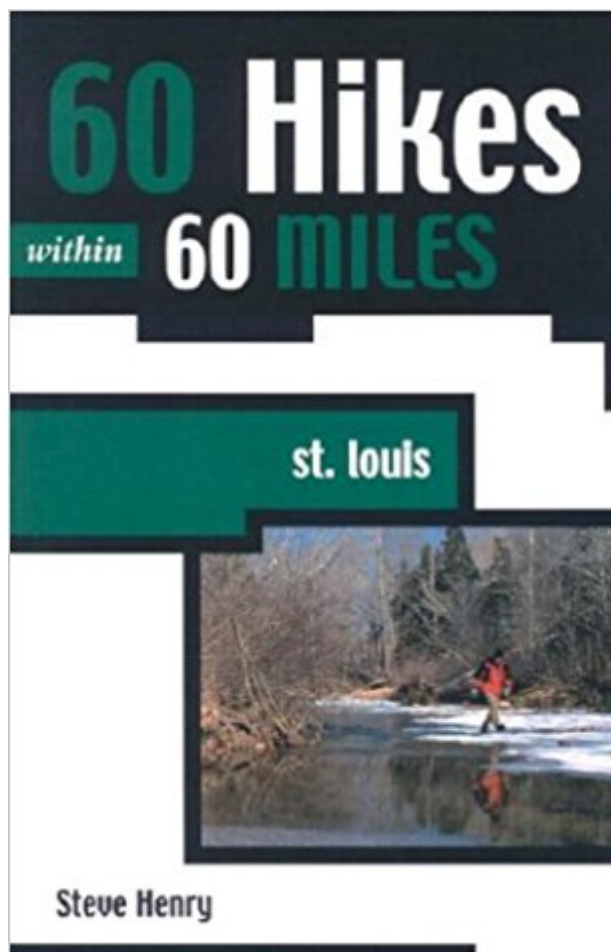


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Synopsis

Mention St. Louis and most people think of the famous arch. Residents and visitors-in-the-know appreciate the many outdoor recreational opportunities the Gateway to the West has to offer. 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: St. Louis points hikers to the best outdoor trails and rambles within easy reach of the city. Whether walking in the footsteps of Louis and Clark, exploring amazing rock formations in the Pickle Springs Natural Area, or trekking along a portion of the longest rails-to-trails path in the U.S., hikers are sure to be amazed at the diversity of outdoor experiences awaiting them. The included hikes are located in Missouri as well as its neighbor, Illinois. Consult the author's recommendations for special interest hikes--short hikes, long hikes, hikes for kids, urban hikes, rural hikes, wildlife hikes, historic hikes, and more. When readers make their choices, each of the 60 hike profiles provides essential details on length, hiking time, difficulty, configuration, scenery, exposure, solitude, trail surface, and accessibility. The author also includes personal notes on the hike, a detailed hike map, and clear directions to the trailhead. There's even a section describing places to buy maps and gear, as well as info on nearby hiking clubs and events.

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...a perfect travel planning resource...a superbly presented and organized walker's guidebook. --

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Trailblazers scour the earth for the best places to explore, and yet they often overlook their own

backyards. 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: St. Louis blows the lid off the myth that you can't have a great hike close to home. St. Louis area may be an ever-expanding metropolis, but there are still plenty of super hiking opportunities: short hikes, long hikes, hikes for kids, urban hikes, rural hikes, wildlife hikes, historic hikes, and many others. Whether you live in St. Louis County, St. Charles County, or anywhere along the periphery, this guide provides the information necessary for you to choose the perfect day hike, including maps, directions, trail lengths, hiking times, and a wealth of detail about the trail itself. So lace up those boots, sling that pack, and hit the trail!

We have hiked about half of the trails found in this guide. In the fall, I'll open the book and have the kids pick a trail to hike. I like how the trails are organized and separated with categories and that some trails can fall into several categories. Most helpful to me has been the category of the hikes being good for small children. I also appreciate the author's notations of some tricky spots that may need extra attention such as some trails not being marked clearly or landmarks to look for to make sure you are on the the right track. I highly recommend this guide for Missouri hikes.

This is our go-to book for choosing hikes within the St. Louis area. Originally checked it out from the library and used it so often we bought the updated version on . There are a variety of hikes listed for hikers of all skill level. Makes you appreciate all the beauty this area has to offerUPDATE: I've now owned this book for a bit and have had a chance to really utilize it. The descriptions for the hikes are pretty accurate considering when the last update was and now. I have found a few of the areas to have additional hikes or some of the trails that once had generic names have been named. These are minor details though. Directions listed to get to the trailheads, parks, natural areas and conservation areas are accurate. In some cases, they are better to use than your GPS. I like to make notes after I hike a trail or an area, so I do wish there was a blank page or two included with each chapter so that trail and area notes could be made. In addition, when the book is updated, it would be great to have a website or something online linked to the book. I still consider this the best hiking book for the St. Louis and surrounding areas. If you live in the STL area and love hiking, this is a must have for your collection or anyone you know who loves to hike. It's given me an appreciation for where I live and what the area has to offer. Please note, I have updated my star rating to a 4 from a 5 due to some of the things I wish were different about the book.

Fun book to find places to hike. Delivered fast.

Lists many excellent parks/hikes. It gives useful information not available by looking at a map, but in the experience of just two hikes the information seems to be somewhat out of date. All of the important facts that would keep you on the trail are true, but the trails were a lot easier to follow than suggested, and some of the scenery points did not exist? This book will get you to and thru the good places.

I'm giving this book 5 stars! LOVE IT! We go hiking all over missouri, and this book has shown us several new and cool places. We still have a lot more to do, and I will use this book many more times and get my money's worth! I like the maps that are inside because when you go to trails they don't always have a map, but this book pictures them all, so I think thats the best part. Don't go hiking without it!

I read the write-up on the hike I've been doing for 16 years. It was well written and spot on. Didn't think I could learn anything about that hike, but I did learn a number of things I didn't know. Also, like the short version of the read that gives you the general jist. An Executive Summary of the hike, if you will. Plus each hike is plugged into catagories, like hilly, flat, shady, less traveled, etc. Wish my CO hiking books were this well put together.

This is a great book for novice hikers. We've already used it to find some great new trails to explore around Missouri. The author does a good job outlining the difficulty of trails and things to look out for. I'd recommend if you're looking to explore the area's scenery.

This book is a great resource for those in the Saint Louis area. I've been hiking around this area for 15-20 years and still hadn't known about many of the hikes listed in this guide. It covers all the classic spots around here, but has some more obscure ones too. Of course, the 60 miles thing is a bit of a stretch, but most of the further ones are well worth the drive. Best regional hiking resource I've found.

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