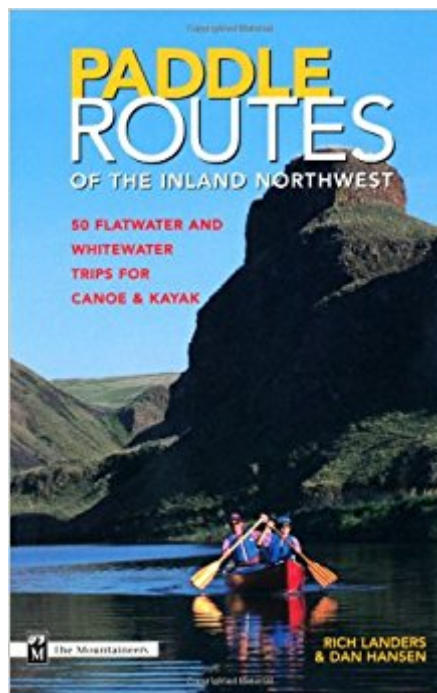




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Paddle Routes To The Inland Northwest: 50 Flatwater And Whitewater Trips For Canoe & Kayak



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* Flatwater and easy whitewater routes in the Northwest appealing to families, weekenders, and first-timers* Includes put-ins, distance, take-outs, and ratings* Includes trips in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia Anyone intimidated by river paddling or simply looking for a relaxing rather than hair-raising route will find 50 beautiful flatwater and class 1 and 2 whitewater trips in this thorough guide. Scattered throughout the inland Northwest and southeastern British Columbia, all the routes are ideal for beginning and intermediate paddlers as well as families who want to introduce their children to the rivers. Each trip description includes a detailed summary that covers distance, paddling time, season, shuttle distance between put-in and take-out points, ratings for skill level, hazards, and contact information. The guide also includes a listing of resources for current conditions that paddlers should consult before departure.

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Fills a long-vacant niche for local paddlers. Guidebooks about frothing whitewater are common. River trips for mere mortals are not widely described in guidebooks. Until now. (Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.) Landers and Hansen avoid the snags that capsize all too many paddling guidebooks. They write with humor and comfortable informality. Information is organized to highlight the essentials ... Paddle Routes of the Inland Northwest is full of piquant local lore and grounded in a responsible conservation ethic. (Sea and Kayak magazine)

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First let me say this is not a book about the North West, the focus of this book is Washington and Idaho with a few rivers in BC and Montana. The Grande Ronde in the Northern Oregon is the only route in the book to forage south. This is a very basic guidebook. It gives minimal put in information with a very limited overview of the rivers. The river maps provided shows general locations of rapids on the rivers but no detail of landmarks when approaching the hazard to let you know in advance where you are on the river. Although the book does not deliberately show rivers that have rapids above class 2, be aware these can easily turn into class 3 rapids with higher flow levels. A class 3 rapid can easily swamp a boat if you are not prepared for them. I can comfortably say this as a former whitewater river guide for over 20 years. I would not rate this as a stand alone book. Expect to do additional research into these routes before you commit to running them.

This is not for a good reference for Kayaking in Oregon. I live in Oregon and was looking for a good guide to kayaking in and around the PNW. This book was recommended on a FB chat so I purchased 2, so I could share. Wow, what a disappointment that Oregon was covered in six pages only covering the Grande Ronde River. It's probably a great book for Washington, that state takes up almost half of the book.

Info on paddling routes is always appreciated. For this particular book, the hands-on info on water trails is informative and useful. I don't care for the lecture in the beginning, nor for the rather crudely drawn maps.

look through this it seems to be a great book that is going to give us a lot more places to go

Would get 5 stars but the one trip I wanted to look up wasn't listed (Pend Oreille River, Newport to Cusick)

Good.

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I have used this guide since published and it is an accurate overview of the many paddling opportunities in the Inland Northwest - Eastern Washington, North Idaho, Western Montana and even Canada. I had already tried many of the lakes and rivers but more were identified including some that I had never even considered in my 25 years in Spokane. Most of the paddles are appropriate for families. Put-ins and take-outs are well described. Great value that will save you time and money - even for the experienced paddler.

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