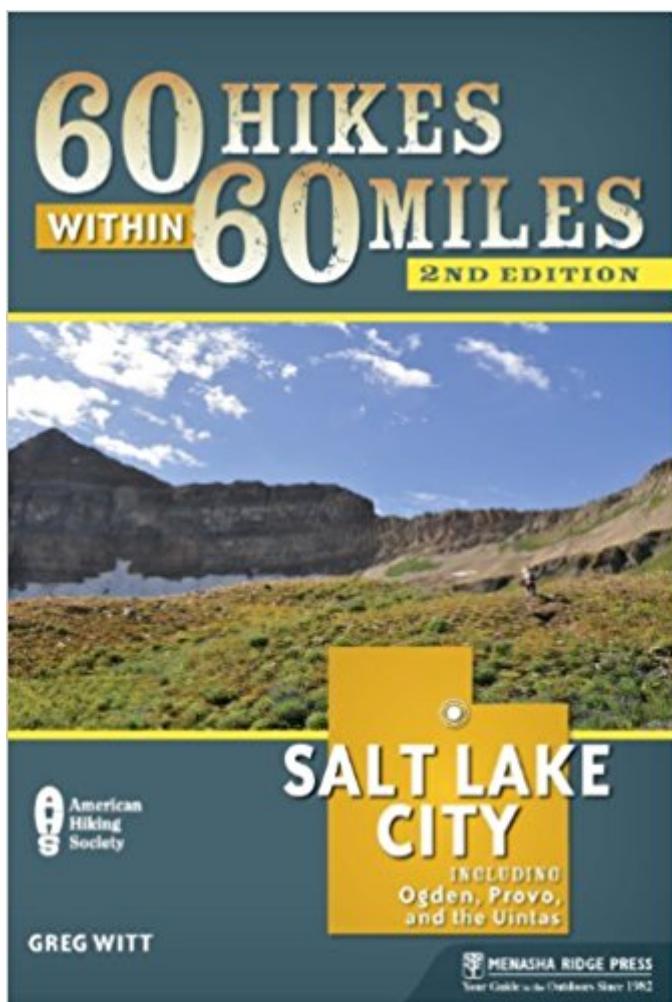


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# 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Salt Lake City: Including Ogden, Provo, And The Uintas



## **Synopsis**

60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Salt Lake City is the only guidebook that pinpoints the most exceptional hikes in the area. It contains meticulous trail descriptions that range from comfortable strolls for families to difficult treks for those looking for a challenging workout. Extensive key-at-a-glance information makes it easier to choose a hike based on length, difficulty, or scenery. A helpful list of hikes in the front of the book highlights those with special interests -- best hikes for children, scenic hikes, hikes good for wildlife viewing, best hikes for runners, and more. Each hike report includes commentary on trailside geology, flowers, and wildlife. Historical notes provide fascinating details about early miners, trailblazers, the Pony Express, and Mormon pioneers. Nestled in the western flank of the Rockies, Salt Lake City provides ready access to a stunning array of hiking options amid alpine lakes, snow-draped mountain peaks, fragrant evergreen forests, deep canyon waterfalls, granite towers, and flowered cirques. Within 60 miles of Salt Lake City there are thousands of square miles of national forest, National Wilderness Areas, state parks and designated recreation areas to explore.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"There are hikes for everyone mentioned in Witt's book, including for young children, and for the family dog to tag along. He's even taken the time to categorize them in levels of difficulty for new or seasoned hikers, as well as the various distances of the routes." --KSL-TV, June 2012 "This handy book has descriptions, as well as details such as elevation gain, shade, water recommendations,

and length, plus driving directions to each hike. Witt also categorizes them, such as best hikes for sweeping views, hikes with waterfalls, hikes by length, and my favorite section, best hikes for children." --UtahAdventurer.com, July 2012

