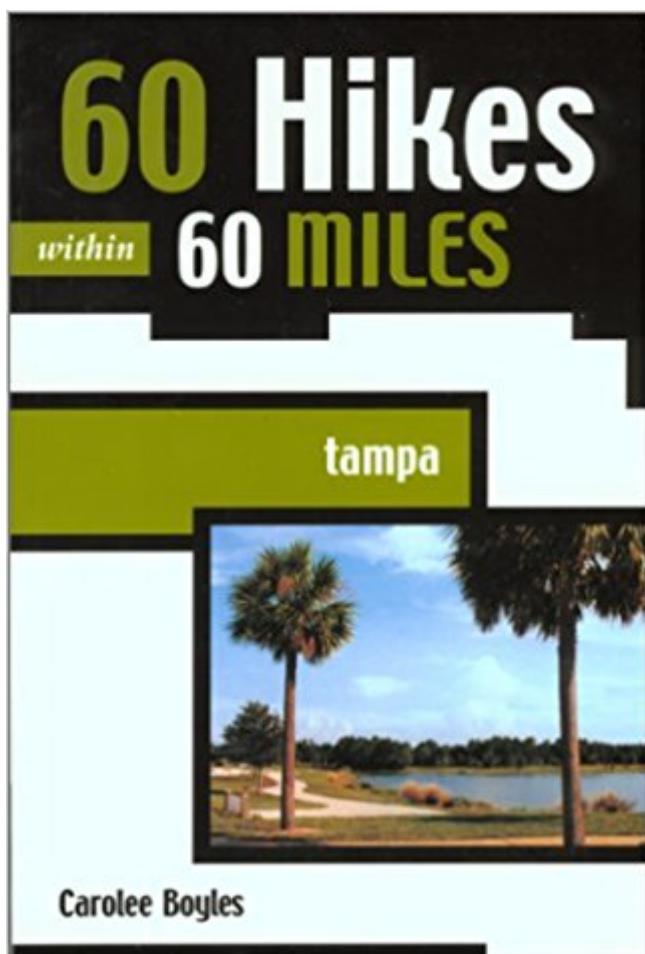


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# 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Tampa (60 Hikes - Menasha Ridge)



## Synopsis

Though significantly urban in flavor, this guide features many Rails-to-Trails, boardwalks, and primitive trails that wander through The Bay area's more scenic and removed landscapes.

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...offers a wealth of hiking opportunities...guaranteed to make you want to lace up your hiking shoes.

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It's time to take a hike! No longer do weekend warriors have excuses like "there's nowhere to go around here," "the woods are too far from the city," or "I don't have time to wander the trails." With 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Tampa as your guide, you have dozens of places to hike to your heart's content, and all within an hour's drive or less. Trailblazers scour the earth for the best places to explore, and yet they often overlook their own backyards. 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Tampa blows the lid off the myth that you can't have a great hike close to home. The Tampa - St. Petersburg area may be an ever-expanding metropolis, but there are still plenty of super hiking options, including short hikes, long hikes, hikes for kids, urban hikes, rural hikes, wildlife hikes, historic hikes, and many others. Whether you live in Tampa, St. Petersburg, or the surrounding area, 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Tampa provides you with the information you need to choose the perfect day hike, including maps, directions, trail lengths, hiking times, and a wealth of detail about the trail itself. So lace up those boots, sling that pack, and hit the trail! (6 X 9, 240 pages, b&w photos, maps)

A GREAT book about trails in the Tampa, Florida area - my husband and I love to walk thru parks and trails in our area and this book gives you all the local info and MORE! Lots of pics and information that was important to us!

Nice guide of trails in the 60 mile Tampa area. There are also book like this that are more concentrated upon the more local Tampa area.

Great!

This book has great information about hikes around Tampa- for each trail, it tells you obvious info, like the length, the difficulty, trail surface etc., but also other things that are good to know, like how popular the trail is and how shaded it is. There's a great deal of variety in the types of trails in the book- hiking and biking, long and short, etc. When I tried to hike my first trail from this book, though, the directions to the trail head were horrible. It would literally have been impossible for me to find the trail using the driving directions in this book- they directed me to a completely different location. Once I was on the trail, I felt like the book's information about the trail was also somewhat incomplete. So- by all means, use this book to get ideas about where to go for hikes. But make sure you check some other sources for directions and grab a trail map.

I bought this book before a trip to Tampa, and easily found the trailheads on 4 hikes with the directions in the book, in spite of the fact that I knew little about the surrounding area. I was familiar with the series thanks to the Raleigh, North Carolina book, which I also enjoyed. Each trail includes a brief recap of the trail, detailed driving instructions and two to three pages of text with maps. Some of the trails have photos, too. The text is well written, and the trail description really helps me - I like to have an idea what the trail is like and the changes in store during the hike.

I have used this book about 10 times ... Half of those times I have had to stop and ask a person if they know of this place or have ended up at the completely wrong place all together. I don't think the person who wrote the directions really lives in Tampa. Most of the "walks" are too easy. The information is good but almost all of this you can get online. I really would not recommend this book unless you have a really good up-to-date GPS to help you actually find where you want to go.

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