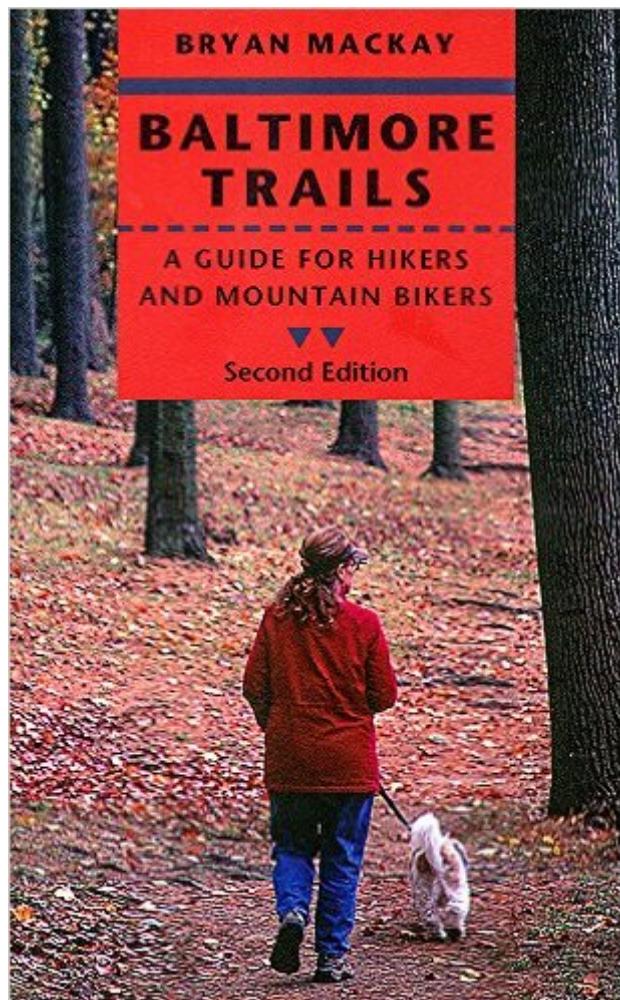


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# Baltimore Trails: A Guide For Hikers And Mountain Bikers



## **Synopsis**

Baltimore Trails is a comprehensive and detailed guide to trails on public lands in and around Baltimore. Discover Hemlock Gorge, a small slice of Appalachia transported into northern Baltimore County, with its timeless peace and ancient gnarled hemlocks; or Black Marsh, where birds skulk among the vegetation of pristine freshwater wetlands; or the unique landscape of Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area, which shelters more than 38 rare plant species. Baltimore Trails answers the needs of hikers and mountain bikers, offering accurate maps, up-to-date access information, and reliable trail descriptions. Bryan MacKay, a lifelong Baltimore resident and avid naturalist, walked, cycled, and explored nearly 80 trails in local state, county, and city parks, as well as area watersheds. He provides a detailed description, topographic map, and the length, location, and degree of difficulty for each trail. Some trails offer an easy afternoon stroll, while others provide a day of rugged hiking or biking. Thumbnail essays offer scenic highlights and discuss typical plants, animals, and local ecology. Every trail was field-checked in 2007 for the second edition. Miles of new trails are included, as is updated information on recent trail reroutes.

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This book is very informative. I like that it includes pages about various topics that are indirectly related to the hiking areas it covers... such as history of the area, information about animals in the area, etc.

This book is an invaluable resource for anyone day-hiking in the Baltimore area. The trail descriptions are thorough, up-to-date, and all hikes include maps. In addition to descriptions of the hikes, the book contains great information of the natural history of this unique corner of the country.

I find this book so tricky to use I tend to revert to online searches for local hikes. No decent map and you have to sift through a lot of writing to get the information you need to access the trails.

In this refresh of the classic Baltimore Trail Book, avid outdoorsman Brian MacKay brings us nearly 80 trails in the Baltimore City, County and surrounding area. The book is organized by State Park, City Park, or Watershed Area. For each park, there is a distance, difficulty rating and the trail mapped on a topological map to be able to see gradations. In the text, MacKay writes a detailed description of the trail, describing what you will see, highlights of the path, and key information to guide you. This a fantastic guide to get yourself outdoors and exploring the scenery around Baltimore.

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