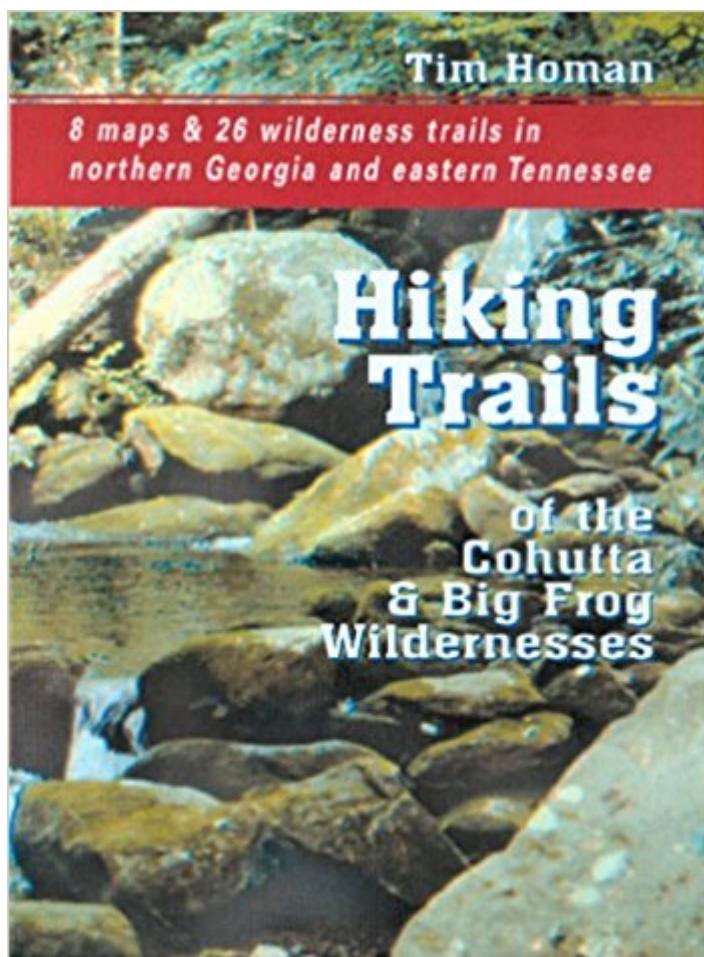


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# The Hiking Trails Of The Cohutta And Big Frog Wildernesses



## **Synopsis**

Join Tim Homan as he explores the trails of northwestern Georgia and southeastern Tennessee, describing the surroundings and providing important information for novice and experienced hikers. Tim Homan returns as our guide through northwestern Georgia and southeastern Tennessee in his third hiking book covering the southern Appalachians. Homan expertly maps out each area and describes each trail in great detail, explaining the surrounding habitat, providing comments on the area's vegetation, and noting specific sights to see. His personable narrative style makes the book at once a helpful resource and a pleasure to read. Trailhead and regional maps and detailed directions make the book even more user-friendly.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Tim Homan, experienced hiker and outdoor writer, is the author of THE HIKING TRAILS OF NORTH GEORGIA, THE HIKING TRAILS OF THE JOYCE KILMER-SLICKROCK & CITICO CREEK WILDERNESSES, and the editor of A YEARNING TOWARD WILDNESS: ENVIRONMENTAL QUOTATIONS FROM THE WRITINGS OF HENRY DAVID THOREAU. He lives in Colbert, Georgia, with his wife. Vicky Holifield's botanical illustrations have appeared in EDITH HENDERSON'S HOME LANDSCAPE COMPANION, TIPULARIA, THE PANOLA MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWER GUIDE, and GEORGIA'S PROTECTED PLANTS. A graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, she also holds an MAT from Yale University. Holifield lives in Atlanta with her husband.

Excellent guide for backpacking and hiking the Cohutta Wilderness. I found it very useful for planning out two big overnight trips in Cohutta and have used it on a few day hikes, as well. I have a few books on trails in North Georgia and think this one does the best job of describing trails and giving a sense of the general area. Given the remoteness of the Cohutta, it's important to go in armed with some vital info and this book should give you most of that info. What I like best about the book:(1) Trail descriptions, mileage, difficulty ratings(2) Excellent trail maps and great map of the overall Cohutta trail system [handy in case you get lost](3) Good directions on how to get to trailheads(4) Detailed write-ups can come in handy on long trails when trying to figure out certain elementsWhat could be improved:(1) Better info on wilderness camping sites; we used the USFS topo map to guess where camping spots would be(2) The maps in the book are great, but I might add one or two more additional maps that gives a better sense of all the roads in maybe a 10-mile radius leading into the Cohutta Wilderness. navigating the dirt and gravel roads can be challenging if you're not familiar with the area and a lot of time, online resources are inaccurate or incomplete. In fairness, though, Homan does a better job than anyone else, but still feel like there's room for improvement there. Since I've only hiked in the Cohutta, I also can't comment on the Big Frog sections. But I've probably done about 5-6 hikes in the Cohutta Wilderness, and this is the best resource I've found for the area.

I've been hiking the Cohuttas with this book for the past three years. It has proved itself a valuable reference both in planning trips and on the trail. The book is organized by watershed area, with those being Big Frog, Conasauga, and Jack's River. Each section includes a map, and is further divided into sections describing each trail. The trail descriptions are detailed, though one of the few details left out is information on minor camp sites. Still, these are enough of these in most areas that it doesn't really make a difference. The maps in the book are suitable for planning hikes, but are of little use on the trails themselves. I purchased a separate water-resistant custom topo quad of the area online for just a few dollars. Since the habitats change quickly in the Cohuttas, the author includes discussions of the native plant and animal life along with each trail description. There is also a short history of the area (still better than anything I've found elsewhere!) at the front of the book. Reading these sections before hitting the trails does make the hike a lot more interesting. Overall, the book is well worth the small price.

This is a great guide book. I just wish that there was more information on the campsites within the cohutta.

I own 2 Homan books. both extremely valuable for planning hikes, setting shuttles, and a huge plus are the drawings and references in the "nature section". Homan's notes on the history of the area are a hi lite. If you are hiking south of the GSMNP in TN, NC or GA..... buy his books on these areas!!

This book was very informative on the trails. The wilderness is not as well marked as the AT for example and this was very helpful.

Very informative book! I recommend it for anyone visiting this area!

High quality map

Easy to use reference guide with interesting information of the area. Can't wait to lace up our boots and explore!

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