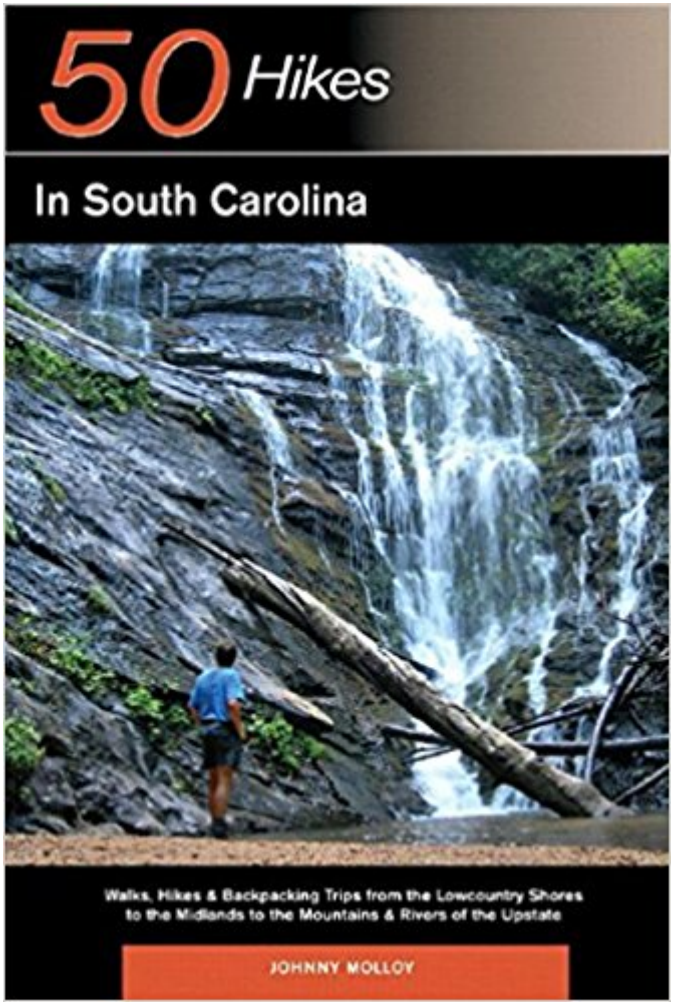
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Synopsis

Seasoned hiking author Johnny Molloy details 50 hikes of varied lengths and difficulties throughout verdant South Carolina, from the Chattooga River to the varied terrain of the Midlands, including Congaree National Park, all the way to the Lowcountry, land of beaches and forgotten swamps and designated wildernesses. Specific emphasis is placed on the most scenic destinations and unique places that make the Palmetto State special. Each hike includes a helpful information section, trail map, trailhead directions, and stunning photographs, with intriguing commentary about the human or natural history along the way. 50 black-and-white photographs, 51 maps

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Johnny Molloy is a full-time outdoors writer and the author of several books in Countryman's 50 Hikes series: North Georgia Mountains, South Carolina, The Ozarks, and Alabama, as well as more than 30 other books.

Johnny Molloy, perhaps the most prolific trail writer of our time, is no stranger to any connoisseur of hiking guides. With the publication of this book, Molloy produces one of the best books on my rather large bookshelf of hiking guides.As the title suggests, this book describes 50 hiking destinations in the Palmetto State. Molloy covers all three corners of the state, from Ellicott Rock in the northwest to Huntington Beach in the east to Hunting Island in the south. Distance and difficulty range from a 1.7 mile stroll through Blackstock Battlefield to a 44.7 mile multi-day insect-filled swamp trudge

along the Swamp Fox Trail. Molloy provides a great mix of well-known classics such as Table Rock and hidden gems such as Chau Ram County Park near Westminster. Wherever your location and whatever your ability, you will find a hike to enjoy in this guide.Each hike contains some background information about the area, directions to the trailhead, a detailed and informative trail description, and a trail map adapted from a USGS topo map. I had a hard time finding any faults with this guide, but a couple of the maps are too blurry to be of much use. The map for the Laurel Fork Falls hike (Hike #9) is one such example. Also, I found a large number of typographical errors in this guide: almost every trail description has at least one. These errors rarely affect the clarity of the trail description, but they do make the book seem less than professional. The 2007 edition is a first edition, so hopefully these will get corrected in future editions.In summary, Molloy has managed to cram the best hiking South Carolina has to offer into one 50-hikes guide. If you are only going to buy one guide to South Carolina hiking, make it this one.

Nice guide. I've found several new trails to hike and look forward to another 46 more. Good descriptions.Looking forward to a second edition with more trails.

I got this book to guide me through hiking my home state. I can say that they hit all the good trails in the state. I also have the NC edition and it is on point as well.

Wonderful guide!

While my experience is mostly limited to hikes in the Upstate region, I consider this to be my "go-to" book when planning hikes in South Carolina. All the other hiking books that I have for South Carolina pale in comparison to this one and while I may reference them, I almost always end up putting them back on the shelf for this book.The only occasion where this book doesn't meet my needs is when hiking the ENTIRE Foothills Trail. For that hike, you'll want the publication and map from the Foothills Trail Conference. This book is still a very good supplement to those publications and also detail some fantastic day hikes that incorporate the Foothills Trail.

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