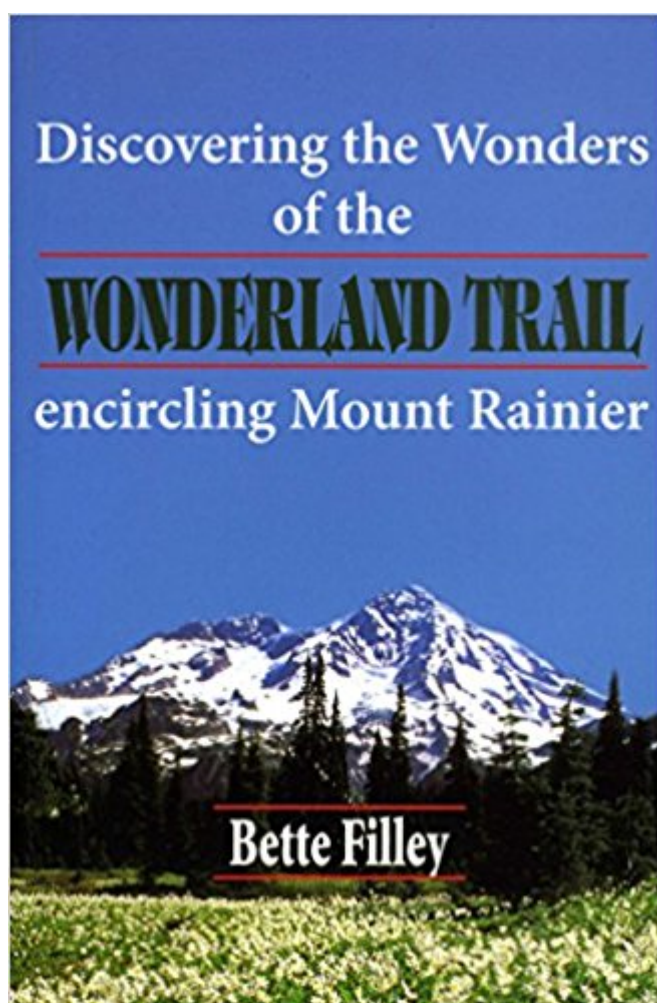




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Discovering The Wonders Of The Wonderland Trail: Encircling Mount Rainier



Synopsis

This just revised "up to the minute" edition now includes the long awaited advance reservation form and all other vital information to do this incredible trail as safely and well prepared as possible. Backpacker Magazine (Dec. 2000) rated this as THE best trail guide for the Wonderland Trail. It's a really practical book, telling things such as which direction to go, where to stay, what to take and not take, when's the best time to do it, every known water source, where to expect to meet the bears and see the goats. This is one tough trail, and entails climbing well over 20,000 feet and descending another 20,000. You'll do enough climbing to have climbed Mount Rainier 2-1/2 times. Mount Rainier's weather is also explained, and the reader knows to expect lots of rain and possibly even snow, even in August and September. The one question just about all hikers ask each other is "have you got 'the book'?" And this is the book to get. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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If you are actively planning your Wonderland trip, then be sure to purchase the most recent edition,

which is currently (c) 2006. If you are buying from an Marketplace seller, then have them confirm the copyright before you place your order. While the current edition is also out-of-date due to extensive damage caused by the November 2006 floods, the 1991-2002 printings reference roads and trailheads that have been permanently closed for years. In addition, NPS support of Wonderland Trail hikers has changed significantly in the last 2 decades.

I used this guide to help plan my backpacking trip on the Wonderland trail. We completed the entire 93 miles. I used this guide to become familiar with some of the aspects of the trail. You definitely want to take advantage of the food cache locations at the various ranger stations. The lighter weight made a HUGE difference. The only reason I did not give the book 5 stars is because it is missing the thru-hike backpackers perspective and tips.

If you're like me and in the intermediate to final stages of planning a Wonderland hike, then you've either already bought this book or you need to. Next asking Park Rangers yourself, this is easily the most complete and accurate source of planning information available. The authors have spent years compiling information on exact mileage, elevation, campsites and resupplies; most of their information is more accurate than the maps you'll use on the trail (or even the trail signs themselves!). They include lots of useful extras like sample itineraries for 8-14 day trips (the usual span of a complete hike). However (as a warning to most people probably reading this), if you're looking for a quaint armchair adventure into the "Wonders of the Wonderland Trail" (as the name implies), you might try elsewhere. Heavy on data and light on campfire stories, this isn't a typical coffee table book for the whole family to enjoy. It's a great book--if you need it!

Ms. Filley has compiled all the information you will need to make the entire 92.6 mile journey around Mt. Rainier. Her attention to details from where to find water (a precious commodity on the trail) to place where the hiker must pause to smell the wild flowers, she provides a wonderful conversational tone to her book. Details as to miles hiked, elevation changes and what to expect at each camp along the trail really gives you the feeling you are there with her. After first 92 pages gives the reader insight into what to pack, how to pack it, what to leave behind, keys to having a success experience in the high country and bits of humor that offer encouragement. A great book for the price....something you must take with you.

This will be the only book you need to get. It is worth the weight to carry it along with you as well in

your pack - so you don't miss side trips, water sources and cool things not mentioned in other books on Mt. Rainier.

This is an excellent reference I highly suggest one bring with them when hiking along the Wonderland Trail at Mt. Rainier National Park. Gives wonderful descriptions of what to prepare for each day! Couldn't have done the Wonderland without it! Can't call yourself a real fan of Mt. Rainier without purchasing this book.

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