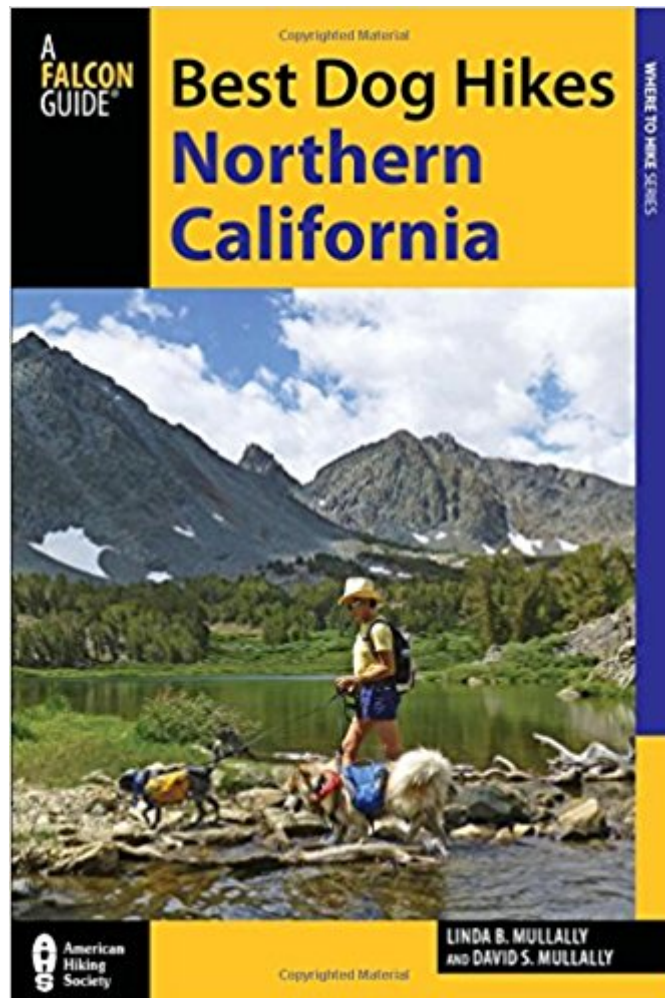




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Synopsis

This guidebook reveals the 51 best hiking trails in northern California that are dog friendly. Throughout are full-color maps and photos, helpful tips and sidebars, and tailored hike specs for leash requirements. Also included is information about dog packing and preparation before you hit the trail. The area covers northern California to the Oregon border, with the southernmost part including Big Sur and east across to Bishop, CA.

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Customer Reviews

Linda Mullally is a freelance writer and was the first travel columnist for Dog Fancy magazine, sharing information about dog-friendly getaways domestically and abroad while giving readers safety tips and promoting responsible dog ownership. Her husband, David Mullally, is an attorney and a professional photographer.

What a great book! Color pictures and maps that are easy to read and all the info you need to set out on a hike. After trying to use the Internet to find some new hikes I finally just bought this book and I am so glad I did. Has all the info you need nearest town, length and difficulty, elevation gain, trail surface and trail tips. The maps are the best I have not been able to find anything like this. Highly recommend to all hikers.

Gives a very thorough description of the features of the hike. Usefully and helps generate

camping/hiking ideas.

Haven't completely read the book but..... I am excited about all the new hikes in the Sierra Nevadas that I can take with my dogs. I can't wait for spring...

This summer, as I toured around the country with my four legged companion, Bambi, I visited a lot of state parks and national forests. In most states, these are places you can walk with your dog and have a pleasant outdoor adventure. I initially avoided national parks because in my experience they are often very dog unfriendly. But I gradually discovered, the further east I got, that most national parks are also very dog friendly, especially if you keep your dog on a leash, and my temperamental little rescue is never off leash anyway. Indeed, I hiked the Appalachian Trail through the whole of Shenandoah National Park with my dog and eventually it dawned on me that it is not the national parks that are anti canine; it is California that is anti dog. Our Left Coast People's Republic (incorrectly) sees dogs as an unnatural part of the environment and prohibits them in most state parks and nearly all national park service lands. Dogs, however, love the wilderness and are rather blissfully unaware of the "threat" they pose to ecosystems in the minds of our politically correct crowd. They need to be taken outside, need hikes, and need to be in the out of doors, so as a responsible dog owner, you need books like this one that tell you where you can safely hike with your dog. But this is more than just a "where to hike with your best friend" book. There are actually many such books on the market. What makes this one unique is that it actually picks hikes, as much as possible, from the pet perspective. Where will your dog have the most fun? As a result, you don't find a lot of summit hikes to spectacular vistas, and instead readers are treated to numerous forest hikes where your dog can explore many different sights, sounds, and most importantly, smells! That is not to say the hikes will not be enjoyable for you too. I think Feather Falls is the most spectacular waterfall in the state (and it's not in Yosemite) but the trail to it is included because of its canine friendliness, not the destination. Write ups for each route also include pet friendly establishments in nearby towns and options for the puppies and "Golden Year" dogs who may not be up for the more difficult hikes but still want a nice time with their humans. But even if this Falcon Guide includes features that are directed as much towards your pet as you, it also contains some of the best elements that Falcon readers have come to expect from their books. Each of the more than 50 hikes in this book includes a nice color sketch map of the trail, detailed driving directions, and point to point mile notes on the trail, in addition to general description of the trail that often includes natural and human history in the region. Sharp color photographs, often featuring the authors' dog

and friends accompany each hike, and if you are looking for an arm chair approach to hiking, these photos are almost worth the price of the book. Hike selection is excellent. I have done about 40% of the hikes described here, and I was completely unaware of probably a quarter of the routes the authors suggest. In short, I am confident I can rely on this book for future trip planning in the Golden State so long as my little one remains fit for hiking.

About what I expected. Good variety scattered across Northern California. It's great knowing in advance the degree to which a trail is dog-friendly because I've been in situations on first-time unknown trails that turned too rocky for paws. This helps a lot and let's us explore new trails knowing what to expect.

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