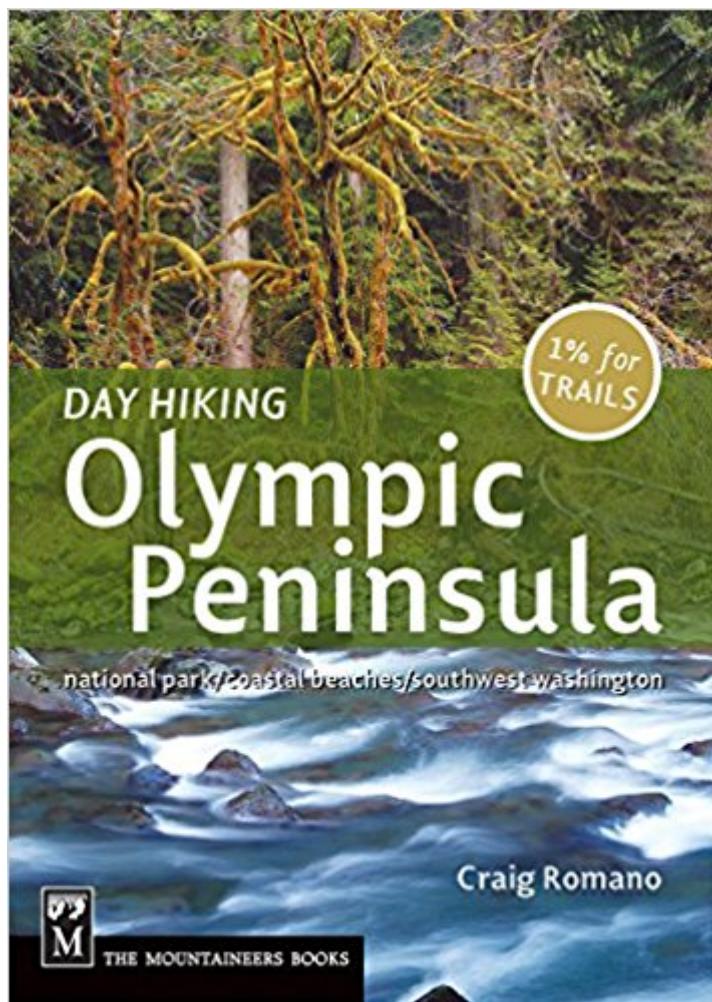


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# Day Hiking Olympic Peninsula (Done In A Day)



## Synopsis

CLICK HERE<sup>A</sup> [to download author Craig Romano's favorite hike from the book, Bogachiel Peak](#) \* More than 100 day hikes, with options for linking them to longer routes \* Compact, easy-carry size \* Two color maps, charts and elevation profiles This handsome guide is full of charts and easy-to-find information that will help you quickly select your ideal hike. And once you're on the trail, you'll enjoy the sidebars on flora and fauna, and historical highlights that accompany many of the routes. There is a full-color front map and then two-color section maps, along with clear driving directions to the trail head, options for nearby camping, ratings for trail difficulty and photos of what you'll see on your hike. Hikes are typically less than 12 miles round trip. The Day Hiking series guidebooks are the most comprehensive and attractive trail guides available for Washington state.

\*\*Mountaineers Books designates 1 percent of the sales of select guidebooks in our Day Hiking series toward volunteer trail maintenance. Since launching this program, we've contributed more than \$14,000 toward improving trails. For this book, our 1 percent of sales is going to Washington Trails Association (WTA). WTA hosts more than 750 work parties throughout Washington's Cascades and Olympics each year, with volunteers clearing downed logs after spring snowmelt, cutting away brush, retreading worn stretches of trail, and building bridges and turnpikes. Their efforts are essential to the land managers who maintain thousands of acres on shoestring budgets.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"The most comprehensive guide to day hiking on the Olympic Peninsula." (WowWeather.com)"Hot new series." (The Daily News, (Longview WA))"I've only seen the first of the new guides, 'Day Hiking: Olympic Peninsula,' but what I've seen looks great. The series has a new look, with clear graphics, detailed maps, elevation profiles and plenty of informative sidebars." (Andrew Engelson Washington Trails Association)"Romano is one of the better guidebook writers aroundÃ¢â€šâ€œ there's a lot to like about this book. For one thing, the variety, ranging from kid-friendly hikes to trails that verge on scrambling. He covers a lot of territory that other guidebooks have passed up." (Seattle PI)"The '100 Hikes' series had two missions: to educate people about the amazing places to hike in this state, and to build a community of people willing to speak up for and protect those places. After reading through some of the new 'Day Hiking' guide, it's clear that the mission continues." (Andrew Engelson Washington Trails Association)"The newest, Craig Romano's Day Hiking: Olympic Peninsula is easily the best of the lotÃ¢â€šâ€œ the book is compact, easy to use and comprehensive." (Voice of the Wild Olympics)"The Mountaineers Books new Day Hiking series of guide books is a worthy successor to the classic Washington hiking guides authored by the late Harvey Manning and Ira SpringÃ¢â€šâ€œ [The] Day Hiking series was designed and written with the needs of hikers in mind." (About.com)

