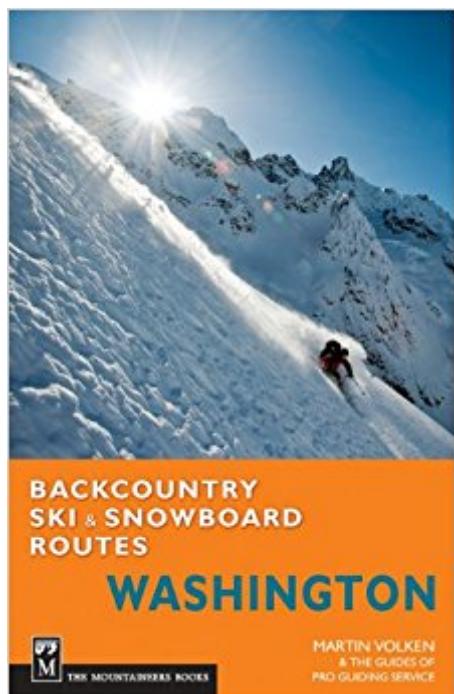


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Backcountry Ski And Snowboard Routes - Washington



Synopsis

Washington's Cascades, Olympics, and Mount Rainier are prime destinations for backcountry ski and snowboard adventure. And no one is better qualified to write this guidebook than Martin Volken and his team at Pro Guiding Service, based in the Cascade foothills. The all-new guidebook includes 80 routes throughout the state plus one in British Columbia! Ideal for intermediate to expert skiers or snowboarders. It features routes ranging from accessible day trips suitable for relative beginners to more challenging multiday traverses. It's a guide to the very best routes available to skiers and boarders throughout the state. Each route includes the following elements: elevation, route distance, time required, fitness level, best season, maps and permit info, driving directions and detailed route description.

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Customer Reviews

Martin Volken is the owner of Pro Ski Service and Pro Guiding Service and is an IFMGA -certified Swiss MountainGuide. In addition, Volken is an instructor/examiner for the AMGA ski mountaineering program and a gear designer for top brands of skis and outdoor clothing. He is also the co-author of the best-selling Backcountry Skiing, which is the primary reference for many wilderness ski and snowboard courses. Martin lives with his family in North Bend, Washington.

I have a collection of backcountry guide books for the Northwest, but the detailed routes described

were much better than my other sources. My only regret was a paucity of easier routes, but all in all, this book is a game changer!

I previously bought "100 Classic Backcountry Ski & Snowboard Routes in Washington" by Rainer Burgdorfer and was disappointed by the vague descriptions and near-useless maps and was wary of the same issue with this guide, but happily I was very wrong. This only arrived today, but I'm really impressed with what I've seen so far - this looks to be one of the best outdoor guides I've seen for any activity. The descriptions seem to have a old level of detail, and I appreciate the route summaries breaking down the difficulty to overall, ski, fitness, and technical (alpine climbing), as well as commitment levels, (where as Burgdorfer's book has only one skill level that somehow encompasses climbing, fitness, and skiing skill levels). The highlight over the Burgdorfer book are the maps! The maps in the 100Classic are poorly printed and barely-readable -- I've tried translating maps routes in the 100Classic book to the green-trails topo maps I have on hand to limited success -- whereas these new maps are clear relief-shaded topo maps that don't make me reach for the green-trails. They are clear and are well marked. There are a number of aerial photos of routes and they are nicely marked with routes which makes for a nice bonus of the routes that have them.

This has been a joy to read. It surprised me because it started out with a detailed history of back-ountry in the PNW, and the trails and mountains that were summited via backcountry skiing, in order. A full timeline of the people who first took on these peaks, when backcountry was all there was. This is more than a trail guide, it's a BC history guide of WA. Get this book.

Well written, easy to follow, gives longer more advanced tours than previous guides.

If you want a great guide, written by a guide then buy this book!

Fabulous resource for anyone who wants to ski the cascades.

It is a very informative book and a great attempt to cover the major routes in the State. The maps were very helpful.

wow! great old and new routes and a bonus tour at the end! A thoughtful and diverse collection of powder!

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