdoor Explorations By Fritz R. Ward When I moved to California for graduate school in 1988 I experienced an immediate culture shock. I had never driven on a 6 lane freeway, much less come to a dead stop on one during rush hour. And where was the spectacular

scenery I was so used to growing up in the Pacific Northwest? I eventually found it but it was a couple of summer jobs in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks that really captured my imagination and changed my perception of the Golden State forever. And despite having visited much more of the state, the high Sierra, forests, and canyons found in these contiguous parks are still among my favorite places to visit. If you would also like to explore the region, this new book by Tom Stienstra and Ann Marie Brown is a good place to start. Like all titles in the Moon Outdoors "Camping Hiking" series, this little book is a compilation of chapters from two larger outdoor reference works, California Camping by Tom Stienstra, and California Hiking by Stienstra and Ann Marie Brown. Both chapters are quite comprehensive and cover more than just the parks proper. Camping and hiking opportunities from Bass Lake, just south of Yosemite, all the way to Kern River in the southernmost Sierra receive attention in this book. Camps are rated for scenery and local recreational options. Current nightly prices are also included and readers on a budget will quickly notice there are still some free campgrounds to be had in some truly scenic locations. And what can one say about the hiking? Literally anyone can find a trail suited to their abilities among the 119 routes described here. From short hikes of less than half a mile (to the scenic Roaring River Falls, for example) to a long 112 mile one way hike along the John Muir Trail, this book includes all the places you will want to visit. I've personally hiked over 70% of the trails described and never been disappointed. And I can only think of perhaps 3-5 trails which could be added to this book. Having said all that, readers should understand that this is not a complete recreation guide to these parks and surrounding lands in the Sierras. If you want lodging, a list of dining options, or other recreation opportunities (like fishing, which this book only touches upon) you will need to purchase a different book or books. This book is just what the title says: a guide to camping and hiking, and it is the most comprehensive of its kind. So if you are serious about your outdoor adventures, get it and enjoy.

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Found an excellent remote campsite in the Sequoia National Park from this book. Also great for finding perfect hikes at any level.

Nature lovers Tom Stienstra and Ann Marie Brown invite travelers to experience the deep canyons, tall peaks, and awe-inspiring giant sequoia groves of Sequoia National Forest and Kings Canyon National Park. Stienstra and Brown's expert advice and useful camping and hiking tips make Moon Sequoia Kings Canyon Camping Hiking essential for any trip to this high Sierra paradise; and their "best-of" trail and campground lists including Best Scenic Destinations, Best for Fall Colors, and Best for Redwoods and Sequoias ensure that novice and experienced outdoors adventurers alike will be able to plan their perfect expedition. Complete with clear directions to each location, detailed destination descriptions, difficulty and quality ratings for each hike, and helpful maps, Moon Sequoia Kings Canyon Camping Hiking provides campers and hikers with all the necessary tools to head outdoors.

About the Author For 30 years, Tom Stienstra's full-time job has been to capture and communicate the outdoor experience. This has led him across California - fishing, hiking, camping, boating, biking, and flying - searching for the best of the outdoors and then writing about it. Tom is the nation's top-selling author of outdoors guidebooks. He has been inducted into the California Outdoor Hall of Fame and has twice been awarded National Outdoor Writer of the Year, newspaper division, by the Outdoor Writers Association of America. He has also been named California Outdoor Writer of the Year five times, most recently in 2007. Tom is the outdoors columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle; his articles appear on sfgate.com and in newspapers around the country. He broadcasts a weekly radio show on KCBS-San Francisco and hosts an outdoor television show on CBS/CW San Francisco. Tom lives with his wife and sons in Northern California. You can contact him directly via the website TomStienstra.com. The author of 13 outdoor guidebooks, Ann Marie Brown is a dedicated California outdoorswoman. She hikes, bikes, and camps more than 150 days each year in an effort to avoid routine, complacency, and getting a real job. Ann Marie's work has appeared in Sunset, VIA, Backpacker, and California magazines. As a way of giving back a little of what she gets from her experiences in nature, she writes and edits for several environmental groups, including the Sierra Club and National Resources Defense Council. For information on Ann Marie's work, visit AnnMarieBrown.com.