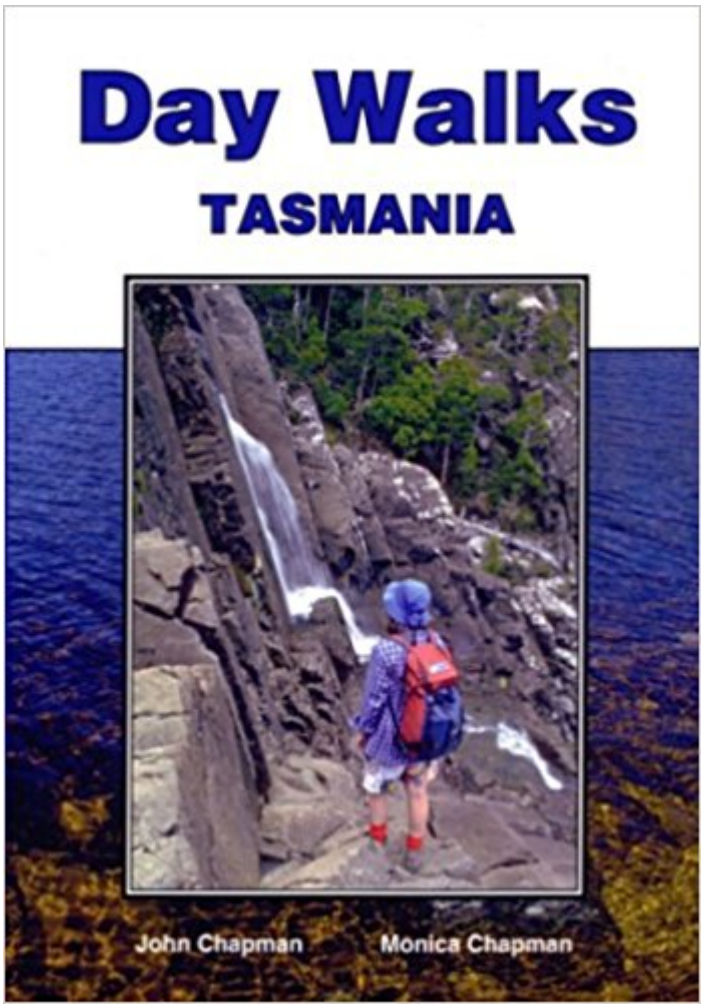
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Synopsis

Tasmania is a mecca for walkers from all over the world. This guide describes walks from all regions of the island state. There are walks into glacial lakes, waterfalls, rugged peaks and also to the unique coastline with gentle sandy beaches and rugged headlands. The guide is printed in color throughout and describes 41 walking areas and includes color topographic maps for each walk, gradient profiles and color photographs throughout the text.

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Tasmania is renowned for its extended walks but there is demand for day walks from both locals and the increasing number of visitors. This guide is the latest to attempt to fill this niche. Forty-one walks are described, most with shorter variations suggested giving a total of 95 walk options. The walks cover a variety of grades, lengths, and environments across the State including popular areas such as Cradle Mountain and Freycinet Peninsula as well as lesser known options in the north-west and north-east of the state. Each walk has a good color map, altitude chart, several photographs and a very detailed description. The latter is well laid out and includes clear access details. Grant Dixon --WILD 92 (national magazine), April 2004Covering 41 different walking areas, this new guide has good topographical maps, color photos throughout, clear walk descriptions, useful facts and a gradient profile for each walk. A practical and attractive publication. Lucas Trihey --Outdoor Australia (national magazine), April 2004

The two authors are some of Australia’s best known walkers. John and Monica Chapman have written more than 10 books to Australia particularly on the alpine areas of Australia and Tasmania.

They have also written more than 100 articles to national outdoor magazines in Australia and for many years shared a weekly column on walking in a daily newspaper. Monica is well known to walkers as she is the chair of the Bushwalkers Search and Rescue service in Victoria. John is a successful exhibition photographer having won many awards for his images around the world. He has been awarded honors from a number of photographic societies that include the FIAP, the Photographic Society of America and the Royal photographic Society.

This book was floating around our hostel in Australia and I know about 5 people who have relied on it for their Tasmanian adventures. It's not a lonely planet type guide, but as far as the hikes go, I think we completed about 6 of them that are detailed in the book. I really enjoyed the commentary and step by step details of how the hike proceeds. There are definitely more in depth guides for hiking, but if you want a simple, detailed guide thats both easy to read and provides good directions, this is a great book. Would definitely recommend to anyone travelling through Tasmania who has a passion for hiking.

This is one of the books I grabbed to take with me to Tasmania in March 2009 and it was one of the more helpful. I'll point out though that on the Spirit of Tasmania (ferry from the mainland) and at numerous National Parks and Tourist information centres in Tasmania, you will pick up a brochure that is pretty much the same information for free called 50 short walks. This book only contains 41 walks. This book does provide a detailed commentary of the walks that the free brochure doesn't. You don't actually really need that commentary for most walks but some places in Tasmania are very poorly signposted so the little tidbits such as on Cape Raoul walk don't drive any further down the dirt road as there is nowhere to park are quite helpful. Some though such as Meander Falls are not entirely accurate and if you follow them you'll end up in someone's house (ask the very friendly lady at the small local supermarket/petrol station for the correct directions as there is no signage in the Forestry run area).There are some great walks in here, definitely worth doing, but just be aware this is no comprehensive guide, you should research other books as well to plan where you want to go as there are great waterfalls and other places not listed in here. For example Mount William National Park and the area south of it around St Helens have some of the best scenic walks such as the Bay of Fires. As does Bridport north of Scottsdale.There is a basic map in the front that will give you an idea of where all the walks are but you'll need a book with a proper road map in it as well to find a lot of these places as one dirt road looks like many others (most of Tasmania's National Parks and Department of Forestry areas are found along networks or dirt roads. On that subject this book

gives no indication of how bad some of these roads getting to these walks are). I used the book Explore Tasmania (updated releases are called Holiday in Tasmania).Walk times are based on how long the two authors would take to do it, you'll do it either faster or slower than them. From the photographs they have taken of each other inside they seem to be serious walkers but also elderly walkers. Weather will obviously also lengthen walks at some times.Also not included in this book is information on if you can sleep in your car for free the night before doing the walk or if it has got dark when you are returning to the car park or if you will be lugged with camping fees or fines for not paying them.In some Tasmanian information stores there is an updated version of this book with a different photo so the newer version may cover some of the issues left out of this 2003 edition with the blue flanney wearing woman staring at a waterfall on the cover.

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