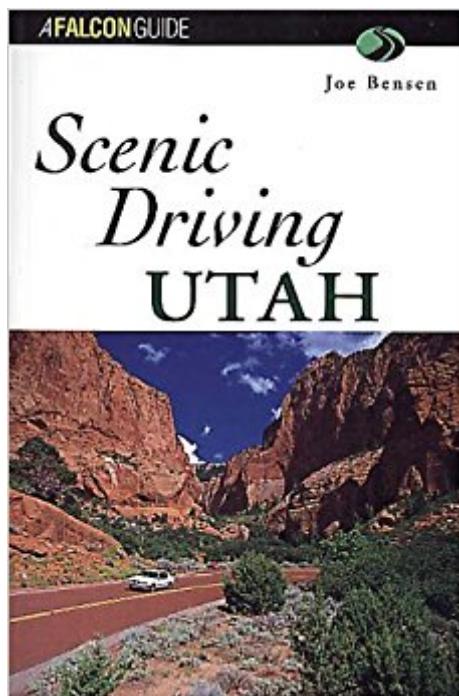


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# Scenic Driving Utah (Scenic Driving Series)



## **Synopsis**

Uncover grand panoramas and historical points of interest on 28 spectacular drives in Utah. Be a wise traveler and bring along Scenic Driving Utah, a Falcon Guide that leads the way to the Beehive State's extraordinary natural scenery, its diverse cultural history, geological wonders, and other attractions. Scenic Driving Utah tells you where to turn and when, from the lush alpine terrain of the Uinta and Wasatch mountains in the northeast; to the fantastic rock formations and brilliant colors of Zion, Canyonlands, Arches, and Bryce Canyon national parks in the south; to the remote and desolate spaces of the Great Basin in the west. For each drive, author and photographer Joe Bensen includes nuts-and-bolts information about best travel seasons, camping, services, special attractions, and interesting sidetrips. A detailed map and black-and-white photos complement each drive description. A special center section contains eight pages of striking color photos.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Twenty-eight drives tell you where to turn and when, from the lush alpine terrain of the Uinta and Wasatch mountains in the northeast; to the fantastic rock formations and brilliant colors of Zion, Canyonlands, Arches, and Bryce Canyon national parks in the south; to the remote and desolate spaces of the Great Basin in the west.

Some of the roads are outdated but it's nice to get a general picture. Needs to be used with a Maps app or something similar.

I waited for more than three months while kept telling me that they would ship this title soon. Finally, I shelled out fourteen bucks for a used copy just before discovering that there is a new, second edition, revised by the author Christy Karras. So, if you want this title, don't mess with this one. Search for the new author and buy the up to date issue. I hope this was helpful.

The authors have done a good job describing the history and scenery along the roads, but caution is needed when following the travel descriptions. This severely lowers my rating. The scenic drives described are all worthwhile; the fatal flaw is the mapping. In some cases the "heavy dashed line" (scenic side trips) follows paved main highways, but in other cases the marked side trip follows unpaved, limited-maintenance roads. Several of these "sidetrips" are on native dirt road surfaces that can become absolutely impassable after a heavy rain. Other described routes go over mountain sections that are not plowed and become impassable in winter. Worse, the maps in this book also show side loops and spur 'roads' that are actually serious four-wheel drive off-highway routes totally unsuitable for passenger cars. The text and map legend do not adequately warn of these issues. I have personally driven nearly all the roads in the book, some multiple times a year. My warning is from first-hand experience assisting lost and stranded tourists. Use the book with a large dose of common sense. If either the road or weather looks bad don't push on farther.

In 2002, I knew that we wanted to tour through Utah and this book was invaluable in planning the trip. I noted all the areas that we wanted to see, plotted it on the map and used this guidebook to determine the best route. A big part of my decision-making was based upon the author's descriptions of scenery and drives. We were so thrilled with our trip that we returned in 2004. Inside the book were small "off the beaten path" dirt roads that were more than worth the price of the book. If they hadn't been mentioned in the book, I would not have known about them. I definitely recommend this book if you are planning a vacation to Utah.

Good book- Planning to go to Utah for honeymoon-possibly Arches and Canyonlands or Escalante I need to decide though where I am going first before I buy the book-Wish that I could've seen more of the North Rim of the Grand Canyon-too bad there was a fire in progress

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