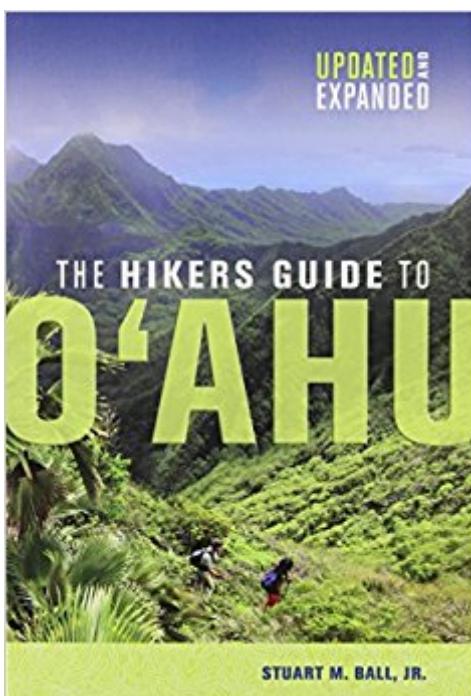


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The Hikers Guide To Oahu: Updated And Expanded (A Latitude 20 Book)



Synopsis

Experienced and novice hikers alike will benefit from the information in this updated and expanded edition of the best-selling *The Hikers Guide to Oâ ªahu*. The author describes in detail 52 trails that will take you to Oâ ªahuâ ªs lush valleys, cascading waterfalls, windswept ridges, and remote seacoasts. Although 8 trails from the previous edition are no longer open to the public, 10 new hikes have been added. Included for each hike are directions for reaching the trailhead, a detailed route description, and information on the length of the hike, degree of difficulty, and trail conditions. For GPS users, UTM coordinates have been added for the midpoint or endpoint of each route. An expanded notes section will help readers identify geological features, historical points of interest, and commonly encountered plants and birds along the trail. The full-color insert of 22 photos will inspire hikers to explore different trails. Stuart M. Ball, Jr. has been hiking in Hawaiâ ªi for more than thirty years. He is a hike coordinator for the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club and is author of *Native Paths and Volunteer Trails: Hiking and Trail Building on Oâ ªahu*, *The Backpackers Guide to Hawaiâ ªi*, and *The Hikers Guide to the Hawaiian Islands*. Retired from the Bank of Hawaii, he holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

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Customer Reviews

"The strength of Ball's guides has always been his clear, detailed route descriptions. For example, when he says you'll encounter a grove of 'ohia trees three miles into a hike, you do."

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NOTE!! There are updated versions of this book which have a more current hiking list. Having this book has allowed me to learn about many different hikes on the island that may or may not be there anymore. I am an avid hiker and explorer who has lived in Hawai'i on the island of O'ahu my entire life, and have done well over 50 different hikes. There are many things to do here and a lot of sites to see for those who want to go out and look. This book is an excellent tool to have as it is the most detailed hiking book i have ever come across. The author Stuart M. Ball Jr does an excellent job of detailing the terrain, giving a difficulty rating, whether you need to get permission or not, the directions on how to get there whether you have a car or not, the directions to follow on the hike itself, and a guide to the local plants and animals you may encounter on the hike. I would highly recommend purchasing this book to any hiker or nature lover as it will bring you to many excellent views and the "hidden" beauty of this island.

This is a review for the revised addition printed in 2000, so if there have been editions since then, I'm not aware of them. First off, this book is well organized by the commonly known geographical parts of Oahu. There is also a good little bit of information in the front about common dangers faced by hikers in the islands, as well as some good gear advice without being overly complicated. The next thing you run into is a handy quick reference table, again sorted by geographical location on the island, that gives you a quick snapshot of everything you would want to know about a hike. It tells you length, difficulty, terrain, access status, opportunities for flora and fauna viewing and makes note of swimming opportunities. It's a great tool for figuring out what hike you want to do today. On to the trail write ups. In a word, they are thorough. Everything mentioned in the quick reference guide above is described in detail, with the addition of a complete descriptive narrative of the walk through of the hike. There are also maps for each hike that show topography and orientation. The only improvement I would suggest is the addition of Lat Long way points for navigation. There are way points described on each hike, but there aren't any coordinates. The coordinates would be useful to confirm position and progress and to ensure you aren't wandering off on to some hunting spur trail, which are quite common. O'ahu back country is a maze of trails that interconnect with few signs. For the uninitiated, it can be easy to get lost. All in all, there is no better book for hiking in

O'ahu. 330 pages dedicated to JUST this island, make it pretty comprehensive.

A very good book showing the hiking areas in O'ahu. It helped a lot

Mr. Ball's trail descriptions and how to get to the trailheads and where to park are excellant. If you want to get to know the wild side of Oahu, away from the Waikiki beaches, this should be your first choice. Be sure to go on-line to get updates to each trail, as the book hasn't been reprinted in about 10 years, so some of the trail access info has been updated on-line by the author. My wife and I are residents of the Big Island and hike nearly daily. We were very pleasantly surprised by what great nature hiking otherwise crowded Oahu offers. Thank you Mr. Stuart Ball Jr.!!

Thought I knew a lot about the trails in Hawaii, but this guide opened my eyes. Gives ratings on difficulty as well as suggested parking. Great book.

I completed many of the hikes listed in this book while I lived on O'ahu in 2014-15 and this book was an invaluable resource to me. There are hikes geared towards every type of hiker in this book. Not only are the directions while on the trail outstanding, but so are the directions to and from the trailheads.

Its a must for Oahu. My friends who live there have it too.

I bought this book as a guide to take with me during my hikes and I love it so far. I like the organization and the detail provided on how to get to the trails and how to navigate them once you get there. I wish there was another updated version but its like the landscape is changing anytime soon so it's okay. I also bought it used because I didn't see the point of buying it brand new only to get it dirty with my muddy hands. This way I can use the book without any restraint.

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