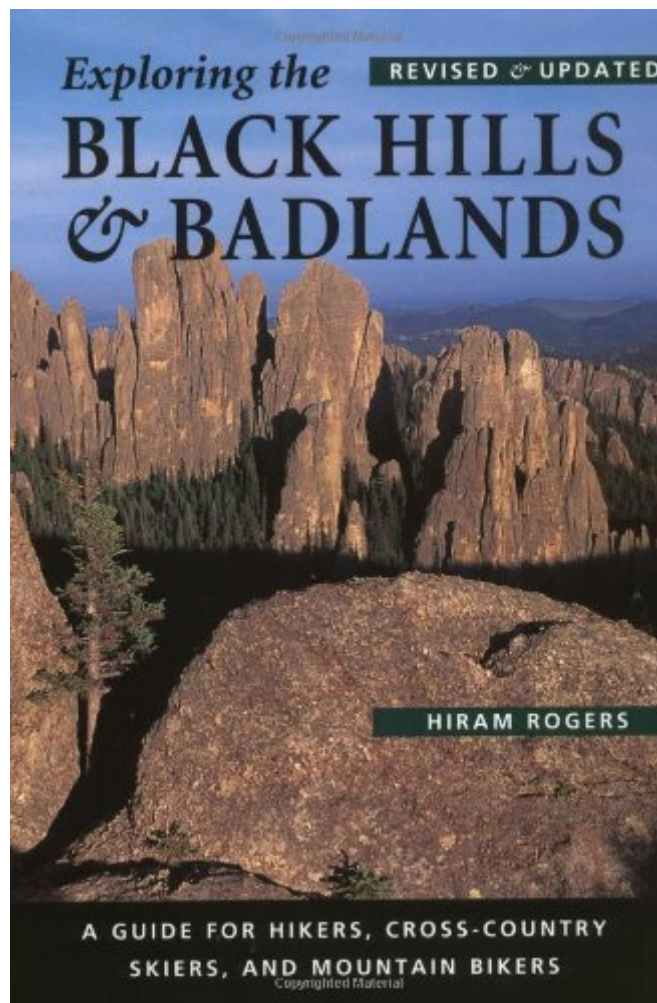


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# Exploring The Black Hills And Badlands: A Guide For Hikers, Cross-Country Skiers, & Mountain Bikers



## Synopsis

"Exploring the Black Hills and Badlands" features strips for hikers, skiers, mountain bike riders and equestrians. This fully revised edition has been expanded to include every hiking trail in the region, offering more than 800 miles of trails and off-trail routes to explore. The guide features all new, up-to-date USGS topographical maps, including nearly a dozen new to this edition. Another new addition is a section focusing on family hikes and other information useful to family groups. What is unchanged is the wealth of interesting history, tips on multi-use activities, and keen insights into the region's natural and geologic features that have made "Exploring the Black Hills and Badlands" the most useful and valuable year-round guide to this stunningly beautiful and vastly popular region.

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## Customer Reviews

I used this book as well as the Falcon Press "Hiking South Dakota's Black Hills country", by the Geldarts, on a recent trip to the Black Hills, Badlands, Bear Lodge Mtns & the Devils Tower. Both books were useful, but I'd give the edge to this one: 1) Hiram Rogers' book includes photocopies of topographic maps. Reproduction quality isn't high, but is frequently sufficient for the purpose. The Geldart's book has only hand-drawn schematic maps. 2) "Exploring the Black Hills & Badlands" has

more material. As you can see from the info provided by , there are more pages, but this understates how much further Rogers goes. Descriptions of particular trails are a bit more detailed, usually, and there is more historical and natural history material given in most cases. You will find more material, especially, on the Badlands (eg. a section on off-trail travel in the Sage Creek Wilderness). The Geldarts do touch on locales and details not mentioned in Hiram Rogers' book, so those planning to spend any appreciable time in the area might want to get both. I see that there appear to be restrictions in availability through as I type this. If you aren't comfortable dealing with secondary dealers, I would note that I saw new copies of Rogers' book in the bookstores at Wind Cave National Park and elsewhere. Try the websites for WCNP, the Badlands NP or Custer State Park.

Great reference for someone new to BH. Includes topo maps and clear directions on how to get to the trails. Also has good writeups on each area, with details on the specific trail to follow. When checking ratings, keep in mind these are experienced hikers... you may have a hard time if you're new or out of shape. I take it with me every time I head out.

It's a little old, but still a great detailed guide to Black Hills area hiking. We purchased one prior to a late spring trip and then, realizing we'd left it at home, purchased an electronic version too. The Kindle version isn't nearly as easy to navigate (at least on the Kindle app of my iPad), so I'd recommend the print version. Provides good info re: difficulty, length, location/access directions, maps, and a good narrative description for a wide variety of trails,

This book focuses mainly on hiking trails, so if that's your thing this is the book for you. It would benefit greatly if each trail entry was clearly listed with its approved uses. The index also needs a section under each activity, that way you can look up 'mountain biking' and find references to every trail they review where biking is allowed. Some of the reviews of the trails are questionable ... the trail from French Creek Horse Camp to Iron Creek is not rideable at all for mountain bikers, in my opinion, not even close, yet it's listed as 'an exciting mountain bike ride through the park's remote northern end'. I have no idea what they were thinking. Like I said, probably a better book for hikers than bikers, but still a good resource just to give you a hint as to what's available in the area and get you started. If biking is your thing, stick to the trails listed as having cross country ski access as well as for biking and you'll get some nice single track love.

I was told that this was the best hiking book written for the Black Hills and Badlands, so I bought several to spread them out to hiking buddies. It is well-written and more descriptive where the trails are more difficult to locate. Well done.

Just returned from a week of hiking and bushwhacking in the Badlands and Black Hills (away from the tourist stuff) and found the book completely accurate and pitch perfect in its descriptions. We used the book in our planning and also during the trip; it was pretty dog-eared by the time we finished the week because everyone picked through it for trail ideas and other bits of info. Mr. Rogers became our 'consultant' and helped us put together a trip that was one for the books. If you want to see the 'real' Badlands and Black Hills, as well as take time for more well-beaten, but worthwhile trails, then I highly suggest this book. Thanks, Mr. Rogers, for an outstanding week.

Great book about the Black Hills and Badlands! I particularly like that the author goes into detail about what each trail can be used for. I mountain bike, hike and snowshoe. I like that I can see what activity best fits the trail and what the level of difficulty seems to be.

I bought this guide for the sole reason of a planned stay in the Badlands of SD. To my disappointment I had to discover that despite the misleading title of the book only 8 out of 206 pages concern the Badlands. The rest of the descriptions are for areas of the Black Hills and all over SD, ND, WY and MT.

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