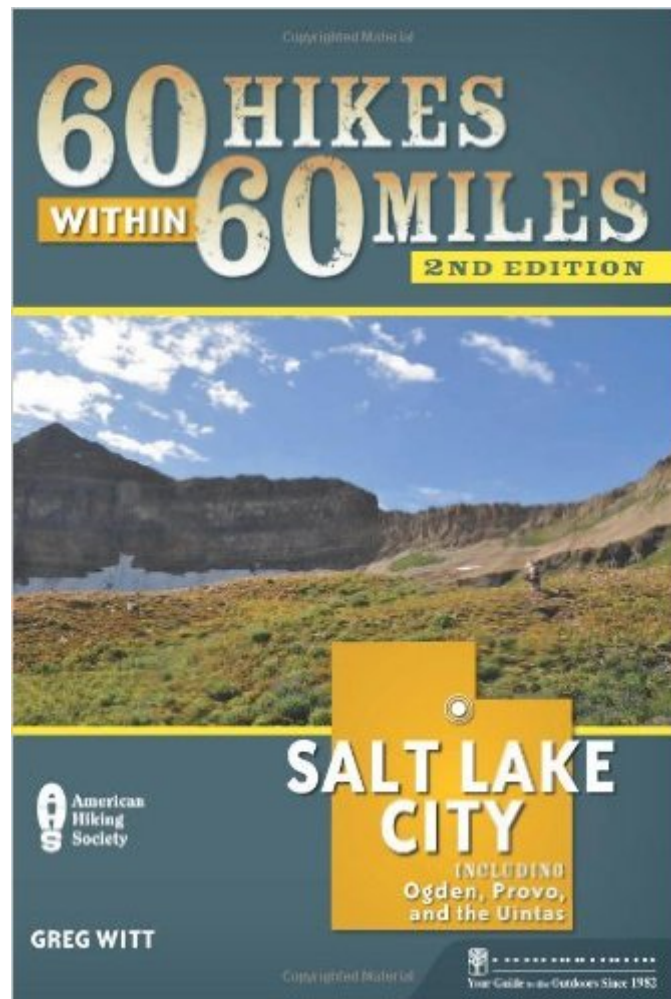


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# 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Salt Lake City: Including Ogden, Provo, And The Uintas



## Synopsis

**60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Salt Lake City** is the only guidebook that pinpoints the most exceptional hikes in the area. It contains meticulous trail descriptions that range from comfortable strolls for families to difficult treks for those looking for a challenging workout. Extensive key-at-a-glance information makes it easier to choose a hike based on length, difficulty, or scenery. A helpful list of hikes in the front of the book highlights those with special interests – best hikes for children, scenic hikes, hikes good for wildlife viewing, best hikes for runners, and more. Each hike report includes commentary on trailside geology, flowers, and wildlife. Historical notes provide fascinating details about early miners, trailblazers, the Pony Express, and Mormon pioneers. Nestled in the western flank of the Rockies, Salt Lake City provides ready access to a stunning array of hiking options amid alpine lakes, snow-draped mountain peaks, fragrant evergreen forests, deep canyon waterfalls, granite towers, and flowered cirques. Within 60 miles of Salt Lake City there are thousands of square miles of national forest, National Wilderness Areas, state parks and designated recreation areas to explore.

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## Customer Reviews

We recently relocated to Utah from Southern California; we were familiar with all kinds of outdoor hiking activities there. But while we knew there were fantastic hiking adventures to be found here, we just didn't know how to find them. Then we discovered this book. Most guide books give you just the facts--where and how far. "60 Hikes..." gives you much more: age-appropriateness, difficulty,

wildlife, geology, and even history. It's clear that Witt not only knows what he's talking about, he loves it. This enthusiasm is contagious, making you want to jump out of your armchair and explore. Although we might not make all 60 hikes, we know we'll love the ones we do. I highly recommend it.

Last Christmas I scoured bookstores for a comprehensive book of hikes for the Salt Lake region, yet all I found were books that were sprinkled with hikes from all over Utah. (Sorry, but we're not driving 8 hours for a 1 hour paved loop.) Finally! A hiking book that makes sense! All the hikes are within 60 minutes of Salt Lake City, and there's not a lame hike in the bunch. While we haven't done all the hikes (so many trails...so little time), just reading about them made our whole family excited to hit the road with book in hand. This well-written guide is dripping with details and peppered generously with fantastic photos. Each hike has "key information at-a-glance" (which includes about 15 items that give you a feel for the hike) and a great section at the end of each chapter of "nearby activities". If you know someone who is planning a trip to Salt Lake (or if they're lucky enough to live there) you've gotta get this book--it's the new "eleventh essential".

This is my favorite hiking book and I use it at least once a week. It recommends fantastic hikes and has a very usable breakdown of hiking categories, so if I'm (for example) looking for a longer hike, I can find a bunch of them really easily and choose between them. I noticed that you can't see all of the categories in the "expanded view," so I thought it'd be helpful to list them below:

Table of Contents, which lists hikes by area (i.e. Salt Lake County)

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- Hikes with sweeping views
- Year-Round Hikes
- Best hikes for solitude
- Best hikes for wildlife
- Best hikes for wildflowers
- Best for regular workouts
- Scenic hikes
- Best trails for runners

I consider myself an avid hiker who knows a lot of hikes around the Salt Lake area. I know a lot of hikes listed in this book, but where it shines is in the layout - hikes are easy to locate in the book, and there is a snapshot on each hike so you can figure out how much exertion it takes. This is a very helpful guide book - and the thing I like is that it included a multitude of hikes from hard to easy

and everything in between. I probably have books that covered all of the hikes listed, but this is nice to have all the hikes in one single book from Weber County to Utah county and even some basic Uinta hikes.

Fortunately, I recently went on a guided hiking tour of Switzerland with the author, Greg Witt. On one of many wonder-filled hikes, Greg stated: "You know, we are so fortunate to live in Salt Lake City. It is probably the best city in the world for hiking." I have rolled up and down northern Utah trails for several decades. Rest assured prospective readers, this book contains something for everyone interested in hiking the Wasatch Mountains and surrounding areas. Buy the book, take 2 months off work and do one a day. There are certainly more than 60 hikes within 60 miles but Greg's picked the winners.

We bought this book to find new hikes in the area we live in, and it has been magnificent. We've done a bunch of the hikes in it, and we've loved every single one of them. It's a great book, and I would highly recommend it to anybody that likes to hike and lives in the Northern Utah area.

Great book, great format! Lots of detail included about the hikes. Sometimes had to read between the lines, for example if the hike was exposed or not. There was a note about watching your kids but it wasn't really clear if it was dangerous or not. Key weakness are the maps. There is very little detail and no elevation lines. I learned very little about the kind of terrain I was headed into. Overall very worth purchasing. Just don't get discouraged by the first hike being 16 mi r/t. They aren't all like that :)

This is my favorite hiking guide. I do recommend a good map to go with it (I like the one published by the Wasatch Mountain Club) since the maps in the book are not exactly detailed. That being said, Mr. Witt gives great descriptions, really detailed directions to the trail heads and on the trail, and his difficulty ratings and time spent are usually spot on.

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