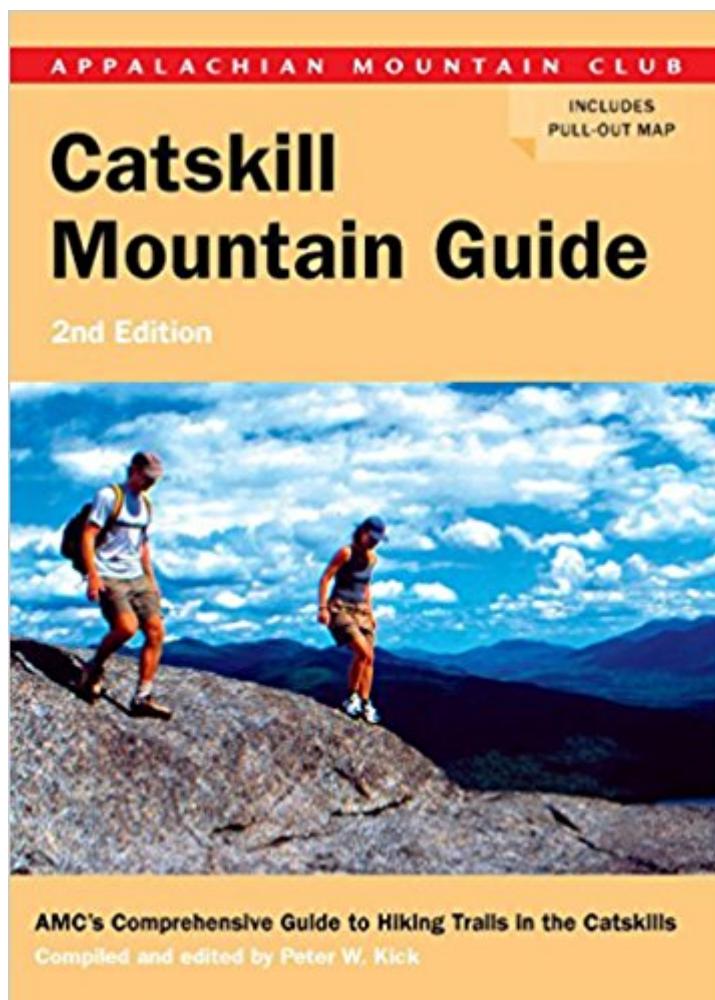


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# AMC Catskill Mountain Guide: AMC's Comprehensive Guide To Hiking Trails In The Catskills (Appalachian Mountain Club)



## **Synopsis**

Catskill Mountain Guide, 2nd Edition is a comprehensive hiking guide with a pull-out map that provides detailed information for avid hikers about every major trail in the Catskills.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Peter W. Kick, a native of the Catskills Mountains, is a New York State licensed wilderness guide and trip leader. The author of several hiking and mountain-biking guides, he has written for Backpacker, Sailing, Outdoor Traveler, and Adirondack Life. He lives in Saugerties, N.Y.

Great book with a great customer service oriented company.

A very useful guide. Not the quality of the ADK Adirondack guide books but still a good resource.

This book, although well written, is not good for real hikers. The information, trail description is written in a way you cannot find critical information quickly. All I need is the length of the trail, parking spot location, book time and brief description of what to expect on the trail, not a long essay for every trail in the catskills. It's impossible to use this book as a guide book if you don't spend an hour to read it before your hiking day. The map that comes with the book, is just ok. I have seen better maps designed with mileage clearly illustrated and parking spot highlighted. I would not recommend this book to anyone, it is better to buy a very nicely designed map and explore the

area.Thanks,Alex

I found the trail descriptions very clear and easy to follow. We camped at Woodland Valley Campground and hiked to Mount Wittenberg. I especially appreciated the authors' comparisons of different trails and mountain peak options. Contrary to 's suggestion, it is not necessary to purchase the accompanying trail map as a separate item as it is already included with the book in the back pocket. Following 's suggestion I ended up with 2 copies of the same map. What is missing from the book, when comparing it to similar guide books i have used (mostly related to Western National Parks), is it has very limited history and natural history background. For example, My Mountaineers Yosemite book has pages and pages of historical background as well as a basic introduction to the flora and fauna. This makes good reading during down time on a hike or backpacking trip. Overall I am satisfied with this guide book and would definitely recommend it to anyone contemplating a trip to the Catskills.

A good guide book imbues you to get out and explore and this guide book does just that. It accomplishes this by doing more than just describing the trails. Giving the larger context of the areas you'll be exploring and their histories makes for a richer reading experience, and of course, once you're out on the trail, having this knowledge certainly enriches the outdoor experience. One thing in particular that I appreciated was that throughout the book, the author made note of camping locations, which was very helpful to me in choosing my next backcountry adventure. I highly recommend...both as a guide, and as leisure reading!

This is the most comprehensive and up-to-date guide on the Catskill Mountains available, and the fact that it includes a map makes it the smartest buy. Bravo Mr. Kick! I found his historical and geographical references to be informative and accurate. And I especially liked the details about identifying distant landmarks. The guide is well-organized and contains all the pertinent information in a compact and packable format.

Got this to prep for a backpacking trip. For my particular hike (Wittenberg, Cornell, Slide Mountains) it mentions one difficult spot where hand over hand scrambling is needed. Well that was true, problem was, there were numerous other similar (steep, dangerous) spots. I'm the type that can conquer most anything as long as I know about it in advance and can mentally prep. What I learned from others on the trail was, lots of other people knew from experience the AMC guides lack such

details, which can really make a serious difference when choosing a hike or knowing who to bring along and who to leave home. Also, it's too bad shows the topo map as a "frequently also purchased item"--because although it's not very clear on the book's cover, the book contains the exact same map. Totals two disappointing purchases. Luckily, I was with a great trip leader and my trek in the perhaps often overlooked but beautiful Catskills was a great success despite the book!

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