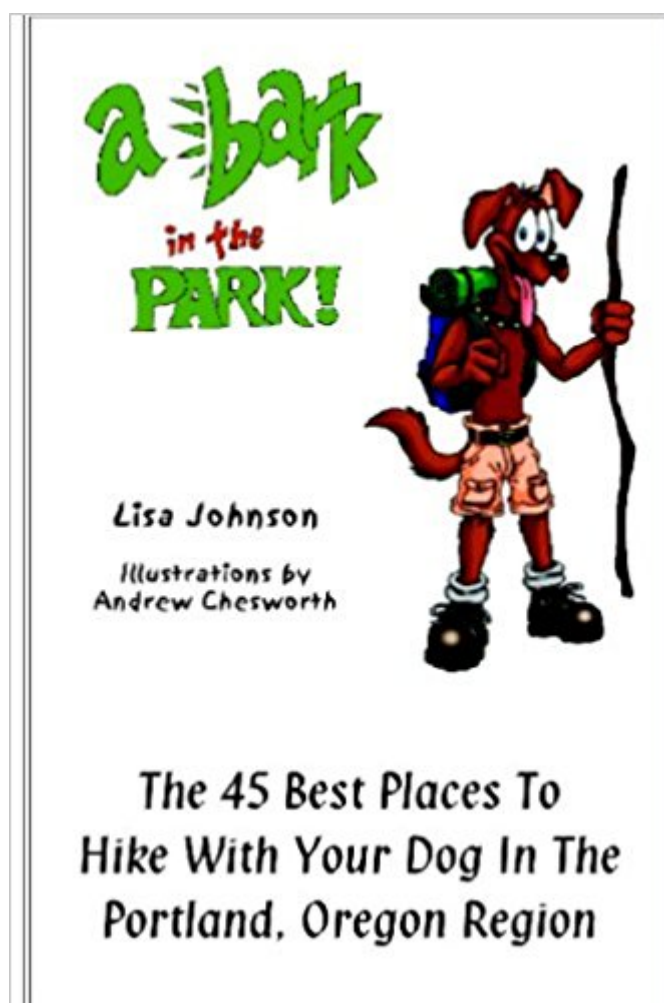


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# A Bark In The Park: The 45 Best Places To Hike With Your Dog In The Portland, Oregon, Region



## Synopsis

Have you ever considered how far you walk with your dog? If you walk just 20 minutes a day, in ten years you will have walked far enough to cross the United States. With all that walking ahead of you and your dog, aren't you ready for a new place to hike? *A Bark in The Park: The 45 Best Places To Hike With Your Dog In The Portland, Oregon Region* rates the best area dog-walking destinations with your best friend in mind. Packed inside are... ..tips on outfitting your dog for a hike ...tips on practicing low impact hiking with your dog ...creating a canine First-Aid hiking kit ...a complete listing of area dog parks *A Bark in The Park: The 45 Best Places To Hike With Your Dog In The Portland, Oregon Region* also features the whimsical drawings of Andrew Chesworth. So grab that leash and hit the trail!

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a good start for finding places to hike with your dog in Portland, however, the info in the book can be very out of date. We planned to do 1 of the 45 hikes each week. Hike #1 was Sauvie Island Warrior Rock. Here is an example of what the book lacks for this hike: Trail Sense - The gravel parking area mentioned in the book is now paved. Minor. Traffic - Book indicates that this is a solitary trek for you and your dog most of the way. We encountered approximately 20 other hikers and dogs on our hike. Slightly irritating. Hike - We could not find the path described in the book. The only visible path required crossing a no trespassing area. Not too bad an problem. Permit - Book states that the daily parking permit is \$3.50. The permits are \$3 per day and \$11 per year. If you purchase them on the island, they charge you double that or \$7 per day and \$22 per year. They call

the difference convenience fees. The normal fees are what you pay if you go to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to going on the island. I sent a letter to the Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife bring this excessive convenience fee to their attention and asked them to consider revising that policy in the future. We bought the annual pass. VERY ANNOYING. Sam's Cracker Barrel - Book recommends purchasing the parking permit at Sam's Cracker Barrel. Sam's was the place that charged us double the normal fee. VERY ANNOYING. GI Joes - Book states that you can purchase a parking permit at GI Joes. However, GI Joes went out of business. Minor out of date issue. Nude Beach - Book does not mention the nude beach. While the trees block most, but not all, of the each view from the road to the hike, you still encounter the occasionally nude person crossing the road to the porta-potty. GPS Coordinates - Book did not include any GPS info. That would make a nice addition and make it easy to program into your GPS. Minor irritation. Map - No basic map to the directions. Minor irritation.

Good base to do internet research follow up - but good bit of info is outdated.

I picked this book up on impulse, and got myself geared up to take my dog on a few great hikes around Portland. Unfortunately this book was disappointing on a couple of different levels. First, the author goes into quite a lot of history on the origins of the park's name the hike is in - and not nearly enough information on the hike itself. For example, on the triple falls hike there is mention that it is a busy hike, but nothing about it being on a drop off a lot of the way with the path just barely big enough for people to squeeze past each other in a lot of places. Not fun with dogs really, trying to get by playful or unmannered dogs with one eye on the 500 ft fall. Second, the directions to the trailheads are sparse and require that you know where the hike is in general given that there are no maps, not even an overall map of where the hikes are located around Portland, information I was looking to the book to provide. Finally, a lot of the hikes aren't hikes really but just 'this park has trails' which frankly isn't anything new for people in Portland with dogs.

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