Greg Witt has lived the adventures he writes about and shares with audiences around the world. His journeys have taken him to every corner of the globe. He has guided mountaineering expeditions in the Alps and Andes and paddled wild rivers in the Americas. He has dropped teams of adventurers into golden slot canyons, trudged through deep jungles in Africa, Central America, and Asia, and guided archeological expeditions across the parched Arabian Peninsula. His passion for adventure has always focused on sharing his experience with others. Following degrees from the University of California and Brigham Young University, he had an early career in human resources management; but Greg prefers high-adventure to the high-rise, so decades ago he traded his wingtips for hiking boots, and has never looked back. Some weeks, Greg hikes more miles than he drives, which means he wears out his boots faster than he wears out his tires. He has crossed the Grand Canyon on foot many times, climbed Colorado's three highest peaks in three days, and in a recent summer in the Alps he hiked over 700 miles and gained nearly 100,000 vertical feet of elevation - the equivalent of climbing Everest 9 times. Greg's other titles include *Exploring Havasupai: A Guide to the Heart of the Grand Canyon* and *Ultimate Adventures: A Rough Guide to Adventure Travel*. He is the US Editor of *Off the Tourist Trail: 1000 Unexpected Travel Alternatives* (DK Eyewitness Travel) and a contributing editor of *Make the Most of Your Time on Earth, A Rough Guide to the World*.

If you live in or are visiting the Salt Lake City area, this book is a must have. I moved to Utah and use this almost every weekend to plan my hikes. It clearly categorizes hikes by things like difficultly level, length, dog friendly, etc. which makes planning a trip so easy. Additionally, one of the trickiest parts about finding hikes in Utah is trying to find the trailheads which are rarely well labeled. This makes it all so simple and easy and gives you a map and nice details of each hike.

Maybe things were different when it was originally published but there are some small inconsistencies with hike descriptions/reviews and real life. An example is the Silver Lake hike. He says you can drive the three mile "dirt road" to the trail head. Due to several large protruding rocks, mostly due to the hundreds of ATVs that zoom up the road, only 4X4s could access it. Unless you want to hike it which my daughter and I did but with all the ATVs it may not be safe and they scare off any wildlife you'd see. Love how the hikes are organized by region.

Excellent book.. Very detailed descriptions of the hike. How to get to the starting point of the hike very detailed.I plan to use it on my hikes after verifying some of the elevation gains and distances.A few of the elevations and distance of a hike differ from the on line Utah trails descriptions.So some one is wrong.. One hike says 3 miles RT the on line Utah trails says 5 miles RT.Some say elevation gain of 600 on line says 1200... Same problem..Most agree.

This is my favorite hiking guide. I do recommend a good map to go with it (I like the one published by the Wasatch Mountain Club) since the maps in the book are not exactly detailed. That being said, Mr. Witt gives great descriptions, really detailed directions to the trail heads and on the trail, and his difficulty ratings and time spent are usually spot on.

Great book, great format! Lots of detail included about the hikes. Sometimes had to read between the lines, for example if the hike was exposed or not. There was a note about watching your kids but it wasn't really clear if it was dangerous or not.Key weakness are the maps. There is very little detail and no elevation lines. I learned very little about the kind of terrain I was headed into.Overall very worth purchasing. Just don't get discouraged by the first hike being 16 mi r/t. They aren't all like that :)

I look at this book at least once a week. My goal is to do all the hikes listed, and I have quite a few already crossed off. I have found all the information to be accurate and extremely helpful. I am a planner and don't like to "wing it" when I am in the backcountry. Therefore, I always read about where I am going and organize my hike accordingly. Great reference to add to your collection whether you are a newbie or seasoned hiking vet.

Used this book extensively on a recent trip to SLC and the area. We live in flat Florida at sea level so some of the trails described as easy were more moderate for us active middle agers who don't routinely hike uphill at altitude. Locations were worth visiting and the descriptions were such that out-of-towners could locate them without too much difficulty.

I absolutely love this guide. Great descriptions, great trail recommendations.

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