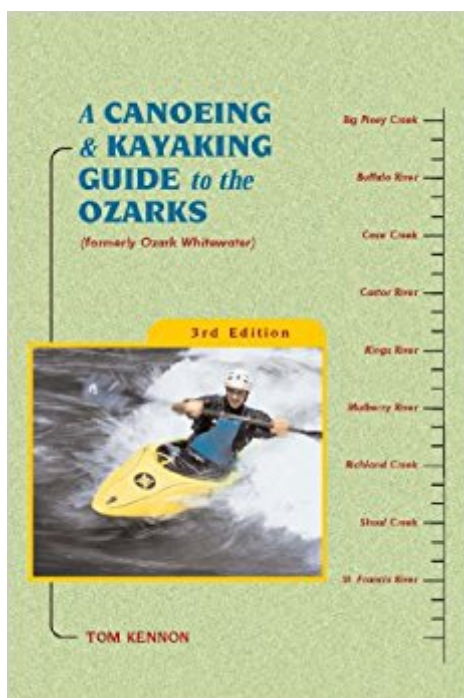


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# A Canoeing And Kayaking Guide To The Ozarks (Canoe And Kayak Series)



## Synopsis

In the heartland of America rise the Ozark Mountains, teeming with cascading, free-flowing streams. Situated astride the Missouri/Arkansas border, the Ozarks represent a canoeing and kayaking wonderland. Still a comprehensive, accurate and readable guide, but now with a new design and format, *A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Ozarks* (formerly *Ozark Whitewater*) catalogs the varied rivers of the region. Inside are updated descriptions of all the classic rivers, including the Buffalo National and Little Missouri, as well as exciting new reports of today's steep creek runs: Bryant, Turkey, and many others. This guide is the definitive sourcebook for Ozark river sport.

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## Customer Reviews

The ultimate guide to paddling whitewater in the Ozarks, *A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Ozarks* (formerly *Ozark Whitewater*) has guided boaters to the best water in the area for years. Inside, boaters will find expanded and updated information for the classic rivers as well as for the extreme creeks. Also included is information vital to all paddlers, beginner and expert alike: information on clubs and organizations, state water trails, and national and scenic rivers. Ratings and descriptions include topographic maps, country locations, gauges, difficulty ratings, drop/distances, run times, water quality, and much more.

Tom Kennon began paddling in 1974 and wrote his first book in 1978, *Arkansas Whitewater Rivers*, after gathering information about rivers in Arkansas due to the lack of information about paddling in

the area. In 1988 Ozark Whitewater expanded the original book to a more comprehensive description of rivers in the Ozarks. He lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas and is still an active paddler and ACA canoe instructor closely associated with the Arkansas Canoe Club.

Overall, the book is good, with a comprehensive list of rivers. My only complaints are that: 1) Nearly all of the rivers described in this book are in Arkansas, with almost no mention of any Missouri rivers. 2) The rivers described are nearly all whitewater - mostly class 1 to 3 - so its of limited use if you're planning a flatwater trip. But if you're a whitewater paddler, this book will be a great starting point. 3) By listing so many rivers, there's little room left for a comprehensive description of each. The river descriptions include not much more than the whitewater class, a rating of how scenic each is, and the access points.

As described

Thus far I'm quite happy with this book. The number of places where kayaking is available AND legal is great. I come from a state where landowner rights trumps everything and places to do any river kayaking is skimpy to say the least. I haven't run any of these rivers yet but I think this guide that tells me where to put in, where to take out and what to expect in between will be invaluable. I wish it had some info on how to arrange for vehicle shuttle or kayak shuttle, however there is a lot of contact information for canoe and kayak organizations that might be able to point me in the right direction. The thing I liked are the sections about obstacles to avoid or be aware of. If you're looking for a state to go kayaking in, this might be the book for you.

Very informative with rare hard to find insights and suggestions for a hidden land of kayaking gems!

Gives good information on put ins and take outs, and they are quite detailed and accurate. Used it last summer to take sons and grandson on a trip on Jack's Fork.

Best guide that I know of to the area. It is about time for a newer edition though.

mile by mile descriptions and points of interest, very useful.

Perfect

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