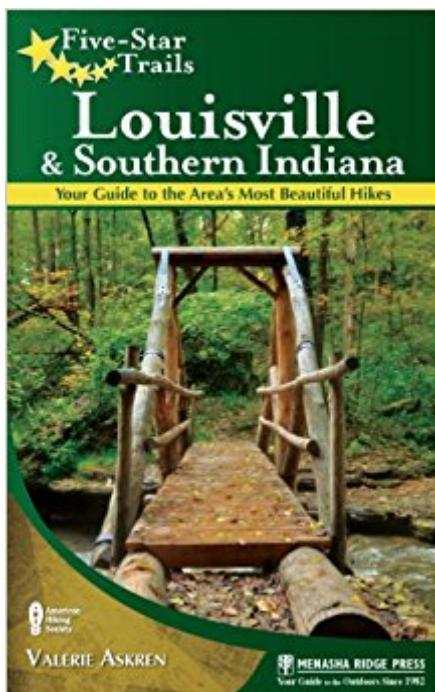


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# Five-Star Trails: Louisville And Southern Indiana: Your Guide To The Area's Most Beautiful Hikes



## Synopsis

Known as the City of Parks, Louisville has long valued the natural landscape and the provisioning of outdoor recreation. In 1891 Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture, was commissioned to develop an extensive park system for Louisville that eventually included 18 parks and 6 interconnecting parkways. Since that time, Louisville has continued to invest resources to build a first-class park system. Nestled within the Ohio Valley, and bordered by the knobs region to the south and the heavily forested areas of Indiana to the north, Louisville lies at the heart of an endless array of hiking opportunities. Five-Star Trails: Louisville showcases many of the hiking trails and walking paths within the city or within easy driving distance in central Kentucky and southern Indiana. Designed specifically for day trips, this book includes several of the area's most popular parks, as well as many of the lesser-known hiking trails in nature preserves, wildlife management areas, and national forests.

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After more than 20 years in academia, Valerie Askren traded the life of living in the proverbial ivory towers to spend more time exploring the forested areas and sandstone arches of central Kentucky. An avid outdoorswoman, she has swum in Lake Malawi; climbed Mount Tai; sailed the coast of southern France; biked Nova Scotia; backpacked across Canada; and survived the biting cold of farm life in the Ukraine. Her honeymoon was spent kayaking the Grand Canyon with her husband, Ben. Valerie's background in natural resource economics and her love of nature have translated into

a second career writing hiking guides. Her busy life has resulted in the newfound motto of "Think Global. Hike Local." Living in Lexington, Kentucky, she is always near a peaceful wooded path, beautiful public garden, or historical walking trail. The mother of four, Valerie still manages to keep clean sheets on the beds and make fresh sushi once a week.

Very good travel information if you want nature paths and areas to hike. Had lots of detail.

Great trail descriptions; includes lots of little details that I've never seen anywhere else (where did she learn all this stuff?).

Great book! This book leads you to very beautiful places to hike. Gives the hiker all necessary information and directions for a safe adventure. I would recommend this book to all hikers that want to hike this area.

Many hiking books, though informative and accurate, are dry and uninspiring. Askren's book, on the other hand, is a real treat. Though Askren is obviously an authority on Louisville area hiking, there aren't many guidebooks that are as entertaining as this one. She whets your appetite for exploration with her varied trail selections, and keeps your interest with saucy commentary, sprinkled with a dab of history and topped with suggested side trips. Whether you're on the trail stretching your legs or stretched out on the couch planning your next trek, Askren's book is an excellent companion.

I've hiked around Louisville for years, and yet I somehow missed several of this area's finest trails. Well-written and carefully edited.

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