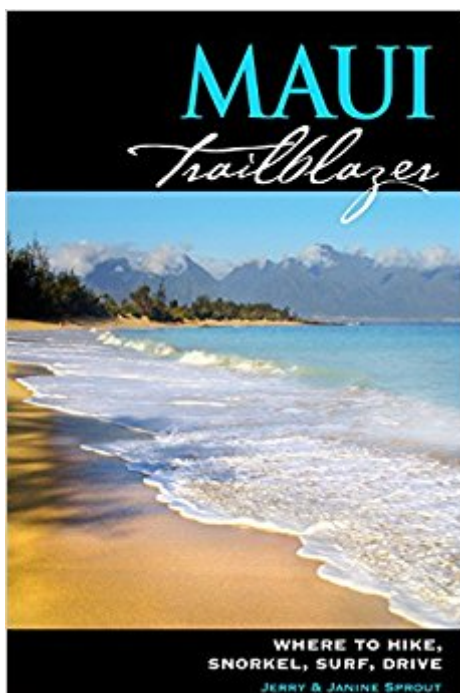


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Maui Trailblazer: Where To Hike, Snorkel, Surf, Drive



Synopsis

A guide for families and outdoor adventurers alike, this 2015 fifth edition of Maui Trailblazer covers all of the island, and also includes day trips to the neighboring islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Molokini. Clear directions and concise descriptions lead to all of Maui's well-known attractions, as well as to hidden discoveries that Trailblazer readers have come to expect. 137 different hikes and strolls to tropical rain forests and remote valleys, coastal bluffs and lava caves, Haleakala crater and the Hana Highway, cascading waterfalls, beaches, ridgetops, towns, whale-watching perches, historic sites, and archeological ruins. Among the 44 snorkeling spots are hike-to coves and the secret places that tour boats go. Surfers can select from 38 beaches and decide whether to boogie, board, or body surf. Onlookers will find the best places to watch the surfers, windsurfers and kite-boarders ride the big ones. The text is complimented by 10 maps and 240 photographs, including a 15-picture color insert. Driving tours-nine of them-take readers to all the attractions, natural wonders, and historic sites. A Resource Links section provides numbers for free visitor information and recreational outfitters, as well as hand-picked accommodations and local restaurants to suit every budget and taste bud. A Best Of section lets you pick the right activity to suit your mood and the day. Appendices include free hula shows, farmer's markets, what to pack, climate, history, fauna, and a Hawaiian glossary. This new and completely revised fifth edition for 2015 includes a Trailblazer Kids section for adventuring families.

REVIEWS: "For hiking, snorkeling, surfing, biking locations, this is the guide to take along." - Outside
"In both layout design and content, the very model of what a user-friendly outdoor guide should be." --Midwest Book Review
"Many of Maui's attractions are easy to find. But other places are off the beaten track. I recommend a guidebook called Maui Trailblazer, which has detailed descriptions of trails and remote natural sites." --New York Times

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Customer Reviews

In anticipation of a Maui trip we did our due diligence. Tripadvisor, tourist websites, "Maui Revealed" book - the whole ten yards. But this is the book that will go along in the carry-on bag. 55 trails and trailheads, organized into six regions, (now including the outer islands), are described in enough detail for you to select the ones that look best and then to find them. There is a heavy emphasis on snorkeling spots, which is what we were looking for, and the book covers a wide range - from the most well known to the more obscure. Some trail books are fairly dry, with the primary emphasis placed on maps, elevations, and parking directions. That's fine and helpful, of course. But, our authors add a personal touch that is both entertaining and informative. Each region is opened with a general overview and a bit of a driving tour. There are highlight sections that direct attention to specialty hikes and the like. Trails are also divided and cross-referenced depending their special appeal. So, bottom line, if you want a best-highlight, where-to-park, what's-it-like, things-to-note intro to pretty much any tourist trail or walk on Maui, presented by an amiable, observant and knowledgeable guide, this is an excellent choice.

Great book for hikers and snorkelers with a lot of photos and tips to get you around. Wish it were in more of a smaller size to cart around and with a pull out map instead of just sectionals, but you can't have it all. Authors tell it like it is and point out the goods and bads. Won't know more until the trip is over on the advice given but looks like a winner.

Accurate and entertaining

We used this daily on a recent trip to Maui and enjoyed discovering areas of the island we had never seen before. Great guide!

I have used this book and lent it to a couple others. If going, always get the most recent version...things do change! Highly recommended.

practical guide - have feeling places individually checked by author

Overall a pretty good book but could use some better organization, sometimes seems to be all over the place. Some full color pictures and better maps would also improve this book. Overall helpful to get some ideas but you will need other books or internet research to really plan things out.

This definitely far more useful if you are hiking more. Not as useful if other activities are your primary interest although it does provide you with other information. The local brochures were more useful to us.

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