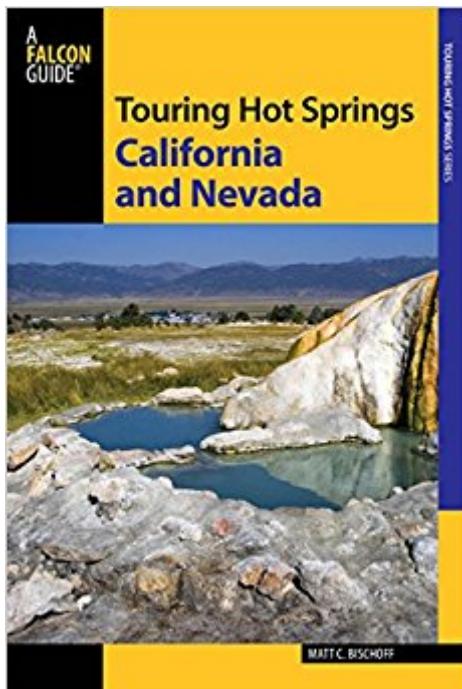


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Touring Hot Springs California And Nevada: A Guide To The Best Hot Springs In The Far West



Synopsis

Whether you're seeking a soak in naturally heated mineral water or out for a sightseeing adventure, this fully updated and revised color edition of Touring California and Nevada Hot Springs guides you to more than 100 of the best sites for soaking in the beauty of the region. Historian and veteran outdoors author Matt Bischoff reveals his favorite "hot spots," from primitive pools in the backcountry to handcrafted bathhouses surrounded by civilization. Look inside to find: Full-color photos Color, GPS-compatible maps and detailed directions Historical background information on the springs and their surroundings Tips on safety, access, and availability of services Best time of year, restrictions, water temperature, camping info, and much more

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Customer Reviews

There are several guides to Hot Springs in the west, but this new edition (3rd) of Matt Bischoff's classic 'Touring Hot Springs: California and Nevada' is in a class by itself. Part of the reason is that Bischoff does not include the many "heated" pools that are so much a part of other guidebooks. Indeed, the emphasis here is on primitive locations and historic resorts. If you want to visit a hot springs in a truly natural setting, this is the book to get. Bischoff divides the book by geographic region (eg Northern California, Central California, Coastal, etc) and then further subdivides the book by topography: Modoc plateau (Surprise Valley), Cascades, Northern Sierra Nevada, etc. Each hot spring description includes detailed driving directions, GPS coordinates, nearby camping opportunities, and a brief write up describing the springs and noting any potential safety

concerns. Visiting natural hot springs used to be a big part of my life. It is less so now, but there is still nothing like a long soak after a good hike. This book will allow you to find some great hot springs close to your location that deserve a visit. But many guides can do that. What makes this one so good are the glossy pictures and many side bars detailing local California history. You just don't find that sort of information everywhere and it makes this guide a joy to read, not simply a reference tool. Recommendation: if you like your soaks accompanied by beautiful scenery, this is the book to get.

We've had the older 2nd edition of this book for years now. We take it with us whenever we go on a road trip or hiking trip and try to visit a new hot spring. It's been like our hot spring bible. The new edition has many improvements over the older one. The glossy pages and color are really great. All of the photos have been updated with recent ones, which is important because sometimes the photos were a deciding factor on which springs we would try to visit, so it's nice that you can expect to see something similar when you get there (also helps to recognize if you're in the right place or not). Each spring listed in the book has a general description, directions on where/how to find it (including pretty detailed mini-maps), and other important details like the water temperature of the spring, which season it is best accessible in, camping info, etc. I recommend it all the time to friends who are just getting into exploring the many free and natural soaks in California and Nevada. In fact, it was recommended to me by a friend many years ago on a camping trip when I mentioned I wanted to try finding a natural hot spring. I've had it ever since. All in all, a great must have book!

I didn't realize when I bought this that the author was so religious. So if you are looking for hot springs where you can bring your family, this is the book for you. He's very clear, for instance, about where the places are that are clothing optional. And it is easy to read and find information you want. There are lots of details about places that you are going to want to know before you bring your kids there. That's great and all, but I find it off-putting when people bring their religion into something like a guidebook. It's not overpowering or anything, but it is distracting to me.

Some good information about many springs. I was particularly interested in the three "big ones" Sierra, Orr and Harbin Hot Springs. I was very surprised that of those three, there was only information about Sierra Hot Springs.

We used this book on a 3000 mile road trip from Montana to California. We visited about 10 of the

hot springs from this book on our trip. The descriptions of the hot springs and the routes to get there were all well described. We also used the book to find places to camp near the hot springs and check out other local sights. This book made our trip! I recommend buying the most recent edition you can get for any hot springs guide because they do change sometimes. Highly recommend to other hot spring goers.

Excellent book; I've been to many of the springs listed, and it was nice to see an updated version of my old, water-damaged guides. Directions have been updated in many of the older ones as well as general info, and I'd definitely recommend this as a traveler's tool.

I have several hot springs books, but this is the best simply because it has the latest information. The layout of the book is easy to navigate and is written in a straight forward style. The maps are great, and there is a little history thrown in.

The book is nice, good pictures and directions. It really only shows the more well-known springs but what was I expecting? Yes, this will be helpful for future road trips. I did like how it wrote about nearby attractions.

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