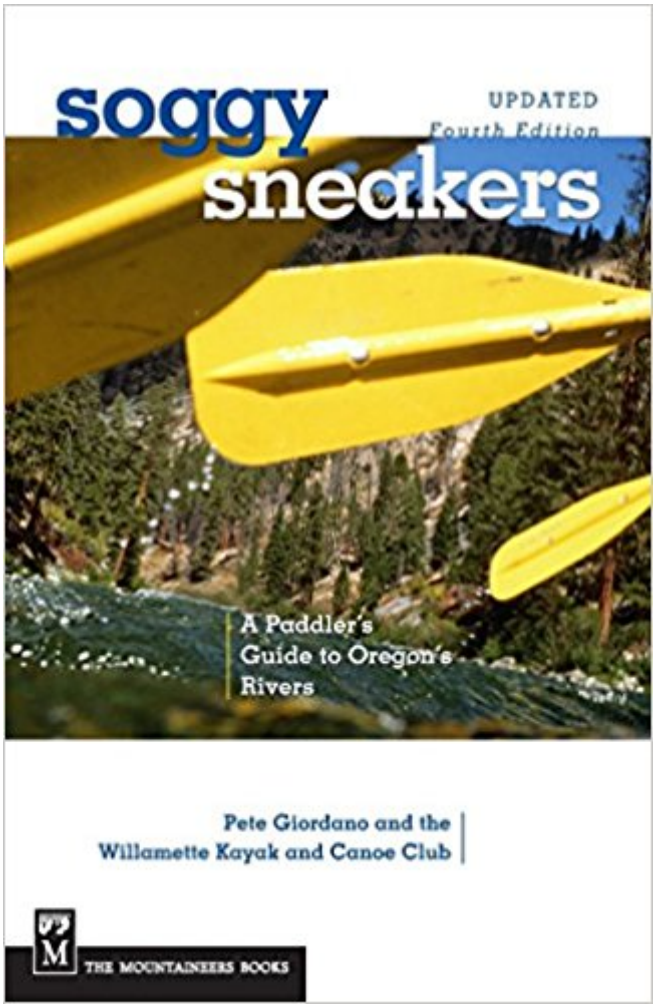
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Soggy Sneakers: A Guide To Oregon Rivers



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Synopsis

* 236 runs (35 new to this edition) make this the most comprehensive guide to paddling Oregon rivers available* Includes new quick-reference index of all runs* Expanded section of exploratory runs for those craving adventure/little-known routesSoggy Sneakers will take you paddling from the high desert to the ocean surf, from steep creeks to gentle streams and rivers, from runs within one hour of urban areas to remote rivers in the Oregon wilderness. Members of the Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club-who have run all of Oregon's rivers-share their expertise and detail rapids and landmarks found on each run. There's something for everyone, from Class 1 (flatwater) excursions to Class 6 (most challenging) adventures in Oregon rivers. Editor Pete Giordano, a long-time guide, has been rafting and kayaking the rivers of Oregon for more than ten years.

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Customer Reviews

The ultimate guide to paddling in Oregon. (Tail Winds)Paddlers will want to pick up a copy of the fourth edition of Soggy Sneakers. (Eugene Register Guard)A worthwhile reference for anyone who pulls oars or pushes paddles in Oregon. (Reel News)

The WKCC has been an important part of the paddling community in the Willamette Valley for about as long as there has been paddling in the Willamette Valley.

I've really been enjoying the book for far. Nice opening pages, and the river descriptions are

concise, yet informative.I'm deducting 1/2 star because I would like a better "overall" map of the entire region, particularly one showing where on the map the different sections of the book are exactly. I'm exploring OR/WA this summer, but I'm from MN so I don't always know where each region is just by the title or watershed. A minor complaint however, and I've been getting it all figured out as I dig deeper.

I've been kayaking and rafting rivers in Oregon since I was a child but I never realized just how many great runs there were until I got this book. It has detailed descriptions of 220 runs, many broken into multiple sections. It details how to access each, where there are hazards, rapids that should be scouted, runnable water levels and seasons, as well as if rafts are appropriate. In addition the book also has shorter descriptions of multiple access points on the coast appropriate for surfing as well as many suggestions for other river runs, some with short descriptions of the run and access.I would highly recommend this book to all whitewater enthusiasts in Oregon or anyone interested in exploring Oregon rivers!

Soggy Sneakers has been in print since the early 1980's - and it has stood the test of time better than I!I was in High School in Eugene while the project was being finished - starting as a project by mentors Gene Ice and Bob Porter it metamorphed into a club based model for a great guidebook. What makes this book unusual is that there are almost as many authors as rivers - insuring that the author is writing not about a river he or she has run once, but usually several times, at several different times of year and water levels.As such the descriptions are written about favorite rivers and although this does lead to a bit of discrepancy in comparing different rivers that is more than made up by depth of knowledge and enthusiastic writing.The completion of the book by the Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club, many of whose members are academics at Oregon State University, only adds to the professionalism and usefulness of the book.And I think they've even got one description written by yours truly left...

A great book for anyone looking to float the beautiful rivers of Oregon. Lots of information for planning a week or day trip including shuttle services and river flows. Details of individual rivers and enough detail about running and camping without being overly complicated. Glad to add this to my library and will use for years to come.

It was very informative and accurately described the conditions we could expect on our recent

canoe trip down the John Day river.

Whether you are from Oregon, or not. Whether you are a class V boater or a class II, whether you actually plan on running a river described in the book, or just armchair canoeing, this book is great. It is the definitive whitewater boater's guide to some of the best whitewater kayaking locations in the U.S. The descriptions are adequate, yet leave the paddler to do the actual scouting, and the instructional tips in the beginning are great too. I highly recommend this book to anyone who has ever boated, or plans to boat more rivers within the Pacific Northwest.

This book does a great job of giving info about the rivers in Oregon. I would say that some of the hazards listed are made out to be a lot more dangerous than they really are but I guess it is better to error on the safe side.

Good book could be revised some runs they use strainers as landmarks problem with that is even the biggest logs wash away eventually

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