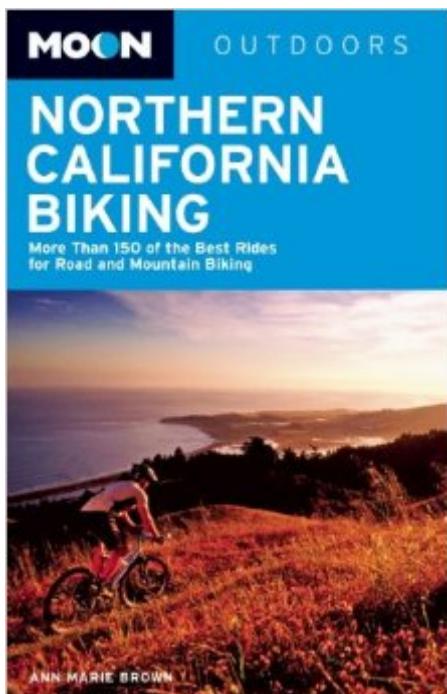


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Moon Northern California Biking: More Than 160 Of The Best Rides For Road And Mountain Biking (Moon Outdoors)



Synopsis

Avid biker and experienced travel writer Ann Marie Brown knows the best places to cycle in Northern California, from steep ocean-front rides to meandering, scenic trails through Sonoma and Napa. Moon Northern California Biking guides seasoned riders and beginning bikers to the best trails, paths, and roads throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, Tahoe, Yosemite, and Northern California wine country. Complete with elevation charts, route maps, and options to extend or shorten each route, as well as information on bike shops, riding clubs, and bike organizations throughout the region, Moon Northern California Biking gives bicyclists the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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Customer Reviews

I received the Moon Northern California Biking as a birthday gift from a good brother (Alan Chou) and my first impression was, I know all the trails here in Northern California since I ride my Mountain Bike 2-3 times a week and longer rides on technical trail on weekend. So I thought I will return the book but I started to go through the pages and they are more trails and road which I was not aware and have not explore. I started to compare my own notes and the content of the book just to be sure. I have to admit that the author Ann Marie Brown is very accurate about the level of difficulty for each trail. I have been to least 2 dozens of the biking trail mentioned in the book and her description are very close and accurate. They book are well organized into regions here in Northern California. They are also categorized by type of rides, for example with families, for scenic view or just to get

your heart pump up. She does a great job of compiling these trails for someone who want to get into cycling (both mountain and road biking) and also giving option for each rides such as China Camp State park. I always thought China Camp State park only has easy single track but the book was accurate to provide option for challenging and technical sections of the trail. Overall, the book is great for beginner, someone who are serious about cycling and want to know more and be well prepare before each ride and good reference also for the advance or expert riders.

Okay, I admit I got my first copy from the public library. After a day or so of reading it, however, I sent it back and bought my own copy. It was a good decision.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

â—„This book is a very thorough guide to the top biking rides in Northern California. The publisher and author have obviously spent a HUGE amount of time to produce this quality product. The book is organized into 8 major areas, so that the reader can concentrate on the region they intend to visit.

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY THIS BOOK

â—„This is an extremely thorough and professional guide. Second to none.

Top 3 Things I liked

- â—„ Excellent trail map showing the way
- â—„ Description of the trail difficulty and ride time is most helpful in picking a suitable ride.
- â—„ Chart at beginning of each major section shows a concise list of all the rides in that chapter, with the Level, Distance, Time, and Elevation.

Things I didn't like

- â—„ Do more SF East Bay rides!

RATING OF KEY FEATURES

â—„ Readability: Well-written.

â—„ Quality of Charts/Figures: Outstanding.

â—„ Quality of Table of Contents: Use the black-bar on page edges to find your chapter.

â—„ Quality of Editing: Outstanding.

â—„ Thoroughness of Index: Extensive

â—„ Usefulness: Very useful. Get your own copy

SUMMARY

â—„ All in all, an outstanding book. THE BEST BIKING BOOK I HAVE EVER READ. Well written, well-edited, very informative.

â—„ Recommend!

A Review by Chris Lawson

Note: I do not know the author of this book, and no one requested I write this review.

I have several of the moon hiking books, and this one doesn't disappoint. It's interesting that it combines both road biking routes and mountain biking routes, but it works. It's very thorough, and of the rides that I'm familiar with, the information is accurate. As usual with the moon books, it is laid out in sections, so if you're planning a trip to an area, you can see all your ride options at a glance on the map. Very well laid out and researched.

While a book of this scope must , by necessity, compromise on whether to give a breif description of many rides or a detailed description of a select number of rides, the author does a fine job of

balancing the two. There are many rides listed encompassing a large geographic area. The reader is given a good description and directions for each ride. Level of difficulty and type of terrain is clearly delineated. A good map (and usually a picture) , mileages, and turn by turn directions are included. I first read the sections on rides I have done before to compare the book's depiction with my own experience. I have to say they match very closely. The book is organized into geographic areas , so it is easy to find a ride in the place you are visiting. Directions to the starting point and area services are included and quite helpful. Thoroughly researched and accurate. A great amount of information for a wide variety of interests. Highly recommended !

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