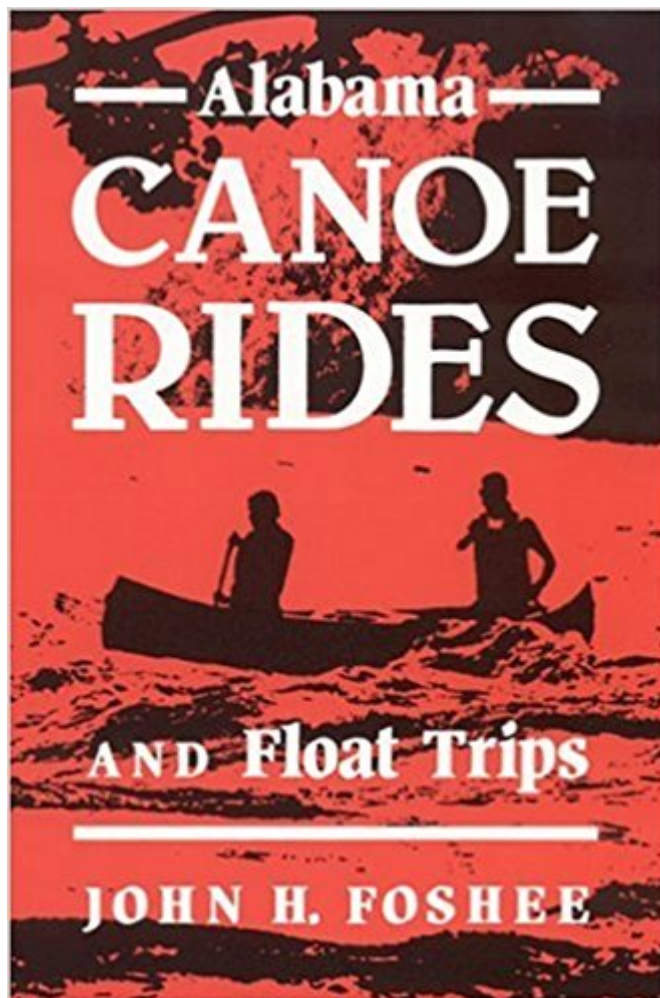


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Alabama Canoe Rides And Float Trips



Synopsis

John Foshee's popular and informative Alabama Canoe Rides and Float Trips has been a favorite of canoeing enthusiasts since 1975. It provides a detailed guide to 102 canoe trips on the Cahaba River and 40 other creeks and rivers within the state. The trips highlighted in the book range from 3 to 14 miles in length, with difficulty factors varying from leisurely float trips to Class 4 rapids. This handy guide will assist beginning and expert canoeists in the selection of and preparation for a variety of float experiences. The author gives suggestions for river safety and makes recommendations for equipment. In addition, he points out major danger areas and obstacles that might be encountered on the streams and includes information on river access and use of topographical maps. An appendix contains brief descriptions of the rides, including their put-ins and take-outs, and follows the general format of the individual trip descriptions.

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Customer Reviews

A detailed guide to the Cahaba and other creeks and rivers of Alabama plus put-ins and take-outs, and general information about numerous other streams of the state.

John H. Foshee is a photographer, draftsman, log-home builder, and writer. He is the author of numerous outdoor-oriented articles and a "how-to" book, You, Too, Can Canoe.

This is the book for trips in Alabama

If you paddle a canoe or SOT kayak like myself and live in or frequently travel to Alabama, this is the BIBLE to all float trips. Full of great information such as put ins, take outs, obstacles, class rapid's to expect, etc.

Got this for my dad for Christmas. He loves it he got a canoe last Christmas for my mom and him. He has used this to find many exciting rivers and streams to canoe down.

Got it for my brother who left Wisconsin with his kayaks and arrived in Alabama looking for the water.....must be pretty good as I haven't seen him since! (you had to see that coming!) He loves it, I'm happy, great purchase! - Robert

The book mainly covers the Cahaba, for which the descriptions are quite good. The content is pretty dated, though (it is from 1975 after all), and the pictures are printed with such bad quality that you can hardly make out anything. The maps are also hard to read. An updated version would be great.

In this book, Foshee gives scouting reports of many rivers and creeks in Alabama. It includes maps to put ins and take outs, and brief comments on difficulty of put in and take out. Also included are distances of each section of each river reviewed as well as river maps showing the "big stuff." For each section, Foshee describes possible problem areas. These are very helpful in planning a trip and can save you from exposure to numerous hazards. In each section, Foshee gives brief descriptions about scenery. The only problem with this book is that many of the road maps are outdated. Some put ins and take outs are no longer accessible while many areas now have better ins and outs than those in the book. And many road names have changed since the book was written. Despite being a little outdated, maps are still very helpful, especially when used along with a more detailed topo map. Of course, the river maps pretty much still apply because many of the rivers haven't changed all that much. This book will help you find new places to go and will help determine distances of trips. Anybody who goes canoeing in Alabama should own this.

The maps in this book are worth the purchase price alone. The book was originally published in the mid 1970s, so some of the information about put in and take out points is out of date. The rivers and streams themselves have changed very little, so the detailed maps in the book will give you a

blow-by-blow description of what to expect on your adventure. While there is a lot of information about the Cahaba River, none of the other Alabama rivers and streams are neglected...the Cahaba River is just a great river to canoe, and it rightfully claims an appropriate amount of space in the book. I purchased this book before I ever bought a canoe, and it has helped me to enjoy trips down the Cahaba River, the Sipsey Fork, the Little Fork, and the Mulberry Fork to name a few. If you own a canoe and live in Alabama (or are just interested in the subject), BUY THIS BOOK.

This book should be named Cahaba River Canoe Rides & Float Trips. It focuses primarily on the Cahaba and deals little with the rest of the state. We were disappointed and are still looking for a good book on canoeing the entire state of Alabama.

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