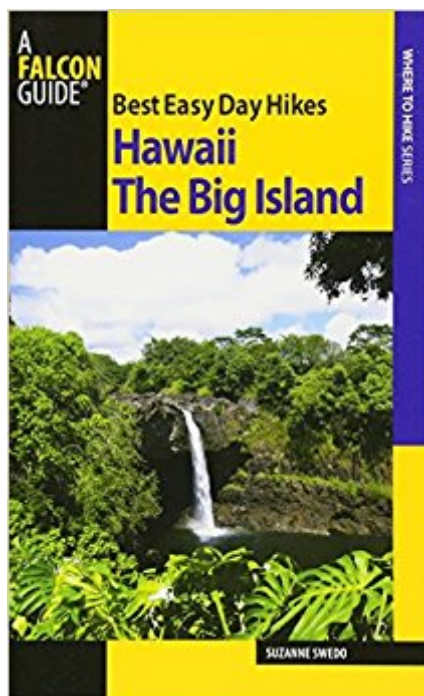


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# Best Easy Day Hikes Hawaii: The Big Island (Best Easy Day Hikes Series)



## Synopsis

Best Easy Day Hikes – Hawaii; the Big Island includes concise descriptions of the best easy day hikes on the island, with detailed maps of each route. The – 18 hikes in this guide are generally short, easy to follow, and guaranteed to please.

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## Customer Reviews

Best Easy Day Hikes Hawaii: The Big Island includes concise descriptions and detailed maps for eighteen easy-to-follow hikes on the largest Hawaiian island, which is home to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Discover a landscape of diverse scenery and natural splendors – including Rainbow Falls, Onomea Bay, Tropical Botanical Garden, Thurston Lava Tube, Sulphur Bank Trail, and Pu – Petroglyphs. – Look inside for: – Twenty-minute strolls to two-hour adventures – Hikes for everyone, including families – Mile-by-mile directions and clear trail maps – Hawaiian language essentials – GPS coordinates

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I spent \$10 sight unseen to buy this on , because most of Falcon's other guides are good, detailed and sensibly priced. I wrongfully assumed this would be similar. It is a tiny guide, easily fitting in a

pocket. 96 pages, but only 60 dedicated to the "hikes." Only 18 "hikes" are described. Only 4 of these are located on the west side of the island where 90%+ of people vacation. And, it turns out these "hikes" are really not hikes at all, but walks or easy strolls. 11 are less than 1 mile roundtrip. 7 are from 1.1 to 2.2 miles. I mean, really, do you call a roundtrip of 1/2 mile (5 of them) or less a hike? Most people will be much happier with: Hawaii The Big Island Trailblazer: Where to hike, snorkel, surf, bike, drive. This has "156 hikes and strolls" along with snorkeling, biking, camping, etc. info. It's \$15 instead of \$10, but it is 10X more useful.

Never been this disappointed before. Normally I love the Falcon guides, so I just ordered it without looking inside - biggest mistake ever. I love hiking, but this book was a waste of money, longest "hike" is 2.2 miles - you really call that a hike? Luckily I stayed with a family at the Big Island, and they knew where to do some real hikes. Though hiking is not really what people do the most, on the Big Island, neither the locals or the tourist, there are still a ton of beautiful hikes to do. Both full day, and overnight. It's truly a shame those hikes are not included.

It was a gift. They used it to found waterfalls.

Looks like a good guide to some easy day hikes.

Used this quite a bit while there

I read the lone review before buying, since I was interested in simple mindless short walks. However I found this book a little short on information about the Big Island, and about specific hikes. No reference is made to the "local area" of hikes. Author will helpfully include the "mile marker" turnoff #, but not the name of the area (Honolulu? Hualalai? Papaikou?.....) so one can get a quick read on the location of the recommended hike. (For instance, author discusses hike near Hualalai but doesn't exactly say where it is on the map.) Such information would have been useful in the Table of Contents. Also, the author breaks up hikes within the confines of the Volcano National Park area, so as to seem like the Big Island has a lot of discrete trails; not. Also, I ask why two interesting hikes, Waipio Valley and Pololu Valley were not included. Waipio can be done with a 4-wheel drive vehicle, and then a walk around the valley. Pololu admittedly is a bit more difficult and may require vehicular assistance part of the way, but the walk part is pretty exhilarating.

Received this book pretty quickly. Has some good hikes in it but doesn't have any many hikes as expected. The hikes that it does have has good info about though.

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