Craig Romano is an avid hiker, runner, kayaker, and cyclist. He is the author of Best Hikes with Dogs Inland Northwest, Columbia Highlands: Exploring Washington's Last Frontier, as well as Backpacking Washington, Day Hiking Columbia River Gorge, Day Hiking Olympia Peninsula, Day Hiking: North Cascades, Day Hiking Central Cascades, and Winter Hikes of Western Washington Deck. Craig lives in Mount Vernon, Washington.

This has been a great book for newbies to the Olympic Peninsula. When we moved here we were a little overwhelmed by the hiking options, and this has helped us take the guess work out so we know what we're getting into (no more 10 mile hikes, uphill both ways, on a Sunday afternoon after eating six pizzas). It's also been great for getting us into new areas to see some amazing sites. These hikes may not be super obscure, so maybe it wouldn't be best for the lifetime resident, but for visitors or new residents it's a great starter. As I said, at least it will get you into areas where you can start exploring on your own. It's been great to slowly check off hikes - we like to put a date and a couple notes next to each one for future reference. Each hike has a rough map, a summary of elevation gain/drop, a difficulty rating and a overall rating. I like that many of the trails give you options for extending your trip. Another bit I particularly like are the season recommendations. Not

knowing the area, I'd hate to drive two hours to a hike just to find it's washed out Nov-Jan, or something! We'll be using this extensively in our exploration of the Peninsula.

The Mountain Press books are the quintessential guide for finding the best hikes in the area. These books are frequently referenced on the Washington Trails Association, Meetup and other hiking/backpacking groups. The Olympic Peninsula guide has hikes in and outside of the Olympic National Park including Buckhorn Wilderness and the Olympic National Forest. The book provides a visual map with hikes broken down by the Pacific coast, Kitsap peninsula and zones by general compass point areas in the Olympic peninsula (e.g. - South, northwest, northeast, etc). A table showing a summary of highlights, difficulty and distance of each hike is also listed in the front of the book. Each hike shows driving directions to the trailhead however for the more difficult to find trailheads on primitive roads (e.g. -National Forest roads) it would be wise to not solely rely on the directions and milemarkers which he lists but rather do your research ahead of time and double check the directions using the map coordinates which he also includes for each trailhead location.

I own several books from this series and consider them to be the best trail books on the market. Every description is clear and easy to understand, the driving directions are invariably correct, and the ways in which the author describes each hike is so evocative as to make you want to immediately run out and hit the trail. Each of these books also begins with a sizable introduction that lays out a lot of hiking guidelines that are as applicable for the expert as they are for the novice. If you live in or will be traveling to Washington and want to do some hiking west of Seattle this book on the Olympic Peninsula is absolutely the one you want.

This book is a hand size, black and white book. No glossy large pictures. What makes the book great is that it describes trails well and gives descriptions on how to get there. The Olympic Peninsula is huge. You're not going to hike this in a lifetime. So finding the best trails, in the shortest drive time is very helpful. In conjunction with google searches for pictures, you'll find the perfect hike for you.

Excellent guide to the Olympic Peninsula. We like to get off the beaten path and this book helped us find and navigate many excellent trails. If going to Olympic and like to hike this guide is a must have.

I originally rated the Kindle edition two stars here, because I found the maps were too small to read.

No matter what device I used, all the maps were much smaller than those in the print edition, and too small to read. But another reader pointed out that you can double-click the images, and that opens them up to adequate size.

Great book, you'll see! Has more than just day hikes too.

Very nice book. About half the size of a standard piece of paper, so it fits into a pack with ease. I have others from the same author, all are good! Nice to have options for long and short hikes. I like reading about hikes in books as they narrow the search compared to online searching. Maps and distances and time are all there. I can go online afterwards if more info is needed.

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