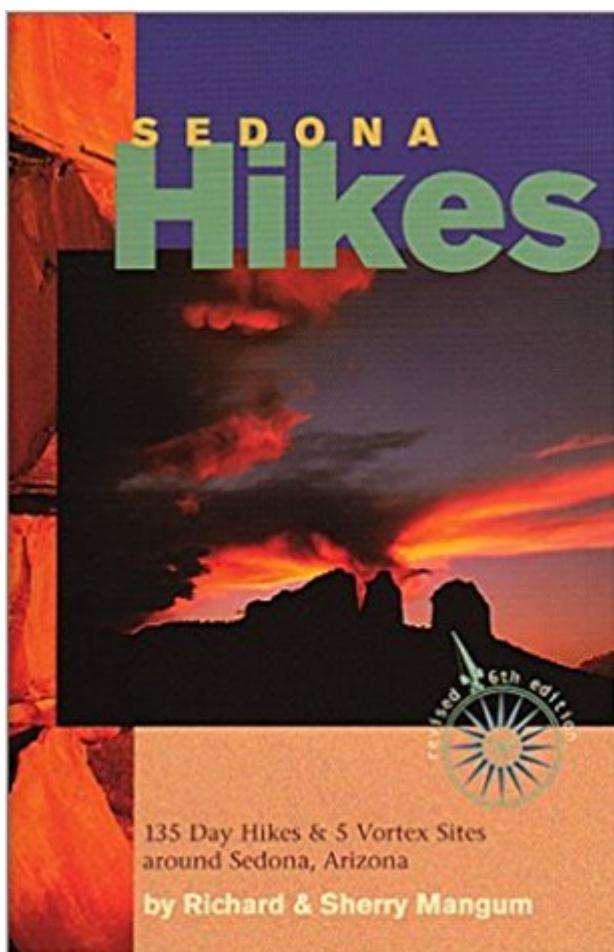


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Sedona Hikes : 135 Day Hikes & 5 Vortex Sites Around Sedona, Arizona (Revised 6th Edition)



Synopsis

The best Sedona hiking guide! First released in 1992, the authors have worked constantly to keep this guide updated and current through this new, revised 6th 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 of photography from her parents, both professionals. Her work has been seen in local and international publications since 1978. This award-winning team work together researching and doing the hikes. Then Dick 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 based on all the positive reviews. I used it last year and found it lacking. First, the positives. The book serves as an excellent planning guide. The driving directions to get to the trailhead are right on the money. It also does a good job at describing the trail in terms of difficulty and what you will see. It is also accurate with the distances it gives. Where it falls short is in helping the reader through the trail. The maps are basically worthless for anything other than how to get to the trailhead. All you get is a little hiker guy with a line that shows the general direction the path takes. Another annoying thing is that it makes reference to things in the Features but does not describe how to find them. Two examples are Boynton Canyon and Fay Canyon Trail. Both mention "Indian Ruins" and neither tells you where they are on the trail and how to find them. This is an aggrious oversight in my opinion. In the Vultee hike it states that you can walk right up to the arch. HOW? I wanted to but they simply stop at the overlook where the plaque is. Another problem is that the book assumes a non-system trail is easy to follow reading their directions. It is not. I tried the Lost Canyon trail and grew concerned because there was no "clear" path as the book states. How did I get around these limitations? I found a site called [...] and downloaded trail maps. They are extremely detailed and show color pictures of major landmarks. They also have much more detailed descriptions and handy maps. The only problem is that it is a PDF file and if you buy the whole book it is several hundred pages long. You obviously can't take the whole thing with you but if you print out just a few, it serves as an excellent supplement to this book. If all you want to do is hike the major trails like Bell Rock Pathway then this book will serve your needs. If you want to discover more you will need supplements. Bottom line, this book is a solid overview and the directions, while not comprehensive, are extremely accurate.

If you can buy only one book about Sedona area hikes, buy this one. Don't give it a second thought. Yes, there are other books but this one is the very best, bar none. That's all that matters. Get your money's worth. Think about this, the authors published their first books in 1992 after researching the hikes for **SEVEN YEARS!** Then they proceed to put out five **MORE** revised editions since then. That means they have published six editions in 9 years!! All of that updated knowledge is contained in the 6th edition. Having this book is like having your own personal hiking guide. You get over 250 pages for a mere [amt]!. Their descriptions are the most up-to-date and the best researched. The writing and photography come from a genuine lifelong love for the place, not a desire to make money from a hiking book. We bought their first edition in 1992 and carry it right alongside our 6th edition. We wouldn't leave home for a hike in that area without the 6th edition. It's the Bible, as far as we are concerned. Good luck and happy hiking!

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