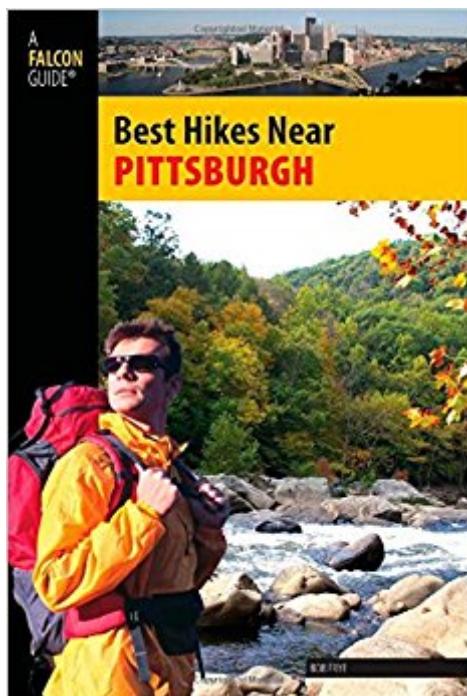


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From a hike through Pymatuning State Park to see its famous spillway, to an old Indian path called the Warrior Trail, this book describes the best hikes in and around Pittsburgh, many of them never previously covered elsewhere.

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Take a Hike! Who says you have to travel far from home to go on a great hike? This guide describes thirty-five of the best hikes in and around Pittsburgh, most of them within an hour's drive of the city—from city parks practically within a stone's throw of downtown to the bluffs above the Allegheny River in Harrison Hills Park, to the rugged Slippery Rock Gorge. Whether you're in the mood for an easy nature walk or a strenuous day hike, this guide offers plenty of both: The North Country Trail, one of America's longest trails—Raccoon Creek State Park and its wondrous wildflowers—Pymatuning State Park and its famous spillway—The waterfalls of Ohiopyle State Park—Spectacular scenery, from Conemaugh Gap to Cook Forest State Park—Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, a haven for birds—and kids—Urban trails, including Frick Park. Each hike features full-color photos; a brief route description; thorough directions to the trailhead and beyond (GPS coordinates included); a detailed, accurate trail map; and at-a-glance information on distance and difficulty level, hiking time, canine compatibility, and fees and permits. Inside you'll also find "Green Tips" and sidebars on local lore, points of interest, and wildlife.

Bob Frye is a lifelong outdoorsman and resident of southwestern Pennsylvania, so he's spent decades roaming the woods and fields covered in this book. Frye is by training a journalist, too, having worked as a full time writer for nearly two decades. Currently the full-time outdoors editor for the Tribune-Review newspaper in Pittsburgh, he has also written for a variety of local, regional and national outdoor magazines, as well as more general interest publications. His work has won awards from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, Associated Press Managing Editors, and Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association. Frye is also the author of "Deer Wars: Science, Tradition and the Battle Over Managing Whitetails in Pennsylvania," a 300-page book looking at the relationship between white-tailed deer and Pennsylvania's forests and people. He's been interviewed on numerous radio and TV stations to talk about that book and the outdoors in general, too. Frye currently lives in North Huntingdon, PA, about 40 minutes east of Pittsburgh.

My boyfriend and I got this as our New Year's hiking bucket list. We're slowly crossing the hikes off. It's great because my biggest problem with a hike is always finding the starting point! This book brings you directly to the start, tells you where to go and gets you back to your car. The Laurel Highlands hike is probably my favourite. Great for people who want a bunch of options right around the Pittsburgh area!

Well written and great descriptions about each of the trails and experience levels needed to try out each trail. There is also coordinates to help you find the trail openings and the book also details what type of trail (out and back, loop, etc) and how long you can expect to take to complete the trail. Overall, this is a great book for finding some trails you may not know or maybe just forgot about or even if you just want to explore a new area.

This is an all purpose book for any hiker. Bob Frye knows what he writes about by doing it first hand. I have read his articles for years in the Tribune Review and would recommend this book to any hiker who doesn't want to miss a good trail.

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