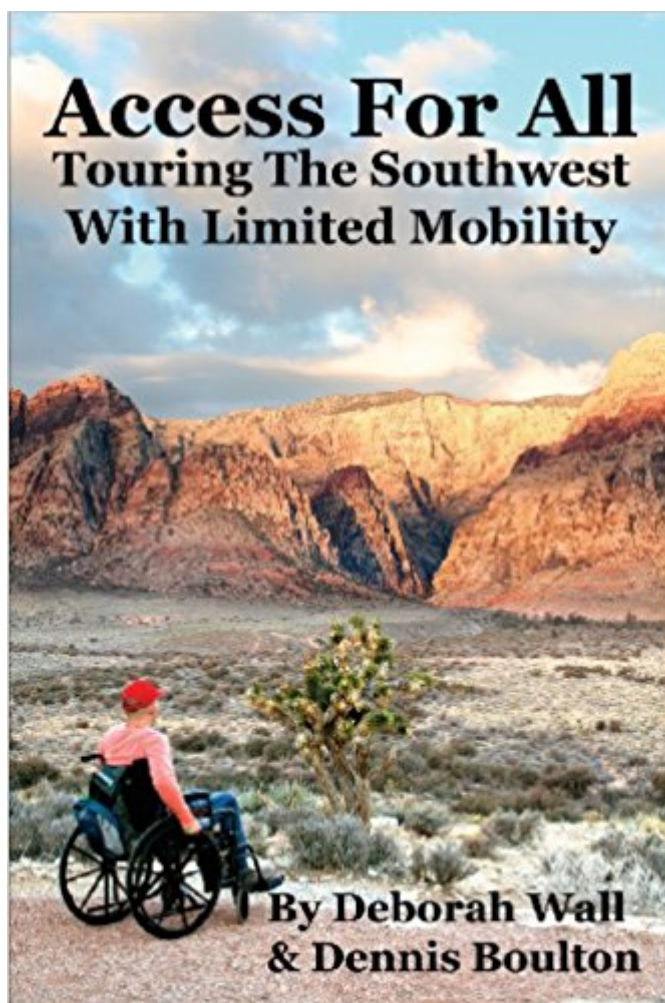


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Access For All: Touring The Southwest With Limited Mobility



Synopsis

This book guides people with limited mobility who wish to visit the most stunning scenic outdoor attractions in four Southwestern states. Directions with measured driving distances and walking distances enable visitors to choose those sites which best suit their needs. The Grand Canyon, Death Valley, scenic drives in Utah and Nevada, and many sites in between are described from the point of view of those with limited mobility. Parks and campgrounds with suitable accommodations are an important focus, as are whether restrooms and hotel rooms are accessible, and whether a walkway to a viewpoint is suitable for wheelchairs or walkers.

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A good book and reference volume for those who are handicapped or travel with a person with limited mobility. I would have liked it better if it had more places that are handicap accessible, including museums and the like, and not just outdoorsy places. Still, I think the book will be useful in our travels throughout the west.

Thank you! Very helpful in planning our trips!

I was disappointed with the quality of the book. For the price (\$25) I expected better paper. Also, the cover and some of the pages were wrinkled in one spot. Also, although it did give some info on areas that had access for people with limited mobility, much of it was what I could find in any travel book.

Nevada and the Southwest are chock-full of gorgeous scenery from the heights of Wheeler Peak to the depths of Death Valley, but enjoying them often requires a bit of stamina. Along comes a unique book for those who want to see these sights but have limited mobility – whether in a wheelchair, using a walker, having a service dog or simply not in the best of shape. For these people, and frankly anyone interested in getting out and seeing our great land, experienced outdoor writers and photographers Deborah Wall and Dennis Boulton have penned *Access For All: Touring the Southwest With Limited Mobility*. The numerous, lush photographs alone make the book a valuable addition to anyone's library. The writers traveled tens of thousands of miles to research and take photographs for the book, finding accessible trails, overlooks, campgrounds, parking, bathrooms and lodging accommodations for the dozens of beautiful natural sights in Nevada, Arizona, Utah and western California. Previously there has been little information available about which outdoor destinations are equipped to accommodate people with limited mobility, even though more and more outdoor sights have redoubled efforts to provide access to areas formerly available only to the young and fit. Longer life expectancy and early retirements have given more of us time to travel, despite aching joints and shortened breath. In addition, the book suggests several road trips in which the scenery is visible from the comfort of an air-conditioned car, such as Highway 50: Loneliest Road in America. U.S. 50 roughly parallels the trail used by the Pony Express, the short-lived mail delivery system which ran from 1860 to 1861 – the book tells us. If you long to experience the real Nevada of present-day Western films, this is a good place to do so. To do it properly, allow two or three days; don't fight the 382 miles from Carson City to Baker (home of Great Basin National Park), but savor them. This section singles out stops along the way such as the Eureka Opera House, the Eureka Sentinel Museum, the Sand Springs Desert Study Area, ruins of the Overland Mail Station, Stokes Castle, Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Area and the Ward Charcoal Ovens. In addition to the sights to see and the wildlife to watch for, the book is rich with history and anecdotes that you can regale your friends and family with while on the outing. In the Moapa area (Jack) Longstreet killed a man named Dry. Dry had a bad reputation, so authorities accepted Longstreet's claim of self-defense. But on the hilt of Longstreet's revolver, Dry's notch wasn't the only one, we are told. Longstreet built at Ash Meadows in 1895. He cleverly set the back of his cabin into a natural spring mound, whose running water provided refrigeration for food storage. One can get to the site of the cabin via a three hundred-yard, wheelchair-accessible boardwalk. In the Ely area the book gives the history of the

Northern Nevada Railway and ruminates on the feel of experiencing a bygone era. "Ely can be cold, and it is a treat just to see a steam engine idling at the station on a frosty morning, with steam billowing from the cylinders at each stroke," Wall and Boulton write. "These classic engines give any visitor the opportunity to capture a time period long gone." Surprisingly, even a portion of the Lehman Caves in Great Basin National Park is accessible. "While much of this tour involves narrow passages and steep stairs, people with limited mobility have access to the first room in the cave, called Gothic Palace," the book relates. "What usually happens is that they join the main group of visitors for the first thirty minutes; a ranger then escorts them out as the others continue into more difficult depths." The book, published by New University Press, hit the bookstore shelves this week and is available on .com for \$24.99. Wall is a professional outdoor writer and photographer. Her popular columns on hiking and hiking trails appear regularly in several Nevada publications. Her previous books include "Base Camp Las Vegas" and "Great Hikes: A Cerca Country Guide." Boulton is a retired geologist and teacher who has lived in Nevada since 1965. He has been a guide for backpacking and whitewater outings. Wall and Boulton are available for speaking engagements that include in-depth slide shows featuring photographs from their travels. They may be contacted via email deborabus@aol.com. The book was edited and designed by longtime Nevada writer and editor A.D. Hopkins, a member of the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame.

I have a friend who is confined to a wheelchair, but loves the outdoors. This book "Access For All" has been a godsend for her and I. We have already visited several of the hikes and trails mentioned in this book. We also have "dog eared" many more for future adventures. It is great having all these hikes in a single book that we can take with us. I am sure there many more people that will take advantage of this book. I would like to thank the Authors for such a well written and informative book. Phil Chrisman

I picked up a copy of this book at the author's book signing in Boulder City. My wife and I are in our 80's and have mobility issues. The book has already been extremely useful in our travels around the Las Vegas area and beyond. It is great to have all this information in one book that we can keep in our vehicle at all times. We can't wait to see every place in this book. William

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