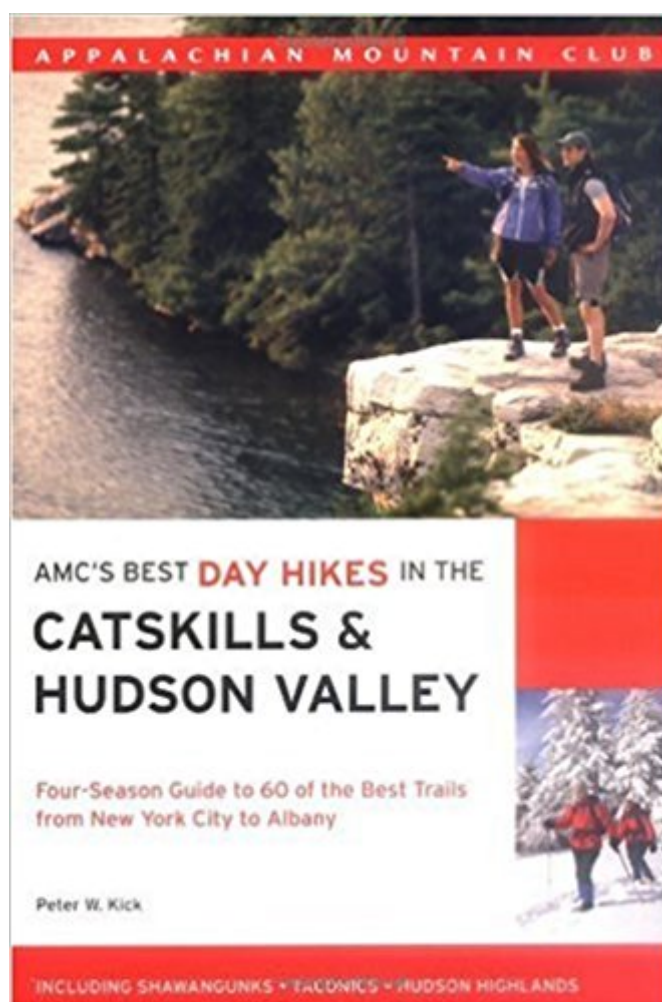


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AMC's Best Day Hikes In The Catskills And Hudson Valley: Four-Season Guide To 60 Of The Best Trails From New York City To Albany (AMC Hiking Guide)





Synopsis

With more than 600 miles of trails within just a few hours of New York City, the Catskills and the Hudson River Valley are a hiker's paradise, boasting varied and scenic terrain from Westchester County to Albany. This new guide from the experts at the Appalachian Mountain Club leads beginner and experienced hikers alike along sixty of the region's most spectacular trails, from short family nature walks to day-long hikes that reward with magnificent views. Each trip description includes a detailed map and a summary of the trip time, distance, and difficulty, plus an icon indicating whether the trail is also good for snowshoeing or cross-country. The guide includes appendices packed with snowshoe treks, rock climbing in the Gunks, and other opportunities for outdoor adventure in the region, making this guide an essential four-season reference for locals and visitors alike. Special features include:

- > Fifty day hikes for all ability levels, ranging from two to eight miles long
- > Detailed and accurate trail descriptions
- > Locator map and "At-A-Glance" highlights chart for easy trip comparison and planning
- > Hiking and safety tips
- > Detailed maps showing parking areas, trails, and natural highlights
- > Nature Notes about prominent species, and unique natural features of each hike
- > Photographs of plant and animal life reflecting each trip's hidden wonders

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Customer Reviews

Peter Kick, a native of the Catskill Mountains, is a New York State licensed wilderness guide and trip leader. The author of several hiking and mountain-biking guides, including AMC's Catskill Mountain Guide, his writing also has appeared in Backpacker, Outdoor Traveler, and Adirondack

Life. He lives in New Paltz, NY.

A lot of good qualities to this guide but I found numerous mistakes with directions particularly street names and at least 1 instance where the directions began by saying "from the intersection of X and Y turn left" but didn't indicate which direction you would be coming from. Saying "turn south" would have eliminated any confusion. Also I would have like to see information of more shorter hikes. Personally I prefer to do 2 or 3 1-2 hour hikes during a day rather than one 3-4 hour hike. I'm just not up to 6-8 hours of hiking these days. Nonetheless it's a good guide and I would certainly recommend it.

I have bought many hiking guides over the years, and consider this one to be outstanding. The trails are described in great detail, with good directions and maps. The writer has done his research, plus given a lot of thought as to the most important elements of each hike (views, topography, geology, history, ecology; not just a rote trail description). My husband and I greatly enjoyed our treks to Anthony's Nose and Mt. Taurus. They were just as he said they would be. My next area hikes will be along the AT in Harriman State Park and the Dry Brook Ridge trail in the Catskills, and someday Lake Minnewaska state park in the 'Gunks, all inspired by this wonderful book. The writer is quick to point out hikes that may be above one's ability level, but includes hikes for families with children. If you want to get out of the City and explore the great natural areas of our beautiful state (but not too far away), this is the book for you.

We are not expert hikers, but we got around fine using this guidebook. We knew we wanted to go hiking during our B&B weekend in the Hudson Valley, but wanted to try somewhere other than Mohonk Mountain (which is very nice, and covered in the book, but we've done it a few times). We took his suggestion and rode out to Stissing Mountain. It was so worth it! Between the directions in the book and help from our GPS, we were able to find the trailhead. Climbing to the top was a little intense, but we were rewarded with amazing views from the firetower, just as promised! We can't wait to go back for more hikes!

Great book, day hikes are awesome most hikers do them while planning longer hikes. This book gives one, all the details of each hike from difficulty to a full description of what you will see along the route. As the saying goes, "Don't leave home without it."

I really enjoy this guide a whole lot. I'm a moderate hiker who frequent Sterling Forest and Bear Mountain, but mostly hike outside of NYS. Since I wanted to stay in my own backyard, so to speak, I found this to be really informative on how to get to a certain area, along with a history of each park.

An excellent guide at a great price. Included are an overall map, a chart summarizing the hikes, a map and details (difficulty, distance, time, elevation change) for each hike, directions to the starting point and lots of useful information about each trail. Several pictures are included and there's good reference information in the back of the book.

Great product

This is, for sure, a great book for anyone wanting to hike in the Catskills and the Hudson Valley. It has a lot of very basic hikes that are feasible day hikes for people living in and right around Manhattan. The maps aren't the best and can be a little difficult to follow, at times, and the signage on some of the trails is also similarly problematic.

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