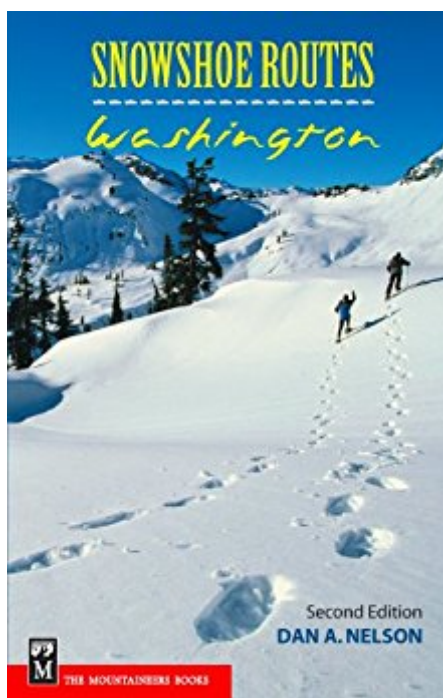




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Synopsis

* A backcountry primer for winter hiking* Wide variety of locales and trips of various lengths throughout the state* 80+ diverse snowshoe trips for all levels of expertise * Most trips keyed to state-maintained Sno-Park lotsNo need to stop hiking when the snow flies-just switch to snowshoes and enjoy your favorite areas with fewer crowds. With today's high-tech equipment, snowshoeing can be just like walking. But finding a safe, rewarding route in all that snow requires a little help. This authoritative guide provides complete details on a prime selection of 81 diverse snowshoe routes. Choices range from easy, relatively level routes for beginners or families, on up to backcountry, less-defined routes that often include steep elevation gains or require winter-survival and basic mountaineering skills. Each route description includes vital access information, plus estimated time, elevation gain and loss, best time to go, and maps to carry. Introductory material includes information on equipment, technique, clothing, camping, avalanche awareness, and winter safety.

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Customer Reviews

As a recent convert to snowshoeing, I was looking for recommendations on places to go. This book appeared to be the only real source out there, and certainly its better than nothing but I found it

lacking.1) the "maps" in the book are crap. Yes, hiking book maps aren't navigational, but I find them helpful to give me something to tie the trail description too, and its helpful when they include a landmark or trail detail that might not get captured on a Green Trails map. Craig Romano's books exemplify this. This book's maps look like someone drew them on a cocktail napkin.2) The trail ratings/grading system is oversimplified and not helpful: "easiest" "more difficult" "most difficult" and "backcountry". (How about 1-4, so I don't have to think?) Worse, lots of trails are helpfully labeled things like "easiest-backcountry". To be fair, we've only used this guide exclusively for one trip--on other trips we had descriptions from friends or other resources to help. But, the trip we relied solely on this book was NOT AWESOME. The route description was out of date (we ran into a house!), there were snowmobiles where we were promised none, and the length was off. (I'm basing this on our GPS). I'll give this book another try, taking everything in it with a grain of salt.

I got this book in the fall of 09 as my Girlfriend and I wanted to start Snowshoeing. We like to stick to day hikes that are within 4-11 miles round trip with moderate elevation. Many of the hikes within the Snowshoe routes book were fantastic but we ran out of hikes that met our preferences quickly. After about 10-12 outings we had pretty much exhausted the good trails off I-90 and Hwy. 2. From then on, we pretty much went off word-of-mouth and have found some really great snowshoe trails that were not even mentioned in this book. If you live in the Bellevue/Seattle/Everett Vicinity you may run out quality day hikes quickly if you just stick to whats in this book. Also, I noticed that the information in the book was exactly the same that was listed in [...]. The reason why I gave it 4 stars is because it really helped me get started in snowshoeing. Knowing where to go, as well as an active website that was updated frequently on hike details and conditions.

we've made extensive use of our new Snowshoe Routes Washington book so far taking 5-6 routes. Dan Nelson does a great job outlining the routes, location, how to prepare and overall makes for a much more enjoyable trip. it's like having our own personal referral for all the different places to snowshoe - love it !

This must be the definitive mass-market guide for snowshoeing in Washington, which is great. Tons of great hikes and useful info. My only wish is that compared to recent guides, it's a bit outdated with hand-drawn maps and it could use a little bit better structure. Fortunately a lot of the content is up on wta.org, too! Don't hesitate to buy this book if you're serious about snowshoeing in Washington -- it doesn't get much better!

The avalanche considerations could be emphasized. The Northwest Avalanche Center (nwac.us) provides a new avalanche, snow pack and weather analysis every day at 6:00PM. This information should be referenced and used to provide cautions about the routes that should be avoided for different levels of avalanche danger.

The book is informative to let me know nice places to snowshoe but the maps were useless. When hiking in snow though you are pretty much left to your own devices anyway. It is worth having just to give you a good idea what general area to snowshoe.

Not a bad book. The routes it gives for hikes are different than the trails shown and routes described on sites like Alltrails or Washington Trails association.

I like Mr. Nelson's other books. I truly appreciate his seriousness, well written, and uncalled for. His advice is notoriously correct.

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