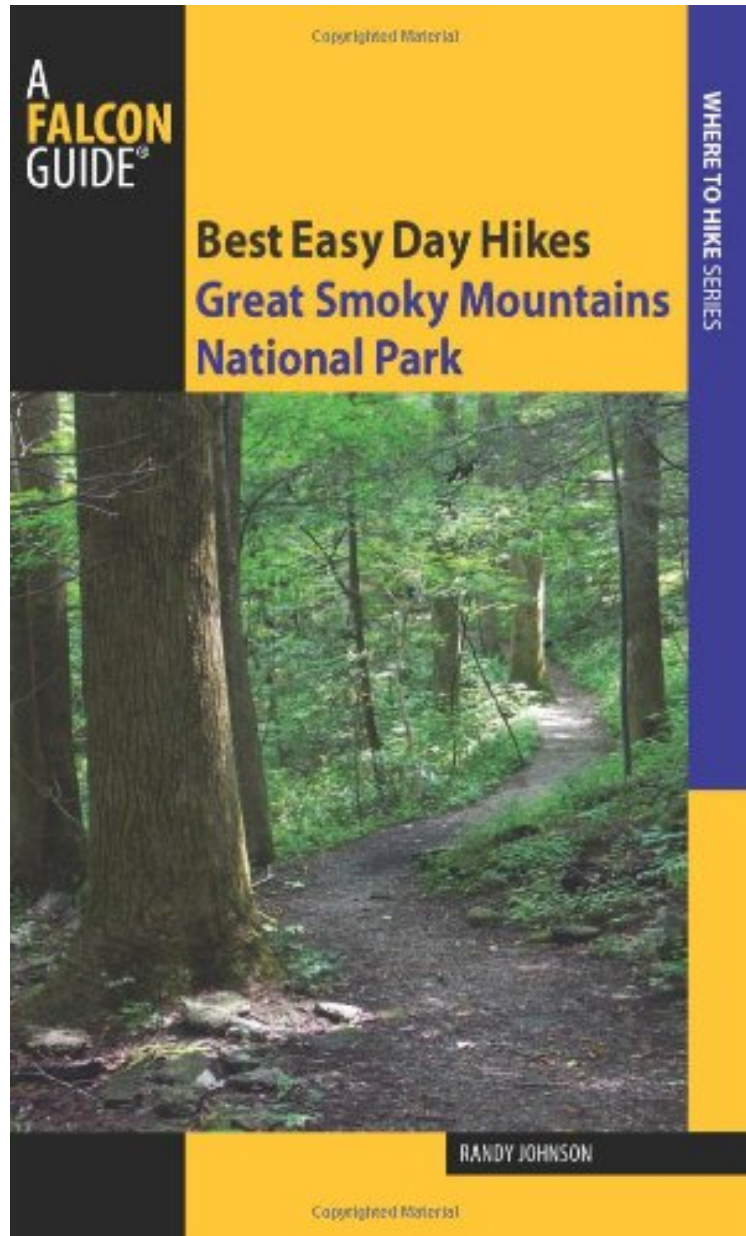


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**Randy Johnson : Best Easy Day Hikes Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Best Easy Day Hikes Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Best Easy Day Hikes Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Best Easy Day Hikes Series):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Useful for finding trails  
By James J. O'hagan  
This was the most useful hiking guide we found for a short trip to GSMNP and the surrounding area. There are textual descriptions of several trails within the park, including textual descriptions of how to find the trailhead and some information about what the hike will be like as you are on it. For some of the trails it would be useful to have a hiking map: I was unable to find a good one online before the trip and we weren't there long enough to ask around for a store that might carry them. Within the park however the trails, once you find them, are marked well and there are enough people on them that you have a pretty good idea of where you are for a short partial day trek in good weather.  
4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Falls short in writing and detail  
By Bruce W  
This guidebook is a short, efficient survey of day-hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains. We used it extensively in planning our trip (two middle-aged parents, two teens) and found that it was a fairly good way of identifying day hikes that might prove interesting. Beyond this, however, it falls well short of the standard for trail guides. In fact, it isn't really a trail guide in the sense of AMC White Mountains or other trail guides you might be familiar with. Description of each trail is very perfunctory, with almost no detail on geology or biology. Gross distances and intermediate waypoints are listed, but that's about it. Most surprising and most disappointing is a complete lack of any information about climb and descent. The trail descriptions don't even include a basic listing of elevation gain/loss, let alone the trail profile that would be the standard now for a good guide book. The author's vague and subjective descriptions of difficulty are all you have to go on. This was no problem for our family (even though we're not athletes by any stretch)-- with a little stamina and hiking experience you can easily complete even the trip the author calls "not easy but included because some will do it as a daytrip." But there are no helpful details and in places, the writing is sufficiently vague that you can't tell whether a given spur trip is out-and-back or can be completed as a loop. In another case, the description of the trailhead was so vague and incomplete we couldn't even find the trail without consulting web blogs via a smart phone.  
7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. good info  
By J. Mason  
I bought several guide books for my recent trip to GSMNP but this one was the one we used the most and it is small enough to take with you on the hikes. It has maps of the trails which helped a lot as this park is sorely lacking in the map department unless you can find the topo map at the visitor center store, the map the park gives out is useless and could be dangerous in my opinion. Get the topo map and use this guide for best results.

Best Easy Day Hikes Great Smoky Mountains National Park includes concise descriptions of the best short hikes in the area, with detailed maps of the routes. The 22 hikes in this guide are generally short, easy to follow, and guaranteed to please.