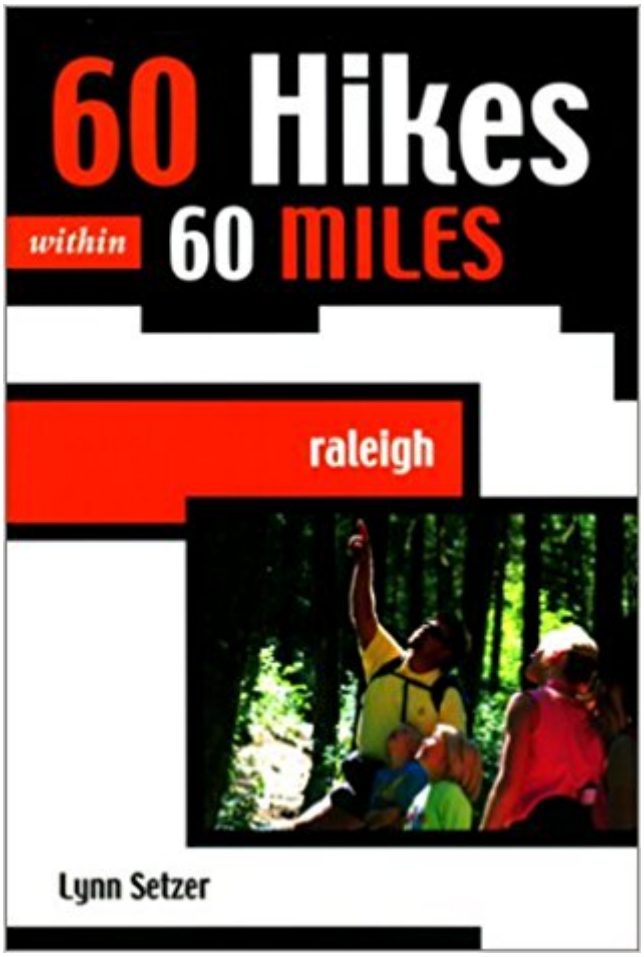
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It’s time to take a hike! No more excuses like ’there’s nowhere to go around here,’ ’the woods are too far from the city,’ or ’I don’t have time to wander the trails.’ With 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Raleigh as your guide, you have dozens of places to hike to your heart’s content, and all within an hour’s drive or less. Trailblazers scour the earth for the best places to explore, and yet they often overlook their own backyards. 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Raleigh blows the lid off the myth that you can’t have a great hike close to home. The Triangle area may be an ever-expanding metropolis, but there are still plenty of super hiking options: short hikes, long hikes, hikes for kids, urban hikes, rural hikes, wildlife hikes, historic hikes, and many others. Whether you live in Raleigh, Durham, or Chapel Hill, 60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Raleigh provides you with the information you need to choose the perfect day hike, including maps, directions, trail lengths, hiking times, and a wealth of detail about the trail itself. So lace up those boots, sling that pack, and hit the trail! (6 X 9, 224 pages, b&w photos, maps)

A native North Carolinian, Lynn Setzer grew up a military brat, moving cross-country every several years. After graduating from Appalachian State University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and

State University, she spent 14 years as a technical writer and publications manager in the software industry. Lynn lives in Raleigh, where she writes travel stories for the Raleigh News and Observer and consults with high-technology companies about their publications requirements. An avid hiker, cyclist, and sea-kayaker, Lynn is also the author of A Season on the Trail and Great Adventures in North Carolina.

The triangle is a great area to go hiking and this book does an excellent job recommending hikes and getting you to the trail. The trails are alphabetized, grouped according to length, difficulty, how secluded they are etc. It's very easy to find a trail to fit your mood. My only complaint is with the map that shows where all the trails are. They numbered the trails 1-60 on the map but in order to find out what page the description of that trail is on you have to go to the index to look up the page number (and vice versa). It doesn't seem like that big a hassle but when you're looking at several different trails it quickly becomes very annoying. If they had labeled the trail with the page number that it's description is found on it would have made the process much easier. Despite that annoyance we've hiked about half the trails in the book and have been quite pleased with all but two. I recommend this to anyone new to the area who isn't familiar with the local parks yet.

Since recently moving to the Triangle area, I've been looking for walking trails to enjoy with my dog. This book has been very helpful in describing a number of beautiful walks in the Raleigh area. It includes all of the general information for each area such as length, difficulty, access and hiking time but also gives anecdotes on nearby activities and lists of different types of hikes such as those good for children, historic hikes and those for cyclists. One notable hike I've taken is the one at Harris Lake - a reservoir created for the Harris Nuclear Power plant. It is a very quiet and beautiful trail, leading you almost five miles through swamps, forests of loblolly pines and lots of wildlife, all eerily within sight of the cooling towers! The only drawback of this book is that the maps can be difficult to read. Often there is no scale, and north is not necessarily located at the top of the map. All in all, the book is definitely worth buying for its succinct discriptions, variety of hikes and fairly accurate maps.

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