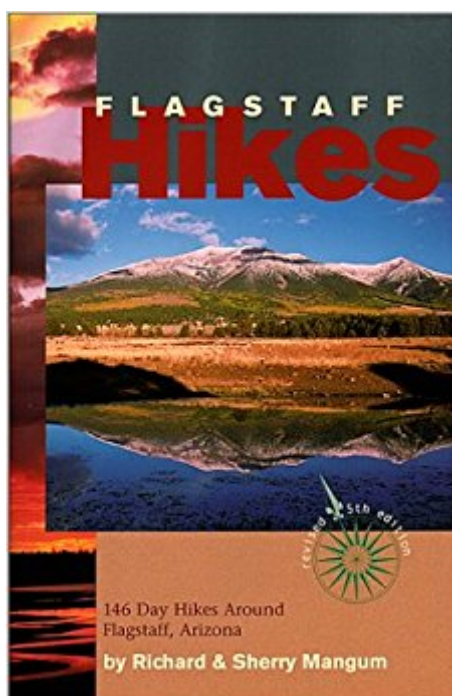


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# Flagstaff Hikes : 146 Day Hikes Around Flagstaff, Arizona (Revised 5th Edition) (Hiking & Biking)



## Synopsis

The best Flagstaff hiking guide! First released in 1992, the authors have worked constantly to keep this guide updated and current through this new, revised 5th edition. Each hike is shown on two facing pages with complete directions to the trailhead, description of the hike, interesting historical information and a map. Each hike also has an elevation change graph, season-to-hike graph, difficulty and mileage graph and a how-crowded graph. There is a beautiful eight-page section of color photos in the middle of the book.

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## Customer Reviews

Richard Mangum was born in Flagstaff and from childhood has enjoyed getting out into the woods, canyons, hills and mountains surrounding his birthplace. After graduating from Flagstaff High School he got a law degree and practiced law in Flagstaff until 1976, when he became a Superior Court Judge. He retired from the judgeship to devote full time to writing in 1993. "It's what I always wanted to do," he says. Sherry Mangum has lived in Flagstaff since she was seven years old. She went on her first hike when she was six weeks old and has been hiking ever since. She inherited her love for photography from her parents, both professionals. Her work has been seen in local to international publications since 1978. This award-winning team work together researching and doing the hikes. Dick then does the writing and maps while Sherry produces the photos. Through their famous guides and histories (nine to date) of northern Arizona the Mangums have gained a reputation for producing books that are clear, user-friendly and reliable.

I bought this book for my youngest daughter who recently moved to Flagstaff. She really liked the book and found it very useful because some of the trails in the book could be accessed directly from her house by foot!!!! How can you "top" that? I would have given it 5 stars but I bought an older "used version" to save money. She is an avid hiker and outdoors person, so her positive response says a LOT about this book. Yes ~ I would buy it again!!!! Happy Trails, RS from Seattle WA

As advertised. Nice for planning a local hike.

Great book.

Some tourists think of Flagstaff as a dinner stop on the way to famous attractions like the Grand Canyon. Sometimes tourists discover, even by accident, that Flagstaff itself has famous attractions like Lowell Observatory. When you learn that Flagstaff sits amid North America's largest ponderosa forest and largest continuous volcanic field and sits beneath Arizona's highest mountain, it figures that Flagstaff should also offer some natural wonders and hiking adventures. For a long time many of these natural wonders and adventures remained hidden, even from residents. Some people lived in Northern Arizona for many years and never realized that these places even existed. Then along came the Mangum's hiking guide. The Mangums are an 1800s Northern Arizona pioneer family, and they know the region like no outsider can. Out of decades of exploring and hundreds of hikes, this book offers the best hikes. Many of these hikes have never appeared in any other guide book. The Mangums have also packed this book with historical nuggets to help you appreciate what you are seeing. For example, they tell you how A-1 Mountain got its name (it wasn't named for the steak sauce) and who built some pioneer cabin and when and why. Their obvious love for this region includes the belief that hiking isn't just about gonzo athletics but about the appreciation of nature and the discovery of history. I've just finished seven days of using this guide book to find out-of-the-way spots, and I found their directions and trail data and maps and, most important, their sense of which places are worth discovering and why, to be quite reliable. By the way, the two one-star reviews of this book are so silly, so over-straining to find bogus complaints, so over-eager to sell you "the other book," that you have to wonder about their motives.

This book covers the basics for nearby day-hikes and contains interesting historical points as well. The driving directions are good, but keep in mind that many forest service roads are not annually

maintained, so they may not be entirely accurate due to changing conditions. Mileages are tricky when you are hiking up and down, so use your best judgement. I can also recommend their Sedona day hikes guide.

I felt the need to warn people away from this guidebook, I'm a local hiker, and only appreciate the book because it is so comprehensive. Typically if I want to try a hike from this book, I will find it in another guide, and use their directions. The mileages are off, in both the hiking and driving. There are no hiking maps, only driving. Most hikes are very short, and very easy. Directions are ... poor, and it's hard to stomach the author portraits on the back of the book. Only buy this book if you plan on hiking EVERYTHING in Flagstaff, otherwise you are buying an over-comprehensive guide, when a "best of Flagstaff" hikes book would show you the goods, and be far more useful. I hate this book.

We found this book to be extremely helpful as we were new to the area and weren't sure where to go. The maps were very detailed and precise. The descriptions helped us choose which hikes would be of greatest interest to us. Definitely a book to buy!

I spent 4 hours studying this book to discover that I need to find another book for an overview of hikes in Flagstaff. This book lacks a comprehensive view of hikes, there are no maps that show how the trails interconnect and absolutely no info on camping.